



ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

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OUR MISSION

To raise funds to support cancer services in the Albury-Wodonga region to provide quality care to patients and families.

OUR PURPOSE

To actively support and promote fundraising opportunities in our local communities and engage with local businesses and organisations to obtain sponsorship of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

To work closely with key stakeholders of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre to provide funding support for their identified needs and priorities.

To proactively contribute to improvement in cancer care by providing funds to purchase specialist equipment and resources.

To encourage the training of care-based professionals by supporting ongoing professional development and training programs.

To help local cancer patients access leading treatment options through participation in clinical trials.

To invest Trust funds in accordance with accepted government guidelines.

To operate the Trust Fund in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.



WHERE DONATIONS GO

The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund will allocate donations to the areas most in need. Our four key priority areas for funding are:

- New life-saving medical equipment;
- Staff training and development;
- Cancer research; and,
- Wellness Centre and support programs.

CHAIR'S REPORT

EVERY year I continue to be blown away by the generosity and support of our community, and the impact that together, we are making to the lives of local cancer patients and their families.

This financial year we have been able to raise a record \$1.72 million, and to make our largest ever investments in new equipment, staff education and training, and the Wellness Centre.

We also invested heavily in research, and committed to an exciting new project to support families in our region with a child diagnosed with cancer.

Other funding has been set aside for significant investment in future technology.

After COVID, our fourth annual Sunshine Walk held on Sunday, November 6 was a huge celebration of being able to come together for the first time in three years. It was also the first year we introduced a DIY option to enable people to walk in their own communities. Despite flooding in Albury forcing a last-minute relocation, the event was a huge success with more than 900 people helping us raise a record \$263,731.

This was complemented by a number of community-run events that, with our assistance, attracted a huge amount of public support. This included the

Sunshine Ride, a 24-hour stationary bike challenge, which this year involved more than 200 riders and raised more than \$113,000. Terry Socks it to Cancer, an initiative of former Ovens and Murray football star, Terry Greaves, raised \$31,378 and the Lake Hume Cycle Challenge, run by the Rotary clubs of Albury North and Bellbridge Lake Hume, resulted in a \$20,000 donation.

The Trust Fund received an extraordinary gift in the will of Yarrawonga resident, John Richard Allan. After losing his battle with lung cancer in May 2022, Mr Allan left his house and contents to benefit patients of the cancer centre. This resulted in a donation of more than \$450,000.

We continued to receive incredible support from our corporate friends, some of whom are new and some who have partnered with us since before the cancer centre opened in 2016. It is through their support that we can make long-term commitments in the areas of research (\$100,000 per year), staff training and development (\$100,000 per year), and the Wellness Centre (\$342,000 per year).

Donations through major individual donors enabled us to make a record investment of \$608,468 in new equipment. This was spent on high-tech prostate cancer equipment


at both Albury Wodonga Health, and Northeast Health Wangaratta. We also made a commitment to fund a video scope, strobe and microphone, valued at \$88,000, to assess the swallowing and voice function of head and neck cancer patients.

It was with sadness that we farewelled much-loved board member, John Watson, following a cancer diagnosis in October. John resigned after four years on the board and will be remembered for his kindness, selflessness and dedication to the local community.

At our last annual general meeting, we were excited to welcome two new members to the board. Brad Robertson was a former Australian Army officer of 30 years, while Narelle Huntley completed her law degree in 2016 as a working single mum. Their broad range of skills and experience has been a welcome addition to the board.

I would like to thank all members of the board, as well as our Cancer Pals, fundraising committee volunteers and our staff for their valuable contribution throughout the year.

A huge thanks to everyone who supported us in any way over the past 12 months. I look forward to all the great things we will be able to achieve in the coming year and beyond.



MICHELLE HENSEL,
Chair, Albury Wodonga
Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund

HIGHLIGHTS 2022-2023

- A record **\$608,000** invested in new **equipment** to better detect and treat cancer
- Almost **\$300,000** invested in the **Wellness Centre** providing emotional, physical and psychological support
- More than **\$120,000** invested in **research** giving more patients access to local clinical trials
- More than **\$85,000** invested in **staff education and training** to ensure patients received the best care and treatment
- Over **\$55,000** spent on other **small grants**.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- The fourth annual Sunshine Walk, held on November 6, saw more than 900 participants raise just over \$263,000.
- We invested more than \$600,000 in new prostate cancer equipment in Wodonga and Wangaratta.
- As part of his will, Yarrawonga man John Richard Allan left his house and contents to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund, valued at just over \$450,000.
- We committed to a \$330,000 project over three years for a paediatric cancer care coordinator to assist families of children diagnosed with cancer.
- We assisted with the Sunshine Ride which attracted more than 200 riders and raised over \$113,000.
- We committed to an \$88,000 grant for Albury Wodonga Health for equipment to assist head and neck cancer patients with eating and speaking.
- We assisted with Terry Socks it to Cancer, which partnered with football and netball clubs throughout the region to raise \$31,378.
- We committed \$64,000 over three years for a study into the fear of cancer recurrence in older women who have completed treatment for gynaecological cancer.
- We provided \$30,000 to the Albury Wodonga Cancer Foundation financial assistance program for patients facing financial difficulty due to their cancer.
- We launched the Tim Fischer Memorial Scholarship, giving staff the opportunity to complete a Master of Cancer Sciences valued at \$27,000.
- A \$9500 grant was provided for a series of Indigenous artworks to make the cancer centre a more welcoming environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.
- We provided \$6000 for Carer at Home packs for families caring for palliative care patients at home.
- We had 60 volunteers assist us with a Christmas gift wrapping fundraiser at Myer Centrepoint, which raised almost \$6000.
- We launched the fifth annual Sunshine Walk for November 12, 2023.
- Continued community support which included donations from the Rotary clubs of Albury North and Bellbridge Lake Hume (\$20,000), Lu's Dolce Vita (\$15,500), Albury Wodonga Prostate Cancer Support Group (\$14,550), Bev Grunow's Dance Group (\$11,000) and Pink on the Green (\$11,101).



ABOUT US

THE Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund was established by the Albury Wodonga Cancer Foundation as the official fundraising arm of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

A high level local board from business, industry and government oversees the Trust Fund. The board is responsible for the good governance of the Trust Fund, which is also supported by a manager, administration officer, and a team of dedicated volunteers who sit on a fundraising committee and represent the Trust as Cancer Pals in our local communities.

With tax deductibility and gift recipient status, the board ensures that donations from individuals and businesses in the community are used solely to support cancer services in the Albury-Wodonga region.

OUR BOARD

NAME	ORGANISATION	ROLE ON BOARD
Michelle Hensel	Teacher's Aide, Hume Public School	Chairperson
Anne-Marie Humphries	Director, Huon Financial Planning	Secretary
Renea Maskell	Bookkeeper, RJ Sanderson & Associates	Treasurer
Di Thomas	Freelance Communications Advisor	Member
Anthony Liston	Chief Financial Officer, Hume Transport	Member
Kerry Strauch	Quality and business development, Educational Living Pty Ltd	Member
David Baker	Group General Sales Manager, Baker Motors	Member
Bryan Blake	Director, Cookinburra International	Member
Narelle Huntley	Generalist solicitor, Keating Avery Solicitors	Member
Brad Robertson	Retired military officer	Member
Craig Underhill	Medical oncologist	Ex officio

OUR AMBASSADORS

HAYLEY JENSEN

ALBURY-born country songstress, Hayley Jensen, supported the Sunshine Walk for a fourth year in a row, completing a 10km DIY walk and promoting her involvement through social media.

Jensen, a former Australian Idol and The Voice contestant, also encouraged donations to the Trust Fund during her 18 years of music tour at Beer DeLuxe in November, 2022.

RICHARD ROXBURGH

ALBURY-born and raised actor, Richard Roxburgh, was an Ambassador for the Trust for a fifth year, saying that the cause was “invaluable” to the Border region.

“I totally endorse their work, and hope that they continue to gain much-needed support, of all kinds, along the way,” the Rake and Moulin Rouge! actor said.

ARCHIE THOMPSON

FORMER Socceroo and A-League striker, Archie Thompson, continued to support the work of the Trust. Thompson, who grew up on the Border and still had family living in Wodonga, said he was proud to be an Ambassador for such an important cause.

“The centre is doing some amazing work to help those who need it. I urge everyone to get together and show their support,” he said.



OUR STAFF

SALLY EVANS

Manager (0.6 FTE)

- Coordination of Trust Fund events and fundraising activities.
- Increasing community awareness of the Trust Fund and opportunities to make a donation.
- Oversee media and communications activities of the Trust Fund, including website, social media, media releases and the quarterly Shine newsletter.
- Assist with the promotion of events and activities in support of the Trust Fund.
- Engagement and management of volunteers.

VICKI O’GORMAN

Administration Officer (0.8 FTE)

- Provide administration, campaign and event support for the Trust Fund.
- Provide a point of contact for the Cancer Pals community advocate program.
- Assist with distribution of information and resources.
- Encourage community fundraising events.

TRIBUTE

DEPUTY Chair of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund, **John Watson**, stepped down from the board following a cancer diagnosis in October 2022.

The Trust was deeply saddened by his passing in August 2023.

John joined the Trust Fund board in November, 2018, just over 12 months after he lost his wife, Christine, to breast cancer.

In the four years that followed, John worked tirelessly to promote our cause and raise money for services that benefit local cancer patients and their families.

John served as deputy chair of the board from 2020 to 2022, and was a member of our Sunshine Walk planning committee.

In April, John became an Ambassador for the Sunshine Walk – a role that he embraced and was eager to promote for as long as he was able.

He recorded a video message just two days before he passed encouraging people to support the walk, and to “give what you can” to help people like himself who have been touched by cancer.

“Unfortunately I probably won’t be here for the walk, handing out water bottles (and) giving a big high five,” he said.

“To all those people who give and donate, I applaud you, I thank you and you’re just the best thing for our community fundraising efforts.”

Following his diagnosis, John took part in a clinical trial funded by the Trust Fund.

The Molecular Screening Therapeutics (MoST) program aimed to find the best treatment for rare, advanced cancers.

John served as a Wodonga City councillor for 16 years and was also a regular blood donor.

He will always be remembered for his kindness, selflessness and dedication to his local community.

John leaves an incredible lasting legacy at the Trust Fund, and all board members and staff felt very honoured to have known him, and to have worked with him.

Our heartfelt condolences went out to his sons George, Digby and Dugald, and his family and friends.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

FROM Jindera to Mt Beauty, and Howlong to Markwood, the Trust Fund has community advocates, known as Cancer Pals, based in towns throughout the region.

As the cancer centre services a regional area of almost 300,000 people, our Cancer Pals are vital in serving as a link between the Trust Fund and their communities.

During this financial year, our Cancer Pals were responsible for organising major fundraisers including the Sunshine Ride and Terry Socks it to Cancer.

They also helped with promoting fundraising events, selling raffle tickets and identifying local businesses who have the capacity to partner with our cause.

These volunteers are passionate about improving cancer services for their local community.

OUR SINCERE THANKS GO TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Albury - John Oswald, Liezl Cutler, Steve Ballard
- Henty - Kevin Fogarty
- Howlong - Regan Lions
- Jindera - Pat Hayes
- Markwood - Terry and Heather Greaves
- Mt Beauty - Jeanie Farrington
- Talgarno - Julie de Hennin
- Wodonga - Marie Orr, David Riley



OUR VOLUNTEERS

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who sit on our Fundraising Committee and provide support with organising and running events.

After the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee's support was invaluable in holding the first in-person Sunshine Walk in three years.

Committee members assisted with selling raffle tickets, sourcing spot prizes and distributing promotional materials in the lead up to the walk.

On the day, they helped with everything from set up, merchandise and raffle sales, and the distribution of fruit and snacks, to assisting walkers on-course and pack down.

Our committee also volunteered their time to wrap Christmas gifts at Myer Centrepoint in return for gold coin donations.

Without our volunteers, these events, which are vital in raising money and awareness for our cause, would not be able to happen.

OUR SINCERE THANKS GO TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Catherine Howard
- Chris Way
- Di Thomas
- Jenny Black
- Kim Thomas
- Richard Lukins
- Simone McLees
- Teighan Lieschke
- Yolana Andrews



GENEROUS BEQUEST

YARRAWONGA man, John Richard Allan, left an extraordinary gift in his will to benefit patients of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

Mr Allan left his house and contents to the Trust Fund after he lost his battle with lung cancer in May 2022.

Lawyer and executor of the will, Dale Brooks, said Mr Allan had received regular treatment at the centre after he was diagnosed in October 2020.

Mr Allan provided instructions that he wanted to make a gift of his estate to the cancer centre because of the great care he received.

"I don't own much, but hope that my gift will help them," he said to Mr Brooks.

Mr Allan lived on his own, had no family living locally and sadly lost contact with many of his friends.

Mr Allan's home at 5 Campbellfield Drive, Yarrawonga was sold for \$520,500, of which the Trust Fund received just over \$450,000.

Then Trust Fund board member, John Watson, said it was an extremely kind and generous bequest for Mr Allan to make in his will, and one that would benefit many families right across the region.

He said it was a great example of a philanthropic donation that would continue to give back to our local community for a long time

after Mr Allan is gone.

Mr Allan, 84, was born in Lismore, in northern NSW, and was educated in the New England area.

He moved to Sydney to work as an assistant manager at the Bank of New South Wales (now Westpac) for 38 years.

Mr Allan, who was single and had no children, retired in 1995 and purchased a home in a place he "had never heard of", at Yarrawonga, where there were great golfing facilities.

Mr Allan played at the Yarrawonga Golf Club for more than 20 years, and is well remembered by his golfing buddies and club staff.

He will be remembered by many Yarrawonga locals as both a gentle and kind neighbour, and skilled and competitive golfer.



MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

SUNSHINE WALK 2022

OUR major fundraising campaign, the Sunshine Walk, was held for a fourth consecutive year on Sunday, November 6.

There was an air of excitement as more than 900 people from across the region gathered for the first in-person walk in three years.

As a result of flooding along the Murray River, the walk was moved from its original start and finish location at Noreuil Park to the Les' O'Brien Athletics Precinct.

A sea of our yellow Sunshine Walk shirts could be seen throughout East and South Albury for the five and 10km walks, and in Thurgoona for the 20km course.

There were also DIY walkers across the region including Benalla, Corowa, Yarrawonga, Myrtleford, Bright, Walla Walla and as far away as Melbourne.

Together, we raised a record \$263,731.

Trust Fund Chair Michelle



Hensel was amazed by the fundraising tally after the community had been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and then floods.

"But the cancer centre means so much to people – they've either been there, or know someone who's been there, and it's just a sign of hope," she said following the walk.

Event Ambassadors were Sunnie and Richard Bull, of Benalla, and Mark Haley, of Albury.

Sunnie had utilised the services at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre for breast cancer in 2021, while Mark was treated for non-identified primary cancer, which presented in his throat, in 2018.

Both had been previous participants of the walk.

Challenge Cups were awarded to:

- Friends and Family – Chemo Chicks (\$23,982)
- Corporate Cup – Paull & Scollard Nutrien - (\$19,707)
- Town Cup – Hearts of Howlong (\$7711)
- Individual Cup winner – Matthew Pitzen (\$7000)
- Sports Club Cup – Evolve Dance Company (\$4478)
- School Cup – Trinity Anglican College Albury-Wodonga (\$3363)

The walk was sponsored by Healthfocus Physiotherapy, Vision Screenprinting, Radio 2AY, OtherBirds, Dyson Group and McDonald's NGI Group.

Plans were announced to hold a fifth Sunshine Walk on Sunday, November 12, 2023.



SUNSHINE RIDE 2023

THE Sunshine Ride was held for a third year in March, 2022 and raised more than \$113,000 for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

This community-run event, which started from a casual chat between friends at the gym, has grown to see nine teams of more than 200 riders take part in Albury, Wodonga and Wagga.

The main event was again held at Adrenaline Boxing and Conditioning in Albury, with Fernwood Fitness, F45 Albury, PT Fitness Wodonga and Planet Fitness in Wagga jumping on board.

Albury health provider, O-health, and the Albury Thunder Rugby League Football Club also took part on bikes at their own premises.

For the first time, a bike was stationed outside of Guru's Cafeteria in Dean St,



Albury on the Saturday and ridden by local celebrities including Albury MP Justin Clancy, Deputy Mayor Steve Bowen and Country musician Danny Phegan.

Police from both sides of the Border also took part on bikes at Adrenaline Boxing and Conditioning.

The challenge involves teams of an unlimited number of people taking turns on an exercise bike to pedal for a full 24 hours.

It aims to represent the round-the-clock struggle patients and their families face with cancer.

Adrenaline Boxing and Conditioning took out the top spot on the team fundraising leader board with almost \$70,000 raised.

Cancer survivor and

Adrenaline team member, Mick Alexander, finished on top of the individual leader board having raised more than \$15,000.

The organising committee, led by Steve Ballard, was thrilled after the event last year topped \$70,000, and has raised almost \$220,000 for the Trust Fund over three years.

The event was sponsored by Adrenaline Boxing and Conditioning, Asahi Beverages, Surdex Steel, Commercial Club Albury and Vision Screenprinting.

The organising committee announced the event would be held on March 15 and 16, 2024, with plans underway to recruit more gyms and sporting clubs.



KEY PROJECTS

NEW EQUIPMENT

THE Trust Fund was proud to make a record investment of more than \$608,000 in new equipment to benefit prostate cancer, and head and neck cancer patients, from across the region.

The first commitment was \$306,500 for a new ultrasound machine and other equipment to improve the accuracy and time taken to conduct prostate cancer biopsies at Wodonga Hospital.

It also allowed Albury Wodonga Health, in partnership with GenesisCare, to become the first regional hospital, and only the second public hospital, in Victoria to offer a rectal spacer program to prostate cancer patients undergoing radiation therapy.

In its first year of use, the equipment was used for 176 biopsies, while 60 men accessed the rectal spacer

program to reduce the side effects of radiotherapy.

This grant was made possible through a \$256,000 donation by the Horne Family Trust, and \$50,000 from the Murray Valley Centre.

Similar equipment was also purchased for Northeast Health Wangaratta.

The Trust Fund provided a \$300,000 grant which gave men in the Wangaratta region access to quicker and safer prostate cancer treatment.

Previously, prostate cancer patients would have to travel to Wodonga or Melbourne for a biopsy.

Other vital pieces of equipment that we committed to funding were a rhino-laryngo video scope, strobe and microphone valued at \$88,000 for Albury Wodonga Health to benefit head and neck cancer patients.

The rhino-laryngo video scope, valued at \$70,350,

was considered the "gold standard" for swallowing and voice assessment, and was a first for the Border region.

A strobe and microphone valued at \$17,500 was also purchased to exam the movement of the vocal cords to help patients experiencing voice difficulties.

Both this equipment, and the ultrasound machine for Northeast Health Wangaratta, was generously supported by the Horne Family Trust.

To help families caring for palliative care patients at home, the Trust Fund provided a grant of \$6000 to Albury Wodonga Health to develop a new resource package.

Some 200 Carer at Home Packs were funded for community palliative care clients who require a syringe drive at home for end-of-life care.

WELLNESS CENTRE

FROM mindfulness to counselling, yoga and exercise programs, the Wellness Centre within the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre helped a record number of patients and carers during the 2022-2023 financial year.

The Trust Fund invested \$297,000 in the centre to support the emotional, physical and psychological needs of patients and their families, in conjunction with their medical treatment.

The highest attendance was seen in clinical psychology services, with 617 sessions provided. This included 129 new referrals, compared to 71 the year before.

Use of the subsidised voucher program grew significantly, with access to lymphoedema therapy added in November 2022.

A total of 450 vouchers were distributed for massage, physiotherapy, dietetics and lymphoedema therapy services provided outside of the Wellness Centre, compared to 154 in the previous financial year.

Demand for exercise oncology increased by 37 per cent, with 42 group program participants, and 28 patients were provided with individualised programs which was a first for this year.

Just one mindfulness class was run by Wellness Centre Coordinator, Ben Engel, and attended by 14 participants. There were plans to recruit an external mindfulness trainer in the next financial year.

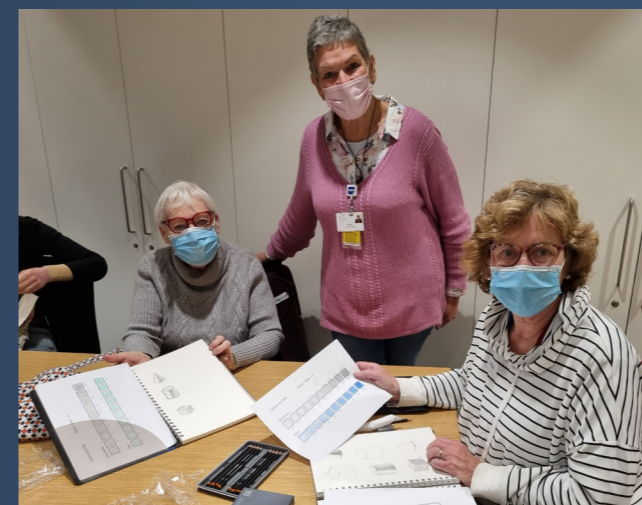
The Women's Wellness group continued to run with good levels of attendance, while a monthly men's barbeque introduced in November 2022 was attended by between 10 and 14 men each month.

More than 30 patients and carers participated in yoga, while art therapy was introduced in October with between seven and nine registrations per term.

This year saw the return of the Look Good Feel Better workshops, following a break because of COVID, with 39 participants for this year, while the Brave Hearts Wig Library continued to operate three days per week.

As well as offering patients a quiet place to relax and have a cuppa, the Wellness Centre also stocked an array of donated items such as beanies and crocheted blankets available free of charge to patients.

Also new this year was weekly visits from therapy dog in-training, George, and his owner, cancer survivor, Justine Rofe.





RESEARCH

MORE patients in Albury-Wodonga and surrounding areas were able to access local clinical trials thanks to funding provided by the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

Almost \$100,000 was invested in the Border Medical Oncology Research Unit as part of an ongoing commitment to fund a clinical trials nurse four days a week.

This ensured the unit was able to continue to recruit regional and rural patients to local clinical trials involving a range of cancers.

During the 2022-2023 financial year, there were 86 trials underway at the cancer centre with 219 patients.

This included 47 trials open for recruitment, of which more than 50 per cent were non-pharma trials and in most cases, vastly underfunded.

Of all the trials on offer, 11 involved ovarian cancer thanks to money raised through the Kelsey Watts Memorial Ovarian Cancer Research Grant.

These included three Phase 1 trials, which are an exciting opportunity to test promising new treatments on a small group of patients for the first time.

Local clinical trials give patients the opportunity to play a more active role in their own health care, with research staff providing medical treatment and more frequent health check-ups as part of their participation.

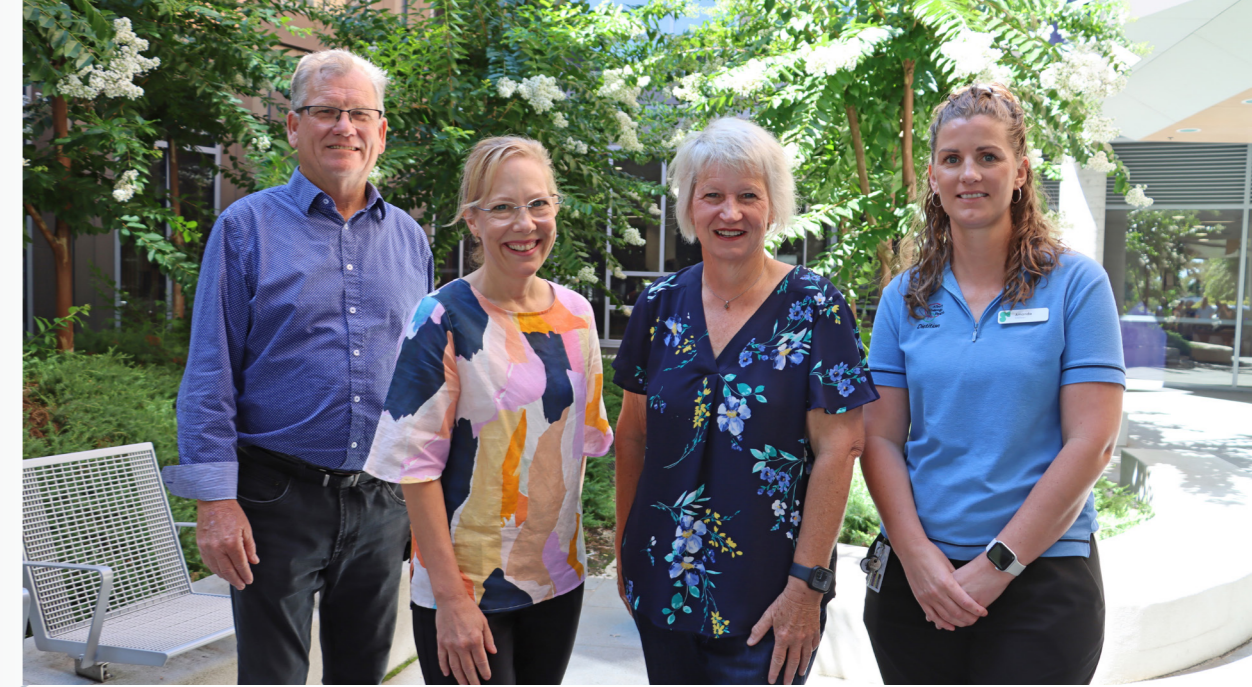
The Trust Fund also provided \$25,652 for a study into the fear of cancer recurrence in older women who have completed treatment for gynaecological cancer.

The funding was part of a \$64,000 commitment over three years for research overseen by the Border Medical Oncology Research Unit, UNSW Rural Clinical

School and the La Trobe University John Richards Centre for Rural Ageing Research.

It involves delving into the database of patients treated for gynaecological cancers over the past 10 years, as well as interviews with a sample of up to 15 cancer survivors.

A second project included in the funding will look to introduce the OlderCan support tool, which encourages older people to write down information about themselves that their care team might not otherwise know, and photos of what is important to them to improve supportive care of cancer patients aged 70 and over.



STAFF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

THE Trust Fund made its largest investment to date in staff education and training at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

Almost \$86,000 was spent on supporting health professionals to further develop their skills in caring for people with cancer and their families.

This helped established the cancer centre as an employer of choice, with specialised skill development being promoted to assist with staff recruitment and retention.

As part of the Oncology Education Program, more than \$61,000 was provided to assist staff to attend key cancer-related conferences and to take part in training provided in-house, offsite and online.

The program also assisted staff to obtain professional memberships, undertake undergraduate and postgraduate study and complete professional development courses.

Scholarships were provided to 15 staff to undertake study in a range of subjects including a Bachelor of Nursing, research ethics, breast cancer trials and a chemotherapy course at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

Two sessions on recognising and responding to clinical deterioration

were attended by 27 staff members, while a cardiac rhythm and ECG course was attended by 22 participants.

Six sessions were held to help staff recognise the signs and symptoms of burnout and compassion fatigues.

A new shared learning platform was purchased to provide more opportunities for staff to access education sessions anywhere and at any time.

Content includes the regular education sessions offered to staff during their Monday lunchbreaks, which has included topics such as skin care during radiation therapy, cancer survivorship, oral health and older patients with cancer and the Australian Cancer Plan.

A new scholarship was launched in honour of former Deputy Prime Minister, Tim Fischer, who lost his battle with myeloid leukaemia in 2019.

The first recipient of the Tim Fischer Memorial Scholarship was announced as dietician, Amanda Kiss, who hoped to reduce the incidence of malnutrition among local cancer patients.

The scholarship provides recipients with \$27,000 to complete a Master of Cancer Sciences degree offered online through the University of Melbourne over two years.



SPECIAL PROJECT PAEDIATRIC CANCER CARE COORDINATOR

THE Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund was proud to announce a new \$330,000 project to help local families of children diagnosed with cancer.

The position of Paediatric Cancer Care Coordinator was created at Albury Wodonga Health following a \$60,000 donation from the Albury SS&A Club, and \$50,000 from Danny and Caroline Phegan.

The role was the first of its kind in regional Victoria.

Both the SS&A Club and Phegan family have committed to providing an annual donation of the same value over three years to help support paediatric cancer patients and coordinate care, such as maintenance chemotherapy and symptom management, closer to home.

Experienced paediatric nurse, Joanna Owen, was appointed to the part-time role in April 2023, with her work overseen by Albury Wodonga Health and the Royal Children's Hospital Paediatric Integrated Cancer Service.

At the time of her appointment, there were 58 paediatric patients in their first to five years of treatment in our local region.

After just three months in the role, Joanna was able to facilitate three patients having chemotherapy in Albury rather than having to travel to the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.

She was also able to help five patients access local imaging and pathology and avoid travel, as well as linking three patients to local

counselling services to help them with their diagnosis associated trauma.

Joanna's role provides a real time link with the Royal Children's treating team to facilitate the timely commence of treatment, advice and clear communication with the treating team, including the treating oncologist.

It also provides an important point of contact for families who many have questions or concerns.

The Trust Fund also committed to providing more than \$160,000 over three years expand the cancer care coordinator service provided to adults at the cancer centre.

The service increased from 38 to 57 hours a week to provide further support for cancer patients with complex needs.

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc
Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc

Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bendigo Bank Cash Management	1,287,314	1,052,731
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	2,027,920	2,011,793
Bendigo Bank Business Account	812	331
ANZ Business Account	2,780	2,629
Stripe Account	1,352	4,449
Accounts Receivable	19,855	35,000
GST Receivable/(Owing)	<u>39,356</u>	<u>16,054</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,379,389</u>	<u>3,122,987</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Computer Equipment	<u>2,538</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Non-current assets	<u>2,538</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,381,927</u>	<u>3,122,987</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	<u>34,667</u>	<u>58,439</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>34,667</u>	<u>58,439</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>3,347,260</u>	<u>3,064,548</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Retained surplus at beginning of period	3,064,548	2,499,607
Surplus for the year	<u>282,712</u>	<u>564,941</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>3,347,260</u>	<u>3,064,548</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc
Income and Expenditure Statement
for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Donations	217,524	211,083
Sunshine Walk	273,179	238,484
Community Events	314,825	249,259
Funeral Donations & Bequests	521,946	56,593
Corporate Friends	377,925	264,729
Interest	16,714	10,776
Technology Project	-	50,000
	<u>1,722,113</u>	<u>1,080,924</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Pillars of Support		
Equipment	608,468	
Wellness Centre	296,711	169,545
Education Project	85,982	25,000
Research	123,320	124,459
General Expenses		
Promotional	527	625
Small Grants	41,262	(17,380)
Events	55,268	13,217
Wages	166,723	155,705
Bank fees	930	472
Board Expenses	326	3,516
Consulting & Accounting	-	1,058
Other	<u>59,884</u>	<u>39,766</u>
	<u>1,439,401</u>	<u>515,983</u>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	<u>282,712</u>	<u>564,941</u>

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2023

Basis of Preparation

The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc is an Incorporated Association domiciled in Australia.

Note 1: Statement of Compliance

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Trust Fund is not a reporting entity. The financial reports of the entity have been drawn up as a special purpose financial report in order to provide financial statements which satisfy the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act* and the recognition and measurement aspects of applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Note 2: Statement of Accounting Policies

Set out below is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements:

(a) Revenue

Donations are brought to account when received. Interest is brought to account when it is earned.

(b) Tax

The Trust Fund is exempt from income tax and was registered for GST during the 2023 & 2022 financial years.

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc

Statement by Members of the Board of Management for the year ended 30 June 2023

In the opinion of the Board of Management:

- a) the Trust Fund is not a reporting entity
- b) the financial report set out on pages 1 to 3 is drawn up in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Notes 1 and 2 so as to present fairly the results of the Trust Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and the state of affairs at that date; and
- c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



Renea Maskell, Treasurer

Dated: 22nd day of November 2023



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc (the Trust Fund), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, the income and expenditure statement and a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by the Members of the Board of Management.

In our opinion, except for the effects, if any, on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust Fund as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial report, the *Associations Incorporation Act* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not practicable for Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc to establish internal controls over all sources of income raising activities prior to receipt of these funds by the organisation. Accordingly, it is not possible for our audit examination to include procedures that extend beyond the amounts of such income recorded in the accounting records of the Trust Fund.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Trust Fund's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Act* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The Board of Management are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information contained in the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board of Management for the Financial Report

The Board of Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Act* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Trust Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Trust Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Management are responsible for overseeing the Trust Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Managements' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation



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Partner

16 November 2023
Albury

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- Andrew Osborne
- Bev Grunow's Dance Group
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- Danny and Caroline Phegan, and family
- Delaney family
- John and Sharon Waldron
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- Kevin Allitt's Christmas lights display
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