



2019-20
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**ANNUAL
IMPACT
REPORT**



**Werribee Hospital
Foundation**
SUPPORTING OUR PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Our Story

As a wise person once said, *“Each one of us can make a difference, together we can make a change”*.

These words ring true, especially for Werribee Hospital Foundation.

Back in 1993 a visionary before his time, Gordon McKeown bequeathed his estate to the then, Werribee District Hospital. Then in 2005 another visionary, Vera Davis boosted the Foundation with another \$1 million bequest, however, her vision was different. Vera’s wishes was of a perpetual trust to be preserved to support public hospital services in Wyndham well into the future.

From that point the Foundation was officially created to support the wishes of our visionary supporters, who cared about the community.

Our focus has and always will be on the community.

An engaged and involved Board of Directors and WHF’s dedicated team work to build community and private partnerships, to raise vital funds and awareness for the continued development of health promotion, research, education, equipment, facilities and special projects at Werribee Mercy Hospital, by doing so we are ensuring the Wyndham community has the hospital services that our community needs.

The WHF is a tax-deductible gift recipient (DGR 2 status), which can receive tax deductible donations. It is established as a Health Promotion Charity under the Australian Tax Office law. In addition, WHF is registered with the ACNC.



Our Purpose

Our mission at the Werribee Hospital Foundation is to create a public health service that meets community expectations and keeps pace with the growing community.

With Wyndham's population expected to reach over 500,000 by 2041, we know the hospital will need our support.

From research to refurbishments, new equipment and new technologies, the Werribee Hospital Foundation, has a proud history of providing that extra support to advance the care and services for the people we love.

We work with you, the local Wyndham community, local businesses, local leaders, local fundraisers, to ensure our hospital is the best it can be, for our families.

With your support and kindness, we achieve great things.

Our Chair

It is my pleasure to commend to you our 2019-20 Annual Impact Report.



This has been a year of significant change, and as we continue to evolve and grow as a Foundation, we are humbled by the level of support that we continue to receive from you, our donors, staff, volunteers and our broader community.

Thank you, sincerely.

In this report you will see how both your financial and in-kind contributions have made a difference to the local Werribee Mercy Hospital as well as to the broader community.

I would like to thank my fellow Board Members for generously donating their time throughout the year towards the Foundation's cause.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Mr. Steve Taylor, our past Executive Director who left the Foundation in February 2020, for his wisdom and commitment towards the Foundation's cause over the past five years. Steve has helped us lay a strong foundation to build our success upon, and we will miss his good nature and presence at our Board meetings.

I am also delighted to welcome Ms. Leanne Down into her new role as our Executive Officer. Leanne joined us in March 2020 and has brought with her a wealth of experience. Her enthusiasm and positivity are infectious, and she continues to ably help the Foundation navigate these tricky and uncertain COVID-19 pandemic times.

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic significantly reducing philanthropic and volunteering activity across the not-for-profit industry, we continue to be in a financially strong position, recording a net operating profit of \$4,258 for the 2019-20 financial year. Our total assets as at 30th June 2020 remain at \$4,162,268.

As COVID-19 continues to significantly impact and change on our way of living, the ongoing generosity of you our local community is a welcome constant, and we look forward to the new year with optimism, knowing that your generosity will be positively impacting those who are most touched by COVID-19 – patients and health care workers.

Dr. Jason Goh



Our CEO

It is with great delight that the Werribee Hospital Foundation presents this special publication showcasing the breath of what the Werribee Hospital Foundation supports.



I am incredibly proud of the Foundation's and communities' achievements to date.

Having commenced this role on March 23rd, just as COVID 19 became a threat to Australia and the country experienced its first lockdown, I can share with you that it was a time of uncertainty and much anxiety for myself as I navigated not only a new role with a new organisation, but also steering my way through a new world of remote learning, getting to know the staff, board and community supporters. I reflected upon the words of Henry Ford, "When everything seems to be against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it".

Against the wind I went, and I am pleased to share that with the community's support and the dedication of staff and board we have remained strong in our approach and support towards the hospital.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you – our community of supporters – for the part you play in helping to bring the Foundation to life each year and the energy you bring.

I would also like to thank the Board members who generously volunteer their time to oversee the effective management of each facet of the Foundation. The Werribee Hospital Foundation staff for the energy and commitment and the passionate group of volunteers who offer a wealth of time and support. I am also very grateful for the partnership and collaboration with Mercy Health Foundation and Executive Officer Julie Owens, together as likeminded organisations we understand the importance of supporting our joint beneficiary and I look forward to working closer with the Mercy Foundation in the coming year and beyond.

It also goes without saying the gratitude I feel for each staff member working throughout the hospital looking after operations and taking care of patients - 2020 has been a year that will remain in our memories and heart for many years to come.

Many people are still not aware that the Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that does not receive any government funding. We rely on the financial support of the community to help compliment the public hospital's needs. Ensuring that the hospital which operates, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year can treat all those who require health care in our region and even some from beyond. It is a huge task and its only through your ongoing generosity that it is possible – so thank you. Its vital that we invest in our community's infrastructure and health for now and future generations. This is your public hospital.

I encourage you to play a part in the future of our community's healthcare needs.

Leanne Down

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- Henry Ford -



Our Board

Our board comprises 100% Volunteers who passionately donate their time throughout the year to support the Foundations activities and oversee governance.

Dr Jason Goh, Director / Chairperson

MBBS B.Biomed.Sc, MHA, FRACMA, GAICD, Director of Medical Services (Workforce), Monash Health.

Daniel McDonald, Treasurer

Master of Business Administration, Juris Doctor Director – McDonald Legal Services Pty Ltd.

Dr Callum Scott, Director/ Secretary

PhD (Finance), MSc (Computer and Mathematical Sciences), Grad Dip (Information Sciences), BA (Mathematics) & Dip Ed, BSc (Hons) Chem Eng Director and past Chair Manor Court Werribee Aged Care.

Nik Tsardakis, Director

Inaugural trustee of Werribee Hospital Foundation, Director and past Chair of Manor Court Werribee Aged Care.

Nicole Whiting, Director

Bachelor in Health Science, Grad Dip in Community Health, Grad Cert in Perioperative Nursing, Grad Cert in Immunisation, Bachelor in Management, Peri Operative Educator – Mercy Hospitals Victoria, Director of Manor Court Werribee Aged Care.

Nicole Ali, Director

Masters of Nursing (Clinical Education), Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health, Mercy Mental Health Programs Senior Psychiatric Nurse.

Rishi Prabhakar, Director

Master of Accounting, Principal for Smart Professionals Group, Executive Committee for Australia Indian Sports Council, Sri Durga Temple and co-founder of Forum for Indian Australians.



**From left to right
Board members & staff**

Nicole Whiting, Rishi Prabhakar, Dr Jason Goh, Dr Callum Scott, Steve Taylor, Daniel McDonald, Nik Tsardakis, Nicole Ali and Lisa Field.

Nik Tsardakis presented the John Nicol's Community Service Award

Nik is one of the founding members of Werribee Hospital Foundation where he has served on the board continuously since 1993 and served as Chair for 10 of those years.

Congratulations to Nik Tsardakis for being presented with the John Nicol Community Service Award at the Committee for Wyndham's Annual Gala Dinner on Wednesday 4 December 2019

Nik Tsardakis is also a member of the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing, spanning forty years of service. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow for his outstanding contributions to the Club in 2004.

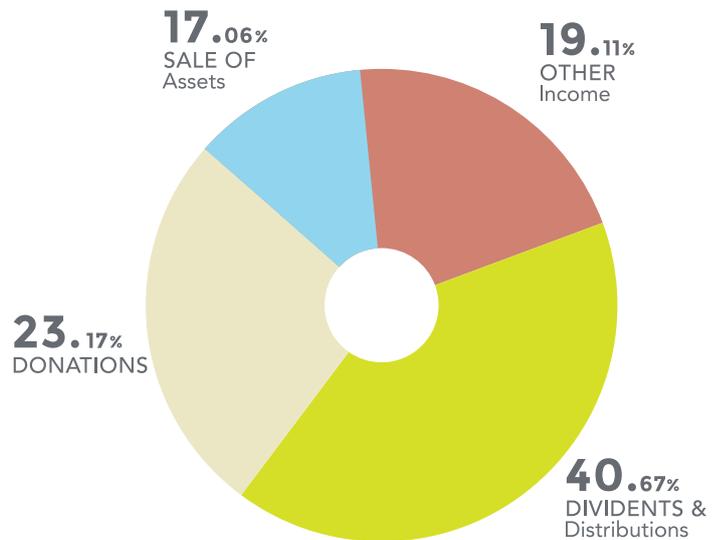
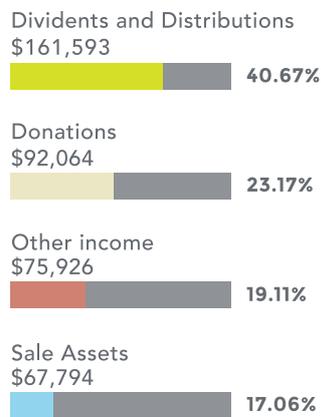
Our Staff

Whilst the team at Werribee Hospital Foundation is small with only one full time (.8) and one part time (.6) staff members they are incredibly proud of their contributions to the health facilities of our local hospital Werribee Mercy Hospital.

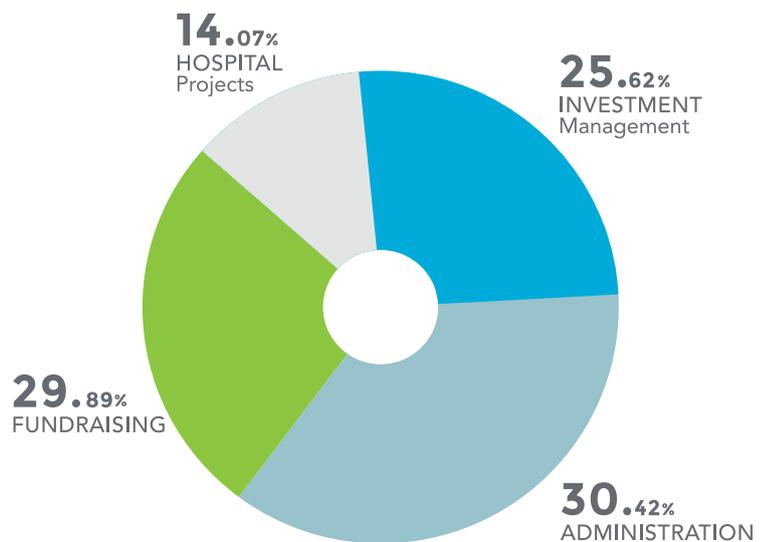
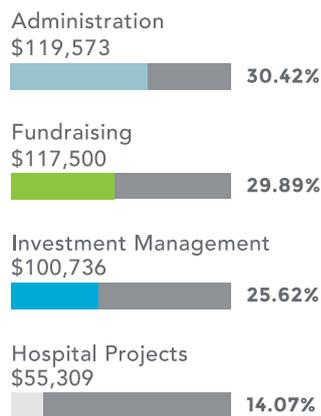
- Steve Taylor, Executive Officer (until Mar 2020)
- Leanne Down, Chief Executive Officer (commenced Mar 2020)
- Lisa Field, Community Engagement & Fundraising Manager
- McDonald Legal Services Pty Ltd (pro-bono), Lawyers
- Findex (formerly Crowe Horwath), Werribee, Accountants (until Oct 2019)
- Teamwork Accounting (commenced Nov 2019)
- Jason Davis, Alternative Investments, Investment Manager

Financial summary

Income

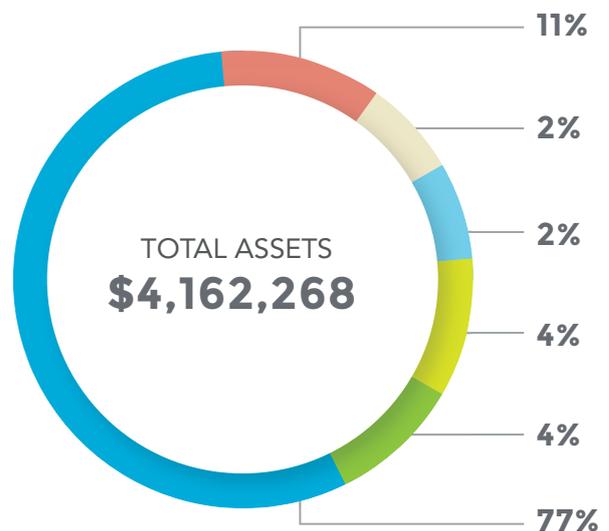


Expenses & Disbursements



Asset Allocation

- INTERNATIONAL SHARES
- CASH
- OTHER
- FIXED INTEREST
- PROPERTY
- AUSTRALIAN SHARES



The Werribee Hospital Foundation's financial statements have been prepared by Teamwork Accounting and audited by an independent auditor, Barkely & Associates in accordance with section 307c of the Corporations ACT 2001. Financial statements for Werribee District Charitable Foundation No1 & No 2 trust accounts, along with the company statements, will be lodged with ASIC, the ACNC and Consumer Affairs Victoria in accordance with requirements.

Directors Declaration

The directors of Werribee Hospital Foundation declare that the financial statements are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, comply with account standards and the Corporations Regulations, and give a true and fair views of the company's financial position as at 30th June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Chair



Treasurer

Dated: 6/11/2020

Dated: 6/11/2020

Key Milestones for 2019-2020

We are extremely proud of the Foundations achievements partnered with a compassionate community, that enabled us to contribute and support Werribee Mercy Hospital.

A new technology to better reduce obesity – Digital Health CRC

Werribee Hospital Foundation is proud to collaborate and contribute, by providing funding for an exciting new research project that will investigate how digital tools can help people who are overweight or obese better manage their condition.

The research will be carried out over the next two years in a partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia, Archetype Health, Werribee Hospital Foundation, Mercy Hospitals Victoria and the Digital Health Cooperative Research Centre.

Digital health technologies are powerful tools for modernising health care and are likely to play a significant role into the future.

The Foundation has committed \$100,000 over two years to Digital Health Cooperative Research Centre, providing \$50,000 during the 2019-2020 FY.



Photo by Chokniti Khongchum.

A focus on Paediatrics



When the Foundation heard about a new Paediatric ward opening, we knew the community would want to be involved in supporting this fantastic new department.

Wyndham has an extremely high birth rate and a high proportion of young families, making the opening of the Paediatric Ward a very welcomed addition.

Through the support of Werribee District Football Club, which hosted the 2nd Mercy Cup on Saturday 10th August 2019. A match played against Point Cook Football Club raised \$11,000.

We are extremely grateful to match ambassadors and captains; Ryan Butler from Point Cook Bulldogs & Judah Dundon from Werribee Districts for their leadership in driving the appeal. We would also like to acknowledge the sold-out women's luncheon, mega raffle, business sponsors and all individuals that donated on the day.



Heads up for Mental Health

The Clare Moore Mental Health Facility at Werribee Mercy is for adults living in municipalities of Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay and Wyndham. At full capacity it will service 56 patients. In 2019, 1060 patients were treated at the facility, for an average of 16.1 days.

Mental health is often a cause that many people can relate to, and it was the fundraising focus for a Trivia Night at the Plaza Tavern on Friday 15 November 2019.

Thanks to the support of Tony Ebejer from Capture Recruitment and the BNI (Business Networking International) groups in Wyndham, over 100 people were able to help fundraise \$5K on the night, used to support the equipment and resources in the Sensory Room.

Sensory rooms and sensory equipment may be used to practice and strengthen positive coping skills and afford experiential opportunities to increase one's self-awareness regarding the influence of the physical environment. They are an interdisciplinary space, with the primary purpose to provide relaxation, de-escalation, choice, self-nurturance and empowerment.

Kids helping kids... The Coin Chain Fundraiser

Year 6 students at Our Lady of Southern Cross conducted a Coin Chain fundraiser on behalf of the Werribee Hospital Foundation.

The 6 boys organised the coin collection over a 2-week period, where they invited all classrooms to participate. They made a poster and liaised with teachers to ensure their project was well communicated.

The boys were surprised that they could have such a big impact, raising \$742.75 in total.

The Coin Chain created was 24 metres long and it was measured on the basketball courts.



A busy Emergency Department

When Lynn O'Neil, Nurse Unit Manager, spoke at our Community Engagement Night on Thursday 24 October 2019, it was made clear how much strength and determination is required to survive the pace of such a busy department. Whilst clearly a stressful job, Lynn revealed the rewards, like the amazing teamwork that goes into saving lives, particularly children's lives.

In 2018 there were 42,632 presentations and in 2019 there were 47,343, including 9,919 children.

At the Foundation we were keen to support some equipment for Lynn's Department and a couple of small community fundraisers in late 2019 raised \$1.5K that went on to provide Paediatric monitors young babies and children accessing the ED.

Covid & acts of kindness

The outpouring of support for healthcare staff has been a wonderful outcome of the coronavirus, with Werribee Mercy Hospital staff receiving various donated goodies from businesses and community groups.

Werribee Hospital Foundation joined the demonstrations of community support for our local hospital by arranging a collection of Easter treats. The donation was intended to provide Easter cheer to staff, patients and families and included bunny soft toys, bunny ears and chocolate eggs. These were kindly donated by local Werribee supermarkets.

The Foundation was also able to link a generous gift from Divine Scents Creations, who gifted the bath bombs on Mother's Day; this lifted the spirits of the patients who were unable to have visitors, and Simply Indian in Hoppers Crossing, who donated an amazing number of cooked meals for some of the staff.



Partner with our business community

The Charity Raffle 2020 was kindly organised by the Werribee Business & Tourism Association and supported by over a dozen local businesses, with the winning prize being \$1,000 in vouchers and treats.

The Charity Raffle was conceived by Tonia from Tonia T Boutique in Watton St. Tonia wanted to do something for mental health as she certainly

realised this was going to be an area of growing concern with the economic uncertainty and mental stress caused by the pandemic.

Dorothy from Point Cook was the lucky winner to take out \$1,000 of vouchers and treats. The raffle raised over \$4K for the 24-hour mental health crisis line, a service that is desperately needing an upgrade.

Thank you to our supporters

The Werribee Hospital Foundation warmly thanks its current donors, partners and supporters for their generosity.

There are many individuals, businesses, community groups, networks and even schools, who have provided either a donation of funds, goods, services or worked in partnership with the Foundation on a fundraising event.

We are incredibly grateful for their support over this past year - a collaborative effort that makes a very big difference!



Business that hosted a collection tin 2019-20

Altona RSL
Chatterbox
Cheeky Chewies
DiCaprio Family Restaurant
Mick's Butcher
Lowe's Amcal Pharmacy
Notorious Café
Plaza Tavern
Racecourse Hotel
Social Sutra Cafe
Baby J's
Tigers Clubhouse
Werribee Bowling Club
Wyndham Cache

Donors for raffles

Avery & Arlo Williamstown
Andrew Caserta & Costas
Barwon Scoop
Bikram Yoga
Bunnings
Central Equity
CocoBudz Werribee
Commercial Hotel
DiCaprio Family Restaurant
Divine Scent Creations
Dymocks Werribee
Designer Petals Avondale Heights
Fifth Element Day Spa
Flutterby Hats & Fascinators by
Julia Guglielmino-Cook
Garden Feast & Feasting Shed
Greens Road Fish & Chips
Grill'd
George BXXX donated books
Hodges Werribee
Hudson Lotto
Hp Automation Security
Jacinta Gamons artworks
Jupiter Real Estate
Kerry Castree Wellness
La Porchetta, Pacific Werribee
Loan Market Werribee
Lowe's Amcal Pharmacy
Mabel & Woods, Spotswood
Mel's Foodstore
Minimal Waste Mum
Mt Derrimut Community Club

Pauline Toohey books
Riverside Motors
Salon Vogue
Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club
Sestos Shoes
Shadowfax
Sister Story Boutique
Soy Mojo
Sunny Thai Massage
Spotlight
Storm Maintenance
The Brook on Synedes
The Park Hotel
Tonia T Boutique
Werribee Bowling Club
Werribee Football Club
Werribee River Association
Werribee Station Place Florist
Westend Photography
Wyncity Bowl & Entertainment
Notorious Café
Padges Garage Creations
Wilde Interiors Newport
Whitings family
Quest Apartments Werribee
YPA Wyndham
Wyndham Patchworkers

Business Supporters \$1000+

Werribee Steel
Godings
Central Equity

Business Supporters \$5000+

Aquatap Plumbing

Hospital Host \$500+

Imran Abdul Kasem from Westend
Photography
Diane Oriander Garage Sale

Coin Chain in Schools \$500+

Our Lady of Southern Cross

Partnerships

Committee for Wyndham
Wyndham Biznet
Werribee Business & Tourism Association

Project Research Partners

Archetype Health
Digital Health Cooperative Research Centre.
Mercy Hospitals Victoria
University of Notre Dame Australia

Volunteer Services

The following volunteers generously provided their time and skills in community fundraising over the past year. Many hands make like work, as they say.

We are very grateful for their time and enthusiasm.

Michael Absolon
Jean Albion
Heather Brett
Tania Bodger
Marina Chui
Rhonda Edwards
Wendy Darlington
John Debrincat
Mary Donaghy
Maria Gallo
Robyn Harrison
Karen Hawking
Rickard Hawking
Pam Hope
Carol Jackson
Moiria Leete
Mary MacDonald
Kathy MacKendrick
Dianne Oriander
Maria Pagunsan
Rita Sullivan
Wilma Seymour
Patricia Tot
Jacintha Udawattage
Nina Vanderpoel

Thank you!





Our public hospital, our community

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