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Impact Review 2025



Monash Health
Foundation

Cover photo: Our cover features 12-year-old Monash Children's Hospital, Paediatric Nephrology patient Lola and her mum, Kate. You can read about their story and fundraising journey on page 17.



Monash Health respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong/Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri/Woi-wurrung peoples, the Traditional Custodians and owners of the lands where our facilities are located and programs operate.

We recognise the ongoing spiritual link Aboriginal people have to their lands, culture and lore; and acknowledge that their connections build healthier families and communities. Monash Health pays respect to the Elders of the Bunurong/Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri/Woi-wurrung peoples; past, present and future.

We extend our respect to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees, consumers and stakeholders.

Message from the Monash Health Chief Executive Officer and Foundation Director

It is with great pleasure and heartfelt gratitude that we present the Monash Health Foundation Impact Review 2025. The tremendous support we have received has made a significant difference, improving outcomes for our patients, community, and our teams who provide their care.

The generosity of our community ensures that we can continue to innovate and invest in new initiatives to improve patient outcomes. Together, you have helped raise an incredible \$10.9 million this past year through your involvement in events, partnerships and donor campaigns.

Through the extraordinary commitment of our fundraisers, donors, employees, community organisations, corporate partners, and trusts and foundations, we have been able to invest in new equipment, medical research, scholarships, professional development, patient family centred care programs, and new facilities across Monash Health – all with the aim to help people live well at every stage of life.

The impacts are very real. New state-of-the-art ventilators enabled 17-month-old Sophia to leave Monash Children's Hospital to grow and play in her own home and start living in her own community. New dementia-friendly spaces are now open at Monash Medical Centre to support patients and their carers during emergency stays. Prostate cancer patients had their recovery time slashed and improved cancer clearance rates, thanks to our first robotic surgical system at Casey Hospital, funded by an incredibly generous donation. An extraordinary legacy through our Gifts in Wills program from the late Dr Elizabeth Lewis is transforming global paediatric training with 36 clinical and educational scholarships. We are revolutionising prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease, thanks to the largest funding commitment to date for pioneering research at the Victorian Heart Hospital.

The support we receive comes in all forms, whether it be through our events, multi-million dollar research grants or people like 12-year-old Lola who raised over \$19,000 with a big birthday party fundraiser, giving back to the nephrology team who have been her care team for the past decade.

In this Impact Review we highlight some of the many incredible efforts you have made as our donors and supporters. These are stories of generosity, compassion, and hope. Stories of gratitude, community, and kinship. Stories that inspire all of us here at Monash Health... and that we hope also inspires you.

It is a pleasure to partner with you and share how each gift, large or small, is making a real impact across our service – we are grateful for this support. On behalf of our patients, their families, and the entire Monash Health team, we thank you.



Professor Eugene Yafele
Chief Executive Officer
Monash Health



John De Rango
Director
Monash Health Foundation



Pictured: Monash Health Volunteer, Jill Buckle at Monash Children's Hospital.

Behind the scenes of accepting every gift to Monash Health Foundation, is dedicated volunteer Jill, a former Monash Health employee known for her incredible 40 years of service and bright spirit. Over the decades, she has seen Monash Health grow across the south-east of Victoria and has witnessed the amazing developments of our service, care teams and the unwavering support of the community.

Your impact in action

About Monash Health Foundation

The Monash Health Foundation is the fundraising arm of Monash Health, nurturing and encouraging philanthropic support to fund a range of programs and initiatives to advance world-class healthcare.

We work with individuals, businesses, community groups, and trusts and foundations to enhance care for our community across all stages of life.

Our dedicated donors and supporters have demonstrated unwavering generosity over the past twelve months, enabling us to invest in research and innovation, improve quality of life, support patients and families when they need it most, and deliver world-class care.

In the 2024–25 financial year, \$10.9 million was received to support and enhance the care Monash Health provides our community.

With your support, together we have raised funds for:



Vital new and additional equipment



Groundbreaking medical research



Scholarships and professional development



Patient and family-centred care initiatives



Capital projects and new facilities

Fundraising highlights

Over \$10.9 million raised

to support and enhance the care Monash Health provides to our community

We are proud to share our fundraising highlights for the 2024–25 financial year.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank all those who participate in our Workplace Giving and Regular Giving programs, as well as those who have made various contributions over the previous financial year.

The unwavering support of our donor community enables us to make significant contributions to a range of innovative technologies, research programs, education and training, fund additional positions, and support the delivery of world-class care across Monash Health.



\$4.2 million

received from foundations and trusts



\$2.9 million

received from bequests



\$1.3 million

raised through community fundraising events



\$640k

raised through corporate and community partnerships



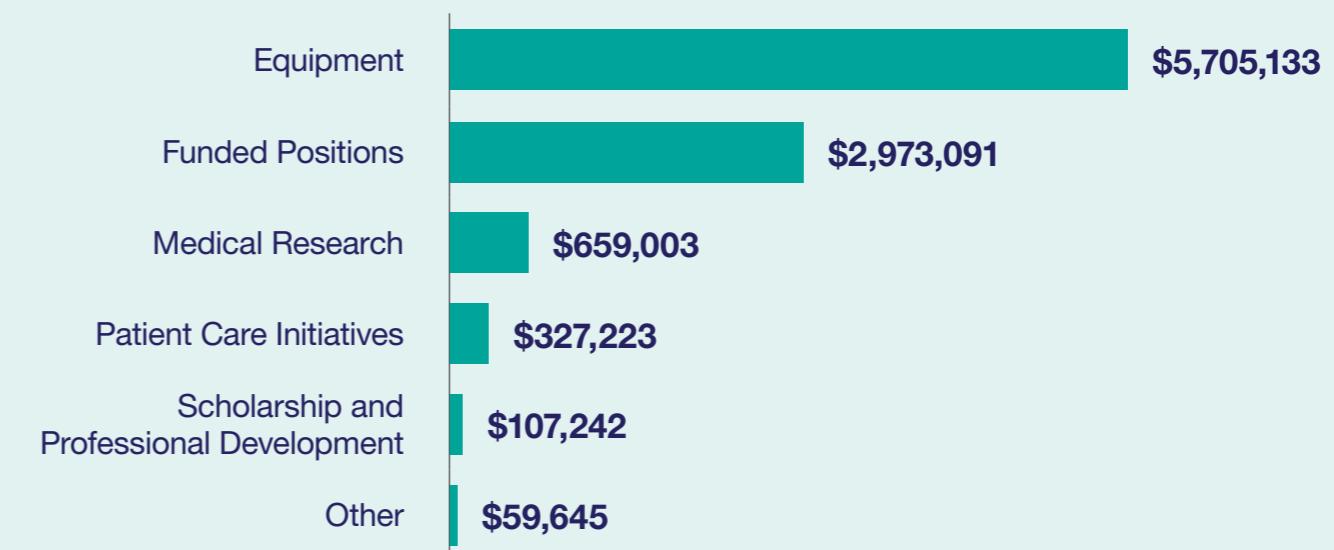
\$780k

raised through fundraising appeals

Impact highlights

Over \$9.8 million distributed

by the Monash Health Foundation to initiatives across Monash Health in FY 2024–25



We commissioned Monash Health's **first surgical robot**



Procured over **\$5.5 million** of medical equipment



Secured **\$3.1 million** for **pioneering research**, our largest multi-year commitment for the Victorian Heart Hospital



Accelerated over **30 research projects**



Delivered additional **training and professional development** for nurses and midwives



Helped more than **270 families** with **vital financial relief** while their children were in hospital



About Monash Health

Monash Health is Victoria's most impactful and integrated health service.

We deliver equitable, expert care across every stage of life, with the scale to reach more people, the depth to make a difference, and the heart to do it with unwavering purpose.

Every year, we support one of the state's fastest-growing and most diverse communities. Our tertiary and public health services are available to 1.2 million residents across south-east Melbourne and Victoria.

From major hospitals like Monash Medical Centre, Dandenong Hospital, and Casey Hospital, to highly specialised services at Monash Children's Hospital and the Victorian Heart Hospital, our network of more than 40 locations is built to deliver coordinated, world-class care when and where it is needed most.

With 24,000 dedicated employees, we remain proud to call ourselves one of Australia's largest and most capable health services. But more importantly, we are proud to be a trusted presence in the lives of the people who rely on us.

Monash Health's care at a glance – 2024–25



4.49 million
episodes of care



84,624
surgical procedures



463,259
mental health
episodes of care



3.29 million
outpatient services
episodes of care



270,290
emergency department
presentations



51,158
paediatric admissions



64,238
ambulance arrivals



11,310
babies born



318,574
total hospital admissions



54.9 million
pathology tests

Pictured: Former Paediatric Intensive Care Unit patient Lief and his father, Eddie.

When 2-year-old Lief was found unresponsive in the family pool, his parents' quick action and the care provided at Monash Children's Hospital saved his life. After several days in an induced coma, Lief returned home in time for Christmas. Lief and his family generously shared their story with the Monash Health Foundation to support fundraising for a new state-of-the-art ventilator at Monash Children's Hospital.



Pictured: Lakshika 'Laki' Mylvaganam

Laki has been a passionate team member at Monash Health for over 14 years and contributes part of her salary each fortnight via Monash Health's internal employee giving program, iGive. After receiving her own life-saving care and giving birth to her two children at Monash Health, she was inspired to give back by supporting patient care, resources and medical research for our community.



Our first surgical robot arrived at Casey Hospital

In 2024, the Monash Health Foundation received an incredibly generous donation of \$4.2 million from a local family to purchase its first robotic surgical system.

The robot has now been installed at Casey Hospital and is making a huge impact in delivering world-class care for our patients undergoing urology surgeries – with plans to introduce its use into gynaecological, colorectal and other surgeries in the future.

The surgical robot translates a surgeon's hand movements in real-time at a console positioned within the operating theatre, allowing them to perform the procedure with greater precision than in more traditional open surgical techniques.

The benefits of minimally invasive robotic surgical systems are impressive, with patients experiencing a reduced length of stay in hospital, shorter recovery times, lower risk of blood loss during surgery and a reduction in post-operative pain.

'The results for our urology patients undergoing surgery with this technology so far have been outstanding,' said Dr Scott Donnellan, Director of Urology at Monash Health.

'Prostate cancer patients have had faster recovery times, no unplanned re-admissions, and, most importantly, early results are showing impressive cancer clearance rates, meaning a better cure.'

Beyond the immediate improvement in patient outcomes, the arrival of the surgical robot system will increase the number of urological laparoscopic surgeries the Monash Health Urology team can perform year on year, meaning patients will no longer need to venture away from Monash Health for treatment.

'The positive impact this equipment will have on our surgical team and patients is immeasurable – supporting Monash Health and Casey Hospital to be leaders in healthcare innovation, patient care, and education for the next generation of surgeons training with us.'

Helping critically ill babies and children breathe

Your donations supported the Monash Children's Hospital in funding new state-of-the-art ventilators to advance care and outcomes for our young patients.

At Monash Children's Hospital, hundreds of babies and children require ventilators to help them breathe across three of our largest departments, our Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), our Paediatric Sleep Centre and our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

This vital equipment will provide hundreds of young patients with the breath of life and support them to get home sooner, where they belong.



Sophia's story

When Sophia was 8 months old, she relied on a ventilator for up to 24 hours a day, every day, to support her breathing and keep her well.

Living with her rare genetic disorder, Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome (CMS), she has required the life-saving support of a suite of ventilators since she was born and had spent most of her life admitted to Monash Children's Hospital.

With the support of a portable ventilator, Sophia has been able to be back at home with her parents Ken and Zoe. Now 17-months-old, she is busy with playdates at the park with her new friends and learning to walk with the help of the family couch.

'With the support of these ventilators, we've been able to go home together as a family with confidence and a clear plan,' said Zoe, Sophia's Mum.

'Sophia's team of respiratory doctors are so important to us, and we're so thankful for them.'

With the support of the new state-of-the-art ventilators, more young patients like Sophia will be able to return home with their loved ones.



Pictured: Fiona was 30 years old when she suffered two strokes while pregnant. Thanks to the care of the team at Monash Health, Fiona was able to carry her daughter Raia safely to 34 weeks gestation and was discharged with minimal damage from the strokes and able to go home with her new family.

Supporting women at high risk of stroke

Thanks to your support, new equipment in our Stroke in Women Service is changing the lives of women at risk of stroke.

In Australia, a person suffers from a stroke every 11 minutes, and over 44% of people living with a history of stroke are women. Stroke is the second leading cause of death among Australian women – taking more lives than breast cancer.

The number of women who Monash Health care for with stroke, especially pregnant women, is increasing all the time.

Our Stroke in Women Service is a national first with Monash Health uniquely placed as one of the few healthcare providers with maternity, newborn and stroke services.

This clinic addresses stroke risk factors that are unique to women such as pregnancy related complications, hormonal therapy use and certain conditions that appear more frequently in women.

With the support of your donations, we were able to fund a new specialised EMG (Electromyography) Machine which will improve stroke care for women by providing a deeper understanding of their unique risk factors.

The machine measures variability in heart rate and blood pressure. High blood pressure is a serious but modifiable risk factor for stroke during pregnancy as well as stroke in women. The machine will also provide rapid in-clinic information on heart rhythm irregularities which when treated, may prevent future strokes.



Pictured: Richard Lim OAM at Monash Children's Hospital.

Richard is a pillar of care and kindness in the growing multi-cultural community of Victoria. He has owned Lim's Pharmacy in Springvale for over 30 years and has continued to be a dedicated philanthropist supporting Monash Health Foundation and causes close to his heart. His advocacy and fundraising have helped advance healthcare and the support of young immigrants starting their new lives in Australia.



Helping children live their fullest lives

Over many years, My Room Children's Cancer Charity has supported patients and families affected by cancer at Monash Children's Hospital.

Through My Room's generosity, Monash Children's Cancer Centre has been able to provide extra support for families, to improve the outcomes and experience of young patients in our care.

This year, My Room has supported funding several key allied health positions, including a physiotherapist, speech pathologist, occupational therapist and psychologist.

'Having an extensive and broad allied health team is a critical part of ensuring our young patients and families are supported with excellent care, beyond their frontline cancer treatment,' said Dr Michelle Martin, Director of Paediatric Oncology at Monash Children's Cancer Centre, whose role is also funded by My Room, pictured above.

'With My Room's continued support and dedication, our passionate care teams are helping patients along their journey to live their fullest lives.'

Through the My Room Samaritan Fund, they also support the Monash Children's Hospital Social Work team to assist families with financial and emotional assistance during their child's cancer treatment helping them focus on what matters most – their child's health and wellbeing.

Enhancing wellbeing for kidney disease patients

The creation of a dedicated psychology service within our Department of Nephrology has been a long-held aspiration, and thanks to a generous donation, it has become a reality.

Mental Health challenges are deeply intertwined with the experience of kidney disease, yet they have historically been under-recognised and under-treated in nephrology settings.

These new specialised services will ensure that patients currently under the care of the Nephrology Department, including those on dialysis and pre- and post-kidney transplant, have access to tailored mental health support across our sites and at home.

Patients with kidney disease often face ongoing stress, anxiety, and emotional challenges related to their diagnosis, treatment, and the possibility of a transplant.

Undergoing a strict dialysis schedule can mean receiving treatments three times a week for five hours each day – a huge burden for patients balancing their condition alongside everyday life, work and family.

'Our psychology service gives patients support in adjusting to their diagnosis, in grieving the changes and losses it may have brought, and in developing coping strategies to manage the impact of their condition on their mental health,' said Dr Anna Wolf, Senior Clinical Psychologist in Monash Health's Nephrology Department.

'Patient satisfaction is exceptionally high – 98% of those who completed a post-intervention survey rated the service as excellent and reported feeling heard, supported, and better equipped to manage their mental health alongside their renal condition.'

Because of the strong foundations built with this service, Dr Anna Wolf has been invited to join the Living Donation Clinical Working Group with The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ). This national body is developing new guidelines on mental health and substance use assessments for living kidney donors – setting standards that will shape transplant care across Australia and New Zealand, and potentially influence international best practice.

Thanks to the impact of philanthropy, this new dedicated service is improving the lives of those affected by kidney disease.



Supporting research for chronic conditions

Lola was just two years old when doctors discovered she had Nephrotic Syndrome, a kidney disorder without a current cure, only treatment.

Since that moment, her life has been a journey through hospital corridors and the care of Monash Children's Hospital, guided by the support of her parents Kate and Paul, and her dedicated care teams.

After almost a decade of courage and resilience, Lola chose to turn her personal journey into a powerful fundraising effort. For her birthday celebrations, Lola decided to raise funds and awareness for the Monash Children's Hospital Nephrology Department, to help others living with a diagnosis.

'When Lola first talked about using her birthday to raise money for our team, we were both delighted and at the same time astounded by her generous spirit and her wish to help others. Once she had made up her mind, there was no stopping her,' said Dr Lilian Johnstone, Head of Paediatric Nephrology at Monash Children's Hospital.

The birthday party fundraiser was delayed due to life's unexpected turns – but for Lola, the goal never changed. As soon as they could, they were back to planning, determined to rally their community to raise funds and mark Lola's milestone year of living with Nephrotic Syndrome.

With the support of family and friends, the big day and celebrations included a sausage sizzle, trivia, raffle tickets and auction items – helping now 12-year-old Lola to exceed her fundraising goals and inspiring raise over \$19,000.

'It was truly moving to hear Lola talk at her fundraising event about her experience of Nephrotic Syndrome and the effect it has had on her and her family – we are so grateful for her dedication.'

The funds raised will be used to continue two important clinical trials in Paediatric Nephrology, so our care teams can best support patients like Lola living with a diagnosis. They will study different ways of treating Nephrotic Syndrome relapses and the treatments effect on any future relapses – supporting a brighter future for more patients and their families.



Dementia-friendly spaces supporting emergency care

Our Emergency Short Stay Unit at Monash Medical Centre had a cosy makeover.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Viney family, new dementia-friendly spaces are now open to support patients and their carers during their visit.

Working with a dementia architect, the Short Stay Unit team, including consumers, has brought to life their shared vision for a calm, safe, and inclusive environment designed to support people living with dementia, delirium, neurodiversity or other cognitive challenges.

‘Visiting an emergency department is a stressful time for patients and families, especially for those managing dementia or delirium in this busy environment,’ said Claire Shuter, Nurse Unit Manager, Emergency and Patient Flow, Monash Medical Centre.

‘We wanted to create a space with equipment and tools that would make the patient experience as positive as possible – helping patients facing those challenges feel relaxed, like they’re in their own home.’

The new lounge space includes a kitchen, lounge, dining table and TV, tucked away from the clinical space, so patients and their carers can have some respite. A new clinical room has also been redesigned to reduce sensory impact and provide more privacy.

The new hospital trolley ‘DELIA’ (Distraction Engagement Lots of Interactive Aids) is overflowing with resources for care teams and carers to support patients. Filled with activities like puzzles and crocheted sensory mats, handmade by our wonderful Monash Health volunteers.

The Viney family’s heartfelt support of the new spaces is in Memory of Richard ‘Dick’ Viney AM, their husband, father, and grandfather.

Dick’s legacy has created a compassionate and supportive space in our hospital, for patients and families in our community living with dementia.

Thank you to the Viney family for your generosity. Your contributions to this project will have a lasting impact on patient care.

Pictured: 2-year-old patient Lola (right), her twin sister Shelby (left) and Mum Kate at Monash Children’s Hospital.

Lola was unexpectedly born with Tracheoesophageal Fistula and Oesophageal Atresia (TOF/OA), a rare condition affecting the structure of her food pipe and airway. At a small weight of 2.3kg, unable to eat or breathe normally, Lola was immediately transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Monash Children’s Hospital to undergo life-saving surgery and care. Lola’s family generously shared their story of their care journey to support fundraising at the 2025 Monash Children’s Hospital Shine Gala.



Decades dedicated to transformational care

Some of the most powerful stories of philanthropy are not measured in single gifts, but in years of sustained commitment. In 2024–25, we proudly celebrate milestone anniversaries with partners whose loyalty has transformed care across generations.



Moose Toys

10 years of Superhappy

Moose Toys have been a long-time supporter of Monash Health, creating moments of joy for children and their families, for many years. In 2015, that support grew, when their mission to deliver 'Superhappy Smiles' to children led to the establishment of the Moose Happy Kids Foundation.

Leading a global GiveSuperhappy movement, started right at the heart of Monash Children's Hospital, creating playful, healing moments through programs, play spaces, Christmas gifts and funding Child Life Therapy in our Emergency Department – bringing joy exactly when and where it's needed.



10

years of Superhappy smiles



295

children supported with Child Life Therapy in ED in FY 2024–25



100s

of toys delivered each Christmas



Kids with Cancer Foundation 21 years of transforming care

For more than two decades, Kids with Cancer Foundation has ensured families receive more than medical treatment, ensuring extra care and support.

Their funding of clinical roles, including psychologists and nurses, has directly improved outcomes for children, and their family assistance programs have eased the financial and emotional burden of treatment journeys.



21

years of a true founding partnership



4

clinical roles funded in our Children's Cancer Centre in FY 2024–25



\$5m+

of support



Bailey's Day 22 years of legacy

Since 2004, Bailey's Day has raised millions for paediatric brain cancer research and care – honouring the life of Patrick Tessier's 2-year-old son, Bailey.

What began as a small golf day has grown into a powerful legacy event that brings together hundreds of supporters each year. Their unwavering dedication has created a pathway of hope for countless families facing paediatric brain cancer.





Pictured: Kouy Taing and his daughter, Leeven.

The Taing family has continued to generously support neurosurgery research in honour of their late wife and mother, Kieng Hor Lou – who received care at Monash Health when she was diagnosed with a late-stage brain tumour. In gratitude for the care she received at Monash Health from her surgeon, and allowing them more precious time together, the family supports innovation that may one day change outcomes for countless others.

A legacy transforming international paediatric care

In a remarkable act of kindness, Dr Elizabeth Lewis left a legacy gift of \$2.3 million to Monash Health in her Will – a bequest that stands as the largest in the history of the Monash Health Foundation.

The late Dr Lewis was a long serving former employee of Monash Health and the first female neurosurgeon in Australia. She not only broke barriers in her field but also touched countless lives as a surgeon, teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend – regularly visiting Papua New Guinea to help establish medical and surgical services.

The generous gift in her Will has been dedicated to establishing a scholarship program that will train paediatricians from overseas at the Monash Children's

Hospital, ensuring that her commitment to health care in low-resource settings will continue to benefit communities in the Pacific Islands well into the future.

The new training program led by the Director of Monash Children's Simulation Centre, Professor Ram Nataraja, will support 36 clinical and educational scholarships – building paediatric healthcare capacity and making lasting change in countries where specialist training is limited.

'Our aim is to achieve equity and equality in education and the care that is provided to children and their families in all resource settings worldwide,' said Professor Ram Nataraja.

By providing simulation training at Monash Children's Hospital, we will strengthen global healthcare systems – equipping clinicians with skills to train others in their home countries.





Driving transformative change in cardiovascular care

Thanks to the generous support of The Opalgate Foundation, we have laid the foundations for a transformative new model of care for heart failure patients at Monash Health using real-time patient data.

Heart failure is one of the leading causes of hospitalisation and long-term disability in Australia, affecting more than 400,000 Australians.

Monash Health and the Victorian Heart Hospital, pictured above, are committed to improving care through earlier interventions, better symptom management, and seamless integration of supportive and palliative care services.

The new project is pioneering the integration of electronic Patient Reported Outcome Measures (eProms) into cardiac care – an Australian-first initiative that will empower patients, improve communication, and enable earlier, more holistic interventions.

Led by Associate Professor Peter Poon, Supportive and Palliative Care Research Director, the project's mobile app

will enable patients and carers to report physical symptoms, psychological concerns, and care needs in real time – bridging a critical gap in continuity of care.

'By creating this application, we will be empowering patients and their carers to report their physical symptoms, mental health, carer burden, and any pressing issues impacting their wellbeing with their treatment teams in real-time, not just at their next appointment,' said Professor Poon.

This project will have a big impact on the care journeys of heart failure patients and their families during what can be such a challenging time.

The research and co-design for the mobile app and its paradigm of care, is under way in close collaboration with the Victorian Heart Hospital and key stakeholders. This will be followed by a feasibility study making the app available for our Monash Health patients with heart failure.

The Opalgate Foundation's heartfelt contribution to this project is in memory of Anna Law, the Law family's much-loved daughter, sister, niece and aunt.

This project will recognise Anna's legacy by enhancing the quality of life outcomes for heart failure patients at the Victorian Heart Hospital.

Revolutionising prevention, diagnosis and treatment through research

An upcoming commission will be co-led by the Head of the Victorian Heart Hospital, Professor Stephen Nicholls for world leading journal, *The Lancet* – to tackle Asia-Pacific's cardiovascular crisis.

Home to more than 60 per cent of the world's population, the Asia-Pacific is central to global cardiovascular risk. Deaths from cardiovascular related disease are projected to almost double in Asia by 2050, with profound impacts on patients, families, and health systems.

The aim of this work is to develop a roadmap to improve the cardiovascular health and wellbeing of 4.3 billion people across the Asia Pacific by developing region-specific solutions, fostering innovation and collaboration between academia, clinicians, governments, healthcare systems and industry in different countries.

Research in genetic testing for heart disease is underway to advance the implementation of broad genetic testing, including polygenic risk scores, within the Victorian Heart Hospital's prevention clinic.

Polygenic risk scores are a ground-breaking tool in cardiology, analysing multiple genetic variations to estimate an individual's inherited risk of developing heart disease.

By incorporating these scores into clinical practice, the prevention clinic aims to identify high-risk individuals earlier and develop personalised strategies for the use of preventive therapies based on each patient's unique genetic profile.

This initiative has the potential to transform the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease, and will enable the Victorian Heart Hospital to lead the way in precision medicine, setting a new standard for personalised cardiovascular care.

These two landmark projects have been made possible with philanthropic support from the Stafford Fox Medical Research Foundation.



Pictured: Professor Stephen Nicholls, Program Director of the Victorian Heart Hospital.

The power of our community



Helping local generosity grow into life-changing support

Springvale RSL brought their community together to support world-class care close to home and young patients at Monash Children's Hospital.

The passionate committee, including President John Wilson and Katherine Newman, has created a welcoming, family-friendly club, where members are surrounded by a sense of belonging, shared experience and history.

The team hosted their 'Helping Children Heal Gala', raising funds for Monash Children's Hospital. This is the second year the committee has organised the

event, after a successful 2024 Gala with their dedicated community. This year, over 120 guests joined to support their vision to fundraise for families and children in need.

Many members have shared in their own connections to Monash Children's Hospital – with children and grandchildren receiving both short and long-term care. Our special hospital becoming an important pillar of support and hope for growing families.

Funds raised will enable Monash Children's Hospital to continue delivering world-class care for young patients and help create a purpose-designed sensory garden at Monash Health's Casey Early Parenting Centre – to support children's development and emotional well-being.

Colourful communities

The team at PPG Industries has been bringing colour, hope, and heart to the community and our Monash Health sites over many years.

Their Colourful Communities Initiative is all about getting their team into the local community, helping those who need it most and transforming spaces.

Most recently, when the Kingston Education Centre needed a makeover, volunteers from across PPG Industries' Melbourne paint and coating manufacturing sites spent the week beautifying the space, which hadn't had a new coat of paint in over 50 years.

The centre is an important space for Monash Health, including break rooms, training and research rooms, office rooms and shared areas for our teams.

The PPG Industries team incredibly rallied over 100 employees with 240 litres of donated paint for the transformation. Their dedication didn't just refresh the walls – it invigorated the spirit of everyone who passes through the Kingston Education Centre's doors.

Each brushstroke is a testament to the impact local businesses can make when they partner in the community, making their own unique and heartfelt mark.



Pictured: Jason Cant and Andrew Blake from the PPG Industries team at the Monash Health Kingston Centre.

Dr Sukanya Roy's gift to future haematologists

Dr Sukanya Roy is generously supporting the next generation of haematologists after retiring from an incredible twenty-two years of service at Monash Health.

'Sukanya is a widely respected specialist who made significant contributions to the craft of haematopathology, the study of blood diseases and disorders, and to registrar training during her time at Monash Health,' said Professor Jake Shortt, Clinical Director of Haematology.

When she made the decision to retire, she was looking for a meaningful way to have a lasting impact on future haematologists and a career that had meant so much to her.

Through a generous donation by Sukanya, the annual 'Sukanya Roy Prize' was established, to bring her vision to life and support the careers of future specialists following in her path.

The prize is used to help fund the professional development of a Monash Health Haematology Trainee

each year, who has contributed significantly to the laboratory's research, quality improvement initiatives and education.

Dr Trung Ngo, was the deserving recipient of the prize for 2025. Trung has been an invaluable member of the registrar team that is exploring a new test for blood cancers under the supervision of Dr Paul Yeh, Haematologist and Clinical Scientist.

This research was not only published in the journal 'Pathology' with Trung as the first author, but also received NATA accreditation – making it the first RNA fusion panel of its kind for testing blood cancers in Australia.

'I will always remember and value Sukanya's teaching, mentorship and passion during my training at Monash Health,' said Dr Trung Ngo.

'She cared for us as junior doctors, provided excellent pearls of wisdom and helped to mould our future careers – I am so thankful for her generosity and commitment in establishing this prize.'

Trung has embarked on a haematology fellowship at the prestigious, University College London Hospitals (UCLH).



Pictured: Fairy Floss the Fairy and 6-year-old Monash Children's Hospital patient, Laney, with Hospitals United for Sick Kids' mascot, Blip.

Helping sick kids get back to the things they miss most

The Monash Health Foundation is a proud partner of Hospitals United for Sick Kids, a national alliance raising funds in support of children's hospitals throughout Australia.

Through a growing mix of products available through retail partners such as Coles, Lowes and Toymate, Hospitals United for Sick Kids uses the proceeds from products sold to support the children's hospital in that state or region. All sales within Victoria support initiatives at Monash Children's Hospital.

With their incredible support, our care teams have been able to bring vital projects to life that help our patients get home to their families and the things they miss.

Since 2019, Hospitals United for Sick Kids has distributed over \$1.5 million from product sales to support key priority projects at Monash Children's Hospital including the development of the new paediatric Emergency Department, accelerated research to help vulnerable babies thrive and helping to expand our Hospital in the Home services, so even more young patients can safely get back to their local community and loved ones sooner, where they belong.

Event highlights



Pictured: 2-year-old patient Ryder and his dad Sam at the 2025 Monash Children's Hospital Walk.

Monash Children's Hospital Walk

In March, over 1,500 people joined us for the 2025 Monash Children's Hospital Walk at Monash University for a special day out, all for a great cause.

Our community generously raised \$160,000 for Monash Children's Hospital, which will support a range of patient and family-centred care initiatives, easing challenges for patients and their families when they need it most.

Thank you to those who attended and donated, supporting the amazing care at Monash Children's Hospital. Every dollar raised has a positive impact on the patients and families we care for.

Monash Children's Hospital Shine Gala

In May, guests joined us at the 2025 Monash Children's Hospital Shine Gala for a spectacular evening of entertainment at the Palladium Ballroom at Crown, in support of our special hospital.

Together, we raised funds for Monash Children's Hospital to help our passionate and dedicated care teams enhance care coordination to best support patients and families navigating their care journeys.

On behalf of our patients, doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, support services and everyone dedicated to providing world-class care for children, the Monash Health Foundation extends our thanks to everyone who ensured this special event was a success.



Pictured: Event MC's, Brooke Hanson and Pete Lazer.



Pictured: Performance by The Australian Musical Company.

'Hope Grows with You' Donor Appreciation Event

In August, we celebrated some of our inspiring community of donors and supporters at our 2025 Donor Appreciation Event, 'Hope Grows with You'.

Monash Health is supported by an incredible community, whose generosity is vital in enabling us to continue advancing world-class care and making a meaningful impact on the lives of countless patients and families.

Over 250 donors, volunteers, and supporters of Monash Health joined us at the Arts Centre Melbourne to celebrate gratitude, hope and the positive difference they make to the care we provide our community every day.

Thank you to those who joined us and shared their personal stories of the power of hope, and to our entire donor community for their unwavering support and generosity.

Thank you to our supporters

We are deeply grateful to the individuals, families, foundations, and organisations whose generosity between July 2024 and June 2025 has made a transformative difference across Monash Health. Their support enables our clinicians, allied health professionals, and researchers to deliver world-class patient care, advance medical innovation, and nurture the health of our community.

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