



Year in Review

2025



About the Children's Cancer Foundation

The Children's Cancer Foundation is a dedicated team working with like-minded individuals and organisations to fund world-class clinical research, clinical care, and quality family support programs.

OUR PURPOSE

To create new and kinder treatments for children with cancer.

OUR MISSION

We raise and invest funds to develop new and better cancer treatments and support for children and their families.

OUR VISION

By 2029, Australian children with cancer will have access to world class treatments and support to survive and thrive.

OUR VALUES

Curious

We always want to find a better way for every childhood cancer challenge

Collaborative

We know we cannot do this alone, so we seek to partner with the many who can help

Accountable

We strive for the most efficient ways to achieve our ambitions and always provide full disclosure

Advocate

We are the voice for those needing a cure, and are focused on their access to the best support possible today and the promise of complete solutions tomorrow

Belief

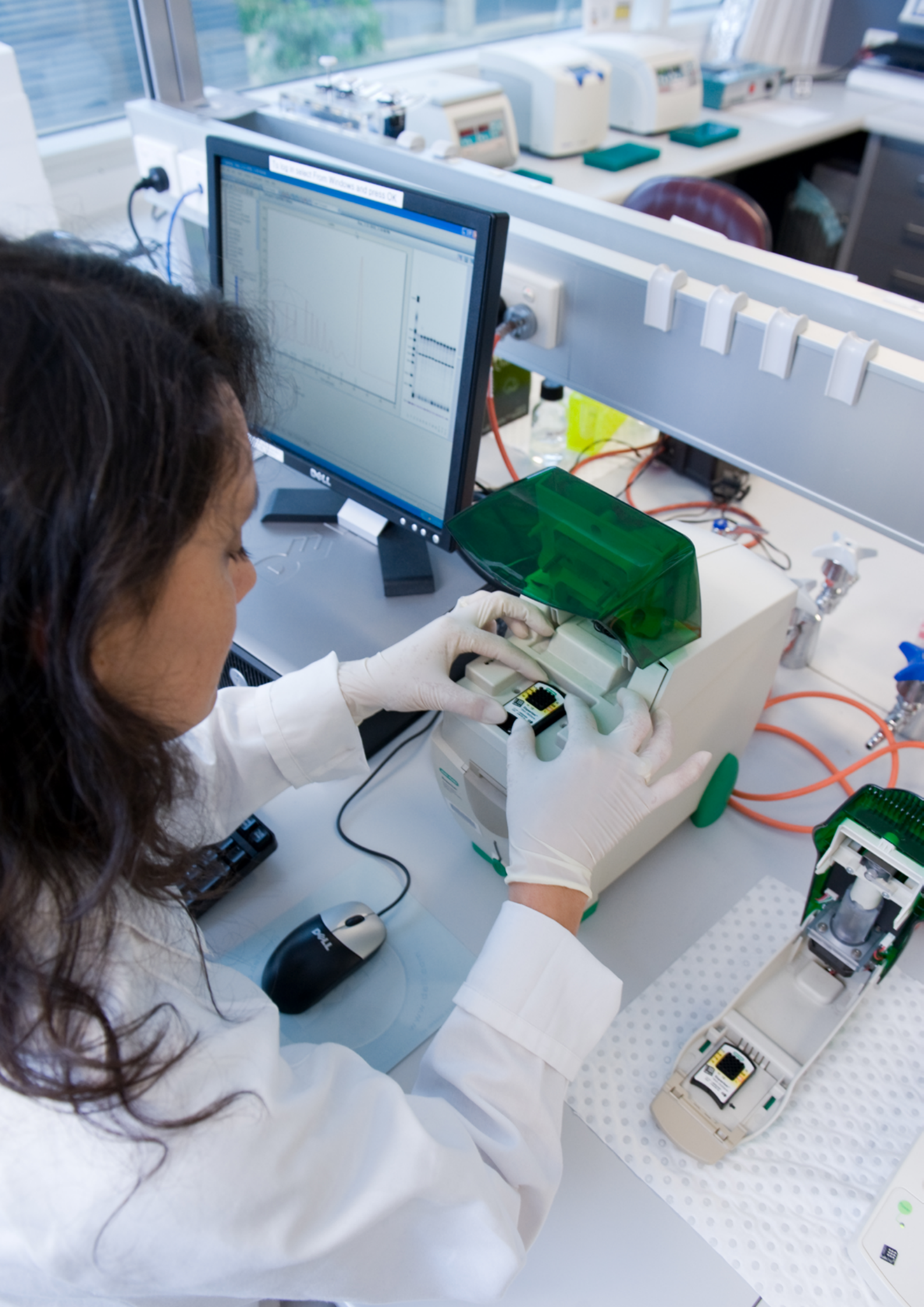
We steadfastly believe that we are making a vital contribution to beat childhood cancer for good and the horizon for success is visible



The Children's Cancer Foundation acknowledges and recognises the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we are located. We respect all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and honour their cultural and spiritual relationships the land and water, and their rich contribution to society.

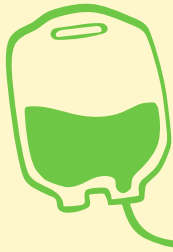
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Our Theory of Change

Many more Australian children will survive childhood cancer and thrive after their recovery if we:



Fund game-changing research to identify new treatments and cures, that reduce or eliminate damaging long-term side effects.

Foster and support collaborative research within Australia and internationally, because that is how treatment breakthroughs occur.



Add capacity to the systems and workforce that treat and research childhood cancers in Australia.

Fund services that support and enhance the wellbeing of child patients, and their families.



Leverage the funds we raise and maximise our impact by seeking co-contributions from other not-for-profit organisations and government.

A message from our Chair

Since our Foundation was formed in 1992, more than 30,000 Aussie kids have been diagnosed with cancer, and more than 4,500 have died.

Cancer kills more children than any other disease in Australia, and too often leaves damaging life-long impacts on those that survive.

This is why we fund groundbreaking research, and practical support for children and families.

We also look for ways to change the system that treats and cares for children with cancer, and during 2025 we achieved **two long-held dreams** that exemplify this: the appointment of a Chair in Childhood Cancer, and the first year of operation of the Children's Cancer CoLab, (formerly the Victorian Paediatric Cancer Consortium), as an independent entity.

Our vision for CoLab was to unite partners across research, academia, government and philanthropy – working together to achieve what no single organisation could accomplish alone – to fast-track scientific breakthroughs from the lab to the clinic.

CCF created CoLab, supported by a funding partnership between the Foundation and the Victorian Government. The investment from the two founding partners is \$45 million and is the **largest ever investment in childhood cancer in Victoria**.

We were delighted to see CoLab create new partnerships in 2025, beyond those at its formation. The Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute became CoLab's ninth research partner, Redkite is now partnering with CoLab on survivorship, and Maddie Riewold's Vision is working with CoLab to tackle Bone Marrow Failure Syndrome.

We welcomed Professor David Eisenstat as the inaugural Children's Cancer Foundation and My Room Children's Cancer Charity Chair in Childhood Cancer. **The Chair in Childhood Cancer is an important new role** that adds to leadership in the childhood cancer sector and, like CoLab, fosters collaboration.

The Chair in Childhood Cancer has three major roles: to lead a robust and leading research program of their own; to work closely with leadership of the Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne, the Children's Cancer Centre at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH), the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) and the RCH Foundation towards better integration of research within Childhood Cancer at the Melbourne Children's Campus; and to link childhood cancer research activities at the Melbourne Children's Campus to stakeholders in the Parkville Precinct (Paediatric Integrated Cancer Services (PICS), Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI), The Royal Melbourne Hospital, The Royal Women's Hospital, and the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) Alliance), the Children's Cancer CoLab, and the philanthropic partners of the Chair, the Children's Cancer Foundation and the My Room Children's Cancer Charity.

Our partnership with the Royal Women's Hospital to fund a **new, free and national fertility preservation program** for children and young people with cancer commenced in December 2024. Now named In Time, to date 25 children and young people have had reproductive tissue preserved before commencing cancer treatment. Survivors and their families often identify infertility as one of the most devastating impacts of cancer treatment. We are proud to fund Australia's first national and equitable response to this problem, which means that patients will have options to preserve their chance at fertility, and this won't be prevented by distance or cost.

We welcomed **three accomplished new directors** to the CCF board: Marcus Brookes, Ngaire Elwood AM and Bernadette McDonald. We also farewelled Peter Crinis, who has made an extraordinary contribution as a member of the CCF Board and has been a driving force behind the success of our annual Million Dollar Lunch. Peter has been an invaluable part of our Foundation. For more than 10 years, he has brought bold ideas, remarkable energy, and new people into the MDL and CCF community. His efforts have helped raise significant funds for the latest research frontiers, as well as immediate relief for the families of children with cancer. Thank you, Peter!

This year has been one of great achievement by our small team of dedicated staff and a much larger group of generous and talented volunteers. Special thanks are due to our acting CEO Sally Armstrong who stepped in to lead CCF while CEO Margaret Fitzherbert took extended leave to attend to her own significant health issue. The way the team has responded to unplanned absences and a measure of uncertainty is an enormous credit to each and every one of them. They are united by a commitment to funding cures and gentler treatments for children with cancer and have continued on without missing a beat. To Margaret, Sally, Yen, Erin, Peter, Andrew, Bec and Renee – thank you.

None of this would be possible without the generous individuals, community organisations, and businesses both large and small that support our work through fundraising. We are deeply grateful for this extraordinary support that powers all that we achieve together.



Hon Jaala Pulford
Chair



Highlights of 2025

ESTABLISHING COLAB

\$2 million mobilised by the Foundation through Children's Cancer CoLab as part of a \$45 million co-investment with the State Government into cutting-edge treatments and interventions for young cancer patients.

FERTILITY PROJECT

25 children and young adults with cancer accessed fertility preservation at no expense to their families. \$640,000 was funded this year as part of a \$3.2 million commitment over the next 5 years.

HELPING FAMILIES

Over \$27,000 provided for family counselling sessions, 298 sessions funded in 2025, providing much needed psychosocial support to patients, parents and siblings.

23 funded hospital and research staff

\$76,000,000
raised since inception

\$32,000,000
raised from The Million Dollar Lunch since inception

IMPROVED SPACES

\$255,000 in funding for a new treatment space within The Royal Children's Hospital Children's Cancer Centre. Making procedure timing more predictable, and in a friendlier environment within the oncology ward.

ADVANCING CARE

Children's Cancer Foundation and My Room Children's Cancer Charity Chair in Childhood Cancer, Professor David Eisenstat, appointed to lead and advance childhood cancer research and clinical care in Victoria - \$3 million in funding from the Foundation as part of a combined \$12 million total investment.

SPREADING AWARENESS

Millions of eyeballs across the country on the childhood cancer problem, with a four-month national awareness and education campaign.

Learn more about the success of our projects in our Impact Report below



Board Members



Hon. Jaala Pulford
Mother of Sinéad

Chairperson and
Non-Executive Director
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Chair



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Father of Mia

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Services, ANZ**
Special Responsibility:
Legal



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Anchor Consulting Co
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Strategy



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Professor, Monash
Business School
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Project Funding



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Cancer Survivor

Director, BMDI Cord Blood
Bank
Special Responsibility:
Project Funding



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Cancer Survivor

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My Room Liaison



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Mentor
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Governance



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Flagstaff Partners
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The Million Dollar Lunch
Committee



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Communications

Staff



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Chief Executive Officer



Sally Armstrong
Finance Manager



Erin McDonald
Marketing and Fundraising
Manager



Yen Ee Yeoh
Digital Communications
Lead



Peter Copp
Philanthropy Lead



Rebecca Bowker
Administration Volunteer

Ambassador



Taylah Miranda
24-year-old survivor

Diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in 2014 when she was just 14, and again at 19, Taylah Miranda underwent treatment in both the Victorian children's and adult cancer sectors.

Driven by a passion to give back to the systems that saved her life, and to do better for those who did not make it through to survivorship, Taylah has joined forces with Children's Cancer Foundation in the fight against children's cancer.



Board and staff members who have been directly affected by childhood cancer.

The Million Dollar Lunch 2025

This year's event on Friday, 15th August marked the 20th anniversary of The Million Dollar Lunch, and the celebration was nothing short of spectacular, raising over \$2.2 million for childhood cancer research, world-class clinical care, and essential support for families.

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of The Million Dollar Lunch community, along with the Crown Resorts Foundation and Crown Melbourne, the event has successfully raised over \$31 million for the Children's Cancer Foundation over the past two decades.

This year, Crown's Palladium was elegantly transformed into a Roaring 20's setting – an appropriate theme for the 20th anniversary – featuring a menu inspired by the vibrant era. The glamour of the 1920's was on full display, with a captivating Gatsby-like ambience, while nostalgic tributes to past event highlights added a heartfelt touch.

Seasoned professional and friend of the Foundation, Hamish McLachlan returned as host this year, captivating the 630 guests in the room with a lively auction and clever humour throughout the afternoon.

The Hon. Jaala Pulford, Chair of the Children's Cancer Foundation, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the generosity of the event's cornerstone partners Crown Resorts Foundation, Encore, Lexus of Blackburn, Virgin Australia and NBL. In conversation with Hamish, she highlighted two significant initiatives that the funds raised would support: the establishment of a procedure and recovery room within The Royal Children's Hospital Children's Cancer Centre and a new national fertility preservation service for children with cancer.

Sheila Patel and her daughter Maya Oldroyd shared their story with the room, detailing Maya's battle with an aggressive cancer and the lasting health challenges she continues to face as a result of her treatment. Their heartfelt speech moved guests, and prompted VRC Chairman, Neil Wilson to take the extraordinary step of gifting his major raffle prize win of the day – the Lexus LBX Luxury – to Sheila and Maya.

Emmy Award Winner and three-time Grammy nominee Toni Childs dazzled with an unforgettable performance of her hits 'Lift' and 'I believe in you'. While up and coming star Lotte Gallagher, fresh from her sold out headline show, wowed guests with her brilliance.

The live auction was expertly led by Nicholas Brookes from Marshall White, featuring 15 exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Items included an ultimate F1 adventure, a luxurious seven-night cruise aboard MS the World generously donated by Gina Rinehart, an intimate dinner with Michelin-starred French chef inside Christofle's brand new flagship boutique and two luxury getaways from Morris Escapes.

Another stand out moment was the Holloway Diamond Draw, where one lucky attendee took home a 1.02 carat natural round brilliant diamond, along with a private design consultation to create their dream piece of jewellery.

The Million Dollar Lunch Committee and the Children's Cancer Foundation team are excited as they look towards The Million Dollar Lunch 2026!



Thank you to The Million Dollar Lunch Committee Members

Peter Crinis (Co-Chair)
Rianna Ponting (Co-Chair)
Andrew Ryan
Christopher Gilbert
Darren McDermott
Georgie Silverwood

James Roche
Livinia Nixon
Patricia Walsh
Renato Pellicano
Thomas Mort



View more event highlights below



We extend our gratitude to the partners and sponsors for 2025

Cornerstone Partners



Crown Resorts Foundation generously supports The Million Dollar Lunch by absorbing all venue and catering costs, and assisting with prize procurement.



Encore, the creative production partner delivering multiple Million Dollar Lunch events, expertly manages every detail from concept to execution.



Lexus of Blackburn supports The Million Dollar Lunch by donating a luxury vehicle to the premium raffle.



Virgin Australia supports The Million Dollar Lunch by absorbing all domestic flight costs.

International Flight Partner



Event Sponsors



Morris Escapes

Special thanks to our Event Suppliers

The Million Dollar Lunch would not be possible without the incredible generosity of Crown Resorts Foundation and its extraordinary team. We would like to thank the many event suppliers of Crown Resorts Foundation for their contribution and helping to bring The Million Dollar Lunch to life.

Allegria Pasta
Asashi Group
Calendar Cheese Co.
Clamms Seafood
Cummins & Partners
Diageo
Eustralis Food
Flinders + Co.
Ford Millinery
Function Accessories
Harry the Hirer
IVE Group

Marmont
Minter Ellison
Mushroom Events
Penfolds
RSM Australia
Show Tech Australia
San Pellegrino
Starcom
TastyOne
The Civic Partnership
Vittoria Coffee

The Million Dollar Lunch 2025 Impact Pledge

A community of leaders together who each show their generous support for the Children's Cancer Foundation, this year raising a collective \$436,000 from pledges alone.

The continued support from these individuals, families, organisations and some anonymous donors, makes this spectacular event what it is.

Thank you again from everyone at the Children's Cancer Foundation. Together we are making a difference.

Anna and Andrew Baird
Bede Noonan
Canaccord Genuity Financial Ltd.
Crown Resorts Foundation
The Highland Foundation
Larry Kestelman

Nicola and Alex Commins
Pellicano
Pepperstone
Ponting Foundation
Sheen Panel Service
Tarascio Family Foundation

We also thank our 57 incredible volunteers who helped make The Million Dollar Lunch 2025 the success that it was!

Aline Abdelahad
Alysha Curtis
Amol Abdagiri
Andrea Diprose
Anna Livingston
Carbel Hamame
Charisma Phie
Cleo Presdee
Delia Taylor
Doug Hutchinson
Fiona Stewart
Fiona Rothville
Hannah Ayash
Hannah McGrath
Heather Richardson

Jane Holroyd
Janey Juzma
Jess Killigrew
Jessica Riordan
Joanne Lindsay
Joel Pluckhan
Josh Bowker
Joshua Dillon
Julie Spencer
Kara Church
Katie Harrison
Kristin Bell
Kristina Mikulcic
Laura Barclay

Marcus Brookes
Marway Ogunbanwo
Matt McShane
Mehwish Abbasi
Millie Clark
Millie McDermott
Nash Lim
Natalia Vukelic
Natalie Paszko
Nicola Harwood
Nitish Kholkte
Olga Grueva
Olivia Lorraine
Philip Nguyen

Raaya Singh
Rebecca Bowker
Rebecca Wong
Ross Coversale
Sarah Hsiao
Sarah Jackson
Simon Shaw
Sohniyia Urslla
Stephanie Mauro
Tessa McNaulty
Thomas Hughes
Trish Biggs
Vanelica Cola Paritsi
Yohan Ratner



VICETA WANG brings creativity and compassion

Radiant smiles and colourful guests filled the room at the VICETA WANG 8th Anniversary Charity Luncheon, which was held at the stylish Chadstone Hotel Ballroom.

On Friday 7th November, the ballroom buzzed with warmth, excitement and social impact as guests came together and raised over \$72,000 during this celebratory event for children impacted by cancer.

Since 2022, leading Australian fashion label VICETA WANG, has generously given back to the community each year by hosting an annual fundraiser and the Children's Cancer Foundation were honoured to be the chosen charity partner again.

The unwavering support of their incredible guests, clients and partners has allowed VICETA WANG to contribute over \$150,000 to the Foundation.

The team from the Children's Cancer Foundation and ambassador Taylah Miranda were there to lend a helping hand and were delighted to have the opportunity to meet and talk with guests and thank them for their generosity.



This event was yet another beautiful testament to the brand's ethos: that true beauty lies not only in creation, but in compassion.

- VICETA WANG



The Ruby Rose Rainbow Fund Rocks On in 2025

The Ruby-Rose Rainbow Fund rocks on with a night of live music, games, auctions and endless laughter in August, raising their highest ever total of \$33,829.

Dedicated to Ruby-Rose Ford, the beautiful daughter of Shane and Rachael and little sister to Jesse and Allie, who passed away at the early age of 3 in 2015 from Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). Her family continues to hold an annual trivia night 10 years on in memory of Ruby-Rose with funds raised dedicated to support research to develop less harmful and more effective treatments for paediatric cancer, in particular AML.

The community who have supported the Ford family through their annual fundraisers deserve a big thank you, as together they have raised a total of \$169,006.



You can join their
community by following
their Facebook Page here



Our Wonderful Supporters

Thank you to our many other inspirational fundraisers for the time, effort, and dedication you commit to our cause, and of course our heartfelt appreciation to the incredible communities, schools, workplaces, families and friends who support our fundraisers in their efforts.

ANZCARE Endurance Ride

Former member of the NZ Parliament, Nuk Korako, took to the roads and rode over 3,500km from Perth to Melbourne this September for International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to raise funds for two charities, Children's Cancer Foundation (Australia) and Child Cancer Foundation (New Zealand).

Over 4 weeks of riding, Nuk shared his message with communities while enjoying the views of Australia's southern coastline. With their support and many others back home, Nuk has raised over \$20,000 for the two charities and has plans to take on a new challenge next year!



The Gleeson & O'Halloran 100 year match

100 years on from the first match of two football-loving families, the Gleesons and O'Hallorans came together in October to battle it out again for the Bridget Cup, all whilst bringing awareness to children and families touched by cancer. The day brought a huge crowd to Irish Town in Tasmania, contributing to not only a spectacular footy rematch, but also to a full day of generosity and hospitality which raised a total of \$15,550!



24-hour marathon for cancer research

A year on from 13-year-old Leon's passing after a courageous battle with cancer, his friends and the Year 10 cohort at Hammond Park Secondary College honoured his memory by organising a 24-Hour Marathon for children's cancer research. With their whole community behind them the teens exceed their target and raised an outstanding \$12,910.



Yepp Brewing Co

Six brave souls attempted their first triathlon in February all in support of children with cancer. The mighty crew at YEPP Brewing put together a team of mates, along with some other great local businesses, to take on the Raby Bay Triathlon in QLD and raised over \$10,000. The cause is very close to their hearts, as a member of the YEPP team having had bowel cancer twice in the last 3 years.



Can-Can for Cancer

A dazzling August night of feathers, sparkles and high kicks from can-can dancers as Lucy and her team at Power Up Dance and Fitness Studio opened the doors to their Can-Can for Cancer Ball. The community joined together for a night of music, dance, amazing prizes and generous giving that raised over \$20,000 to ensure children with cancer receive better and kinder treatments.



Duckie Shoes

Since May 2025, Duckie Shoes has created a line of special shoes in collaboration with the Foundation with 100% of profits being donated. Duckie Shoes have now donated over \$10,000.



JLG Ultimate Grand Final Function

A blue carpet arrival at the Sofitel Hotel Melbourne, stars the JLG Ultimate Grand Final Function. A 3-hour luncheon hosting entertainment, fine dining and most importantly a raffle which raised \$14,214. The function has now donated over \$26,000 in support of the Foundation over the past 2 years.



Hangcha Group

Hangcha Group, looking to give back to the community and support the fight against cancer, became our most recent ongoing supporter with their organisation contributing from the sales of their forklifts. As a global leader in forklift manufacturing, Hangcha Group has now donated over \$4,100.



Pallet Logistics

For close to a decade the team at Pallet Logistics has consistently demonstrated their support for the Foundation. Driven by their genuine desire to uplift those in need, their generous donations have now reached over \$209,000.



Builder Elite

Since 2019, Builder Elite have been on a mission to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Foundation through their annual multi-day wealth building training session for builders and agents and have raised over \$60,000.



Thank you to all our other amazing fundraisers for the year!

Aeterna Health
Aryia
Boneo Lions Club Victoria
Bling by the Beach
Cardina Primary School
Charlie Will
Chelsea Parkside Care Community
Close Shave
Creek Santa Fennell Bay
Fairy Feet Dance Club
For all the kids like Ted
Gary Millard Cup Golf Tournament
Gibbons Garage Sale
Harry's 70th Birthday
In Loving Memory of Helen Kalloniatis
Jazzy's Batmi
Kristen Cancer Charity
Locks of Love
Luis Rewcastle
Lyndhurt Primary School
Matthew and Nigel
Pacific Hills Christian School
Rock for a Cure
Seaholme Kindergarden
Shave it - Shave to save
Southern Cross Grammar
Spouts
St Vincents GenesisCare Team
Tempe High School
The Mudgee Show
The Worst Best Year fundraiser
Todd Hamilton - Gold Coast Marathon for Charity
Vivid Dreams BMX Community
Walk the Walk
Wedding of Ruvini and Samuel
Winston Hills Lions Club



Bequests

Including a charity in your will is a highly personal decision and each year we are touched by the generosity of those individuals who choose to leave a gift in their will to the Children's Cancer Foundation. The incredible funding boost we receive through a gift in will allows us to continue investing in life-changing research projects to help eliminate children's cancer and provide vital support programs for families while their child undergoes treatment.

Thank you to the following people who remembered us in their wills and have left a lasting legacy for children and families impacted by cancer.

J.S. Cairncross

D. John

A.E. Davidson

R.W. Reed

V.R. Farquhar

T.E. Shephard

Pro-bono Partners



The Tennis Australia team provide our Foundation with pro bono office space, along with all the office essentials - so we can spend more time and funds on making a difference for children and families impacted by cancer. Craig Tiley, CEO of Tennis Australia, and his team also support The Million Dollar Lunch by providing their time, volunteers, and significant auction and raffle prizes.

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THE CIVIC PARTNERSHIP



Arnold Bloch Leibler
Lawyers and Advisers



MinterEllison.

A special acknowledgement to Joanne Stogianis, who provided significant contribution pro bono to the Children's Cancer Foundation's recent rebranding and campaigns.

Project funding

In 2024/25, the Children's Cancer Foundation spent **\$2.57 million** on project funding.

Of this, \$1.75 million was directed to clinical research through CoLab, as part of the Foundation's agreement with the State Government of Victoria, which also contributes funding (for more detail, see page 22).

The remaining project funding has supported researchers, clinical trials, clinical care and support services for families around Australia.

CLINICAL RESEARCH

The Children's Cancer CoLab (formerly the Victorian Paediatric Cancer Consortium)

Location: Victoria

FY 24/25 Funding: \$1,750,000

Overview: The Children's Cancer CoLab (CCCoLab) has revolutionized the fight against childhood cancers in Victoria by establishing a central hub that promotes collaboration among diverse disciplines statewide. This approach encourages research breakthroughs, fosters innovation, provides essential training, and ensures the delivery of best-practice clinical care.

Through the CCCoLab, we're currently funding the following 7 research projects:

- Next Generation Paediatric Cancer Therapies Program
- Lab-grown brain tumour models to develop new treatments for medulloblastoma
- The Victorian Paediatric Oncology Network for Drug Safety
- Strengthening the immune system after a transplant to prevent infections
- Monash Children's Cancer Biobank
- Hudson Institute Living Biobank
- Children's Cancer Centre Biobank

To learn more about each of these projects, head to www.cccolab.org.au/impact/funded-projects

PhD Scholars Development Program

Location: Monash University

FY 24/25 Funding: \$27,770

Overview: To develop a doctoral training program focused on key research themes of precision medicine, and to strengthen cross-institutional collaborations (local, national, and international).

International Brain Tumour Research Summit

Location: National

FY 24/25 Funding: \$4,545

Overview: Provides exposure to new technologies, networking opportunities and access to cutting-edge research, to advance childhood cancer treatment and improve patient care.

CLINICAL TRIALS

TarGet Collaboration

Location: ANZCHOG (Australian & New Zealand Children's Haematology/Oncology Group)

FY 24/25 Funding: \$50,000

Overview: This groundbreaking partnership funding innovative clinical trials for children and young adults diagnosed with high-grade gliomas. These trials use precision medicine to personalise treatments based on each patient's unique tumour genetics.

CLINICAL CARE

Royal Women's Hospital In-Time Program

Location: National

FY 24/25 Funding: \$558,758

Overview: Fertility preservation for young people up to the age of 24 with cancer to preserve their fertility at no cost. This program will cover transport and cyropreservation services, training and supporting clinicians across Australia and to develop research to make fertility preservation more effective.

On Ward Child Psychologist Services

Location: Queensland Children's Hospital

FY 24/25 Funding: \$40,310

Overview: To ensure the mental health clinician can delivery clinical support and seamless continuity of care for patients and families facing the difficult journey of a cancer diagnosis.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Family Resource Co-ordinator

Location: Royal Children's Hospital

FY 24/25 Funding: \$100,962

Overview: Funding for co-ordinators are the familiar faces within the hospital ward, they help facilitate discussion between staff and families, and provide day-to-day support services through play, recreation, social activities and respite.

Family Counselling Financial Reimbursements

Location: National

FY 24/25 Funding: \$34,877

Overview: Funding for counselling sessions for children with cancer, their grandparents, parents or siblings.

Lillies for Hope Beaded Journey

Location: Victoria wide

FY 24/25 Funding: \$3,665

Overview: The Beaded Journey gives children the opportunity to tell their personal cancer story by marking key medical and non-medical events throughout their treatment with a special bead.

Funded by or in
conjunction with:

**Lillies
FOR Hope** RAISING FUNDS FOR
CHILDREN'S
CANCER
FOUNDATION

Family Gym Memberships

Location: The Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Children's Hospital

FY 24/25 Funding: \$2,379

Overview: To support parents in improving their wellbeing while based at the hospital for prolonged periods caring for their children.

Family Alliance Website

Location: Victoria wide

FY 24/25 Funding: In Kind

Overview: Connecting families with credible childhood cancer charities and service providers.

Project funding

The Foundation funded the following projects in 2024/25

Name	Location	Funding Pillar	Amount
Children's Cancer CoLab *	Victoria Wide		\$1,750,000
Next Generation Paediatric Cancer Therapies Program	Hudson Institute of Medical Research	Clinical Research	
Lab-grown brain tumour models to develop new treatments for medulloblastoma	Monash University	Clinical Research	
The Victorian Paediatric Oncology Network for Drug Safety	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Clinical Research	
Strengthening the immune system after a transplant to prevent infections	Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Clinical Research	
Monash Children's Cancer Biobank	Monash Health	Clinical Research	
Hudson Institute Living Biobank	Hudson Institute of Medical Research	Clinical Research	
Children's Cancer Centre Biobank	Murdoch Children's Research Institute	Clinical Research	
Royal Women's Hospital In-Time program	National	Clinical Research / Clinical Care	\$558,758
Family Resource Co-ordinator	Royal Children's Hospital	Family Support	\$100,962
TarGet Collaboration	ANZCHOG	Clinical Trials	\$50,000
On Ward Child Psychologist Services	Queensland Children's Hospital	Clinical Care	\$40,310
Family Counselling Financial Reimbursement	National	Family Support	\$34,877
PhD Scholars Development Program	Monash University	Clinical Research	\$27,770
International Brain Tumour Research Summit	National	Clinical Research	\$4,545
Lillies for Hope Beaded Journey ¹	Victoria Wide	Family Support	\$3,665
Family Gym Memberships	Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Children's Hospital	Family Support	\$2,379
Children's Cancer Family Support Alliance Website	Victoria Wide	Family Support	In Kind
Total Project Funding			\$2,567,666

Funded in partnership : ¹Lillies for Hope Special Named Fund

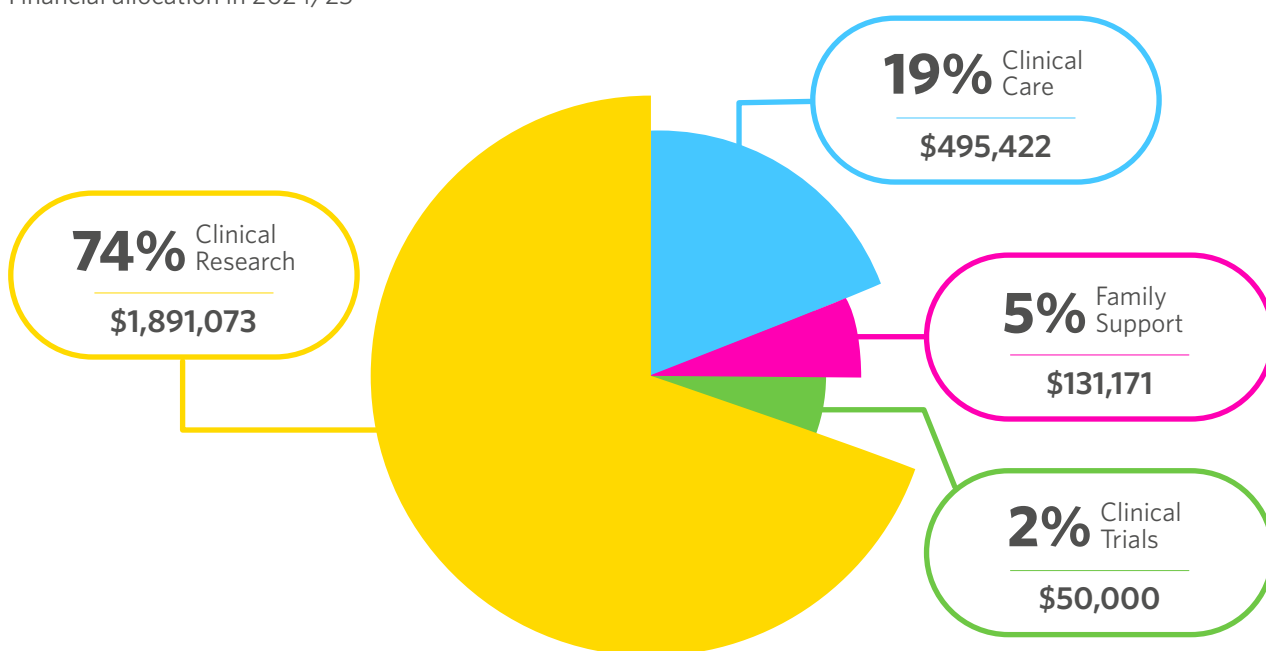
*Children's Cancer CoLab received a \$35 million boost in funding as part of Victoria's 2023-24 state budget. This is being matched by an additional \$10 million from the Foundation over five years. We are proud to have initiated this robust funding package of \$45 million, which is the biggest ever investment in childhood cancer in Victoria – and a big example of how the Foundation seeks to leverage its impact through strategic partnerships.

Our complete financial statements and Director's report are available at childrenscancerfoundation.com.au/annual-impact-reports

Financial Overview

Where does our money go?

Financial allocation in 2024/25



Concise Profit and Loss Statement for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
The Million Dollar Lunch	\$2,024,022	\$2,830,610
Donations/Fundraising	\$1,059,791	\$722,685
Charity Partner Donations	-	\$90,000
Bequests	\$36,031	\$1,340,881
Other	\$458,267	\$322,272
Total Revenue	\$3,578,111	\$5,356,448
Project funding expenses to support children with cancer	(\$2,567,526)	(\$253,115)
Administration, management and other expenses	(\$962,780)	(\$840,017)
Depreciation	(\$1,890)	(\$1,757)
Finance costs	(\$4,255)	(\$3,783)
Total Expenses	(\$3,536,451)	(\$1,098,672)
Surplus/(deficit) before income tax	\$41,660	\$4,257,776
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$41,660	\$4,257,776
The Million Dollar Lunch	August 2024	August 2023
Revenue (Gross)	\$2,045,085	\$2,830,610
Expense *	(\$21,063)	(\$63,143)
Revenue (Net)	\$2,024,022	\$2,767,467
Net Return on Event	99.0%	97.8%

* All event costs are donated, other than a nominal contractor cost and miscellaneous costs

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,285,847	\$2,566,614
Financial asset - term deposit	\$10,195,074	\$8,222,158
Trade and other receivables	\$462,865	\$326,794
Total Current Assets	\$11,943,786	\$11,115,566
Property, plant and equipment	\$3,128	\$3,128
Total Non Current Assets	\$3,128	\$3,128
Total Assets	\$11,946,914	\$11,118,694
Trade and other payables	\$588,031	\$90,317
Deferred revenue	\$2,537,500	\$2,290,500
Employee provisions	\$62,034	\$32,959
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,187,565	\$2,413,776
Employee provisions	\$23,023	\$10,255
Total Non Current Liabilities	\$23,023	\$10,255
Total Liabilities	\$3,210,588	\$2,424,031
NET ASSETS	\$8,736,326	\$8,694,663
Retained earnings	\$8,736,326	\$8,694,663
TOTAL EQUITY	\$8,736,326	\$8,694,663

* The Foundation has contractual agreements with hospitals and research institutes for multi year project funding. A total of \$13.0 m has been committed for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

Every year, **1,000 Australian children are diagnosed with cancer** – and fight with their families to beat the brutal arithmetic of childhood cancer.

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