

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc.



Annual Report

2024-2025

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Our Vision

Every person diagnosed with cancer in our regional community can have access to high quality cancer treatment and/or support services close to home and to their loved ones.



Our Purpose

We encourage and support our regional community to raise funds to improve local cancer services. We manage and allocate the funds raised to help provide the best outcomes for local people with cancer.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people who identify as the traditional owners and custodians of the land, waters and nations on which we deliver and receive our donations. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging on those same land, waters and nations.

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Introduction

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 in 2014.

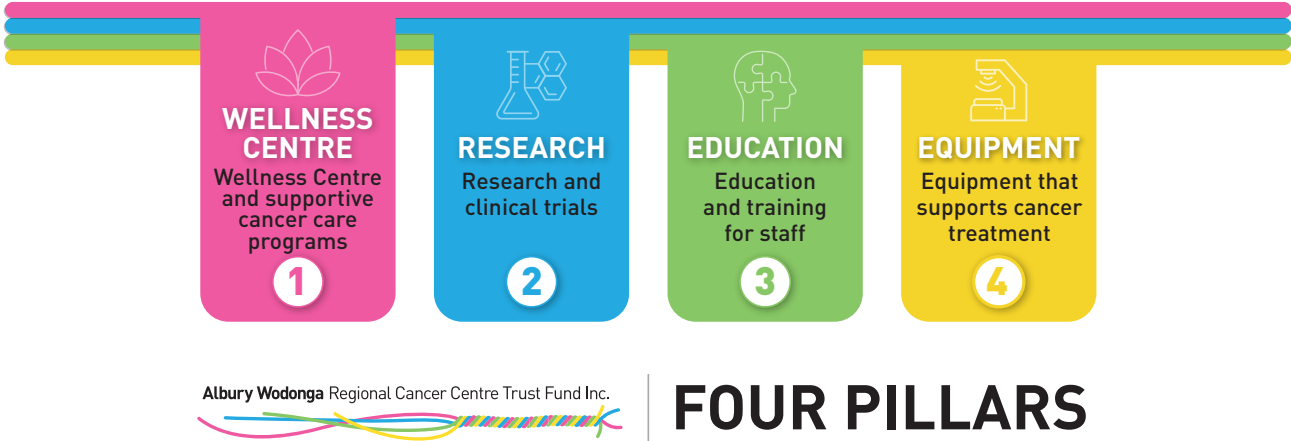
With an average of 350 patients a day being treated at the AWRCC, the Trust Fund works tirelessly to raise funds to ensure that our local community members have access to a first-class cancer facility.

We allocate donations to the service area most in need, with a focus on our 4 key pillars of support:

- Pillar 1: Wellness Centre
- Pillar 2: Research and clinical trials
- Pillar 3: Education and training for staff
- Pillar 4: Equipment that supports cancer treatment.

We are proud to be a 100% local charity. All funds raised stay in our region to support our family, friends, colleagues and fellow community members with their cancer journey.

The Trust Fund remains transparent and accountable to our community. We encourage you to read on and learn more about the impact your donations have made in the 2024-25 financial year.



Message from our Board Chair

Michelle Hensel

Dear Supporters, Friends, and Stakeholders,

As I reflect on my nine years on the Trust Fund Board, seven as the Board Chair, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and pride. When I first joined, the idea of raising a million dollars felt almost impossible! And yet, not only did we reach it, but we have also repeated it year after year. That growth is extraordinary, but what I treasure most is the connection we have built with our community. People trust us, they engage with our events, and they come together with generosity and purpose. From the first Sunshine Walk, where we ordered only 60 T-shirts, to now thousands of walkers joining in memory, celebration, and hope, the journey has been incredible.

One of the achievements I am most proud of is the creation of the Wellness Centre. This remarkable space began as the vision of the late Eric Turner, a man far ahead of his time, who dreamed of a place that offered more than treatment: a place of care, connection, and comfort for cancer patients and their families. Seeing Eric's vision come to life has taken years of dedication and unwavering support from our Board, volunteers, community and Wellness Centre Staff. Today the Wellness Centre stands as a beacon of hope.

Our Paediatric Cancer Care Coordinator program has tugged at my heartstrings. As a parent who has faced the rare cancer journey with my son, Braedon, I know firsthand how vital local treatment and support services are. That we can provide this support in our community, so families can stay close to home while receiving world-class care, is something I will always cherish.



“To everyone who has donated, walked, volunteered, or shared their story, you are the reason the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre continues to thrive”.

The Trust Fund has also faced challenges, and through each of them, our community's support has shone brightly. During the COVID-19 pandemic, for example, we faced uncertainty like never before, but the generosity of our supporters never wavered. People continued to give, and we found new ways to keep our doors open, ensuring that our vital programs continued to be funded. It was a reminder that our work is never about events and fundraising alone, it's about the people whose lives are touched by our efforts, and the difference that our community can make when we come together.

The research we fund locally is equally inspiring. Even when a clinical trial cannot cure, it offers hope to patients and families, and the opportunity to change the future for others. We can't always change the outcome for people, but we can change the journey, and we can make it better.

My drive comes from a deep passion for people with cancer to stay true to themselves when going through cancer treatment. Patients should be able to keep their identity, and the only way you do that is by staying close to home, where you are more than a number. By supporting our community to raise vital funds, we have been able to ensure our local community members can continue to engage with their community and family, stay true to themselves, and maintain their identity.

I am also deeply proud of the team we have built along the way. From our dedicated Board members to the volunteers and staff who give so generously of their time, the Trust Fund's achievements are a testament to people working together with passion and purpose. We've always had the right mix of strategic thinkers, numbers experts, and deeply committed hearts, and together we've grown the Trust Fund into a highly respected and trusted local organisation. Their unwavering dedication has made my role as Board Chair both inspiring and humbling.

For me personally, serving as Chair of the Board has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. It has been an honour to work alongside people who have come together for a single purpose: to ensure no one in our community faces cancer alone.

As I prepare to step away, I do so with a heart full of gratitude. To our community, thank you for your trust, for your compassion, and for your unwavering support. I would like to thank my colleagues who have also volunteered nine years to the Trust Fund, Kerry Strauch and Anthony Liston and Bryan Blake (8 years), your dedication, passion and expertise over the many years has been invaluable.

To everyone who has donated, walked, volunteered, or shared their story, you are the reason the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre continues to thrive.

And finally, if you would like to help, I encourage you to join the Trust Fund at our annual Sunshine Walk. This walk is a way honour the lives of those who we have loved and lost to cancer, and those going through cancer treatment.

Yours in Sunshine,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Michelle Hensel".

Treasurers Report

Anne-Marie Humphries



For the 2024-25 financial year, the total income received by the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund was \$1,745,481. This is the second highest fundraising total since our establishment.

This demonstrates the continued generosity of the community in supporting the Trust Fund and the important work we do to help improve cancer care and support in our local area.

Over the years, the Trust has worked hard to develop multiple sources of income. The generous donations from our corporate friends accounted for about 25% of the income received. This helps us make secure, ongoing funding commitments to key programs at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

We are also incredibly grateful for the many and varied community events run throughout our region to support the Trust with community events contributing nearly 22% of the income received. General donations and funeral donations and bequests also increased over 2024-25.

We appreciate the planning and effort of the many volunteers and our team that continues to make our signature Sunshine Events including Sunshine Walk and Sunshine Ride such a success. In 2024-25 the various Sunshine Events raised nearly \$282,000.

For the 2024-25 financial year, total expenses were \$1,805,194.

Over 84% or \$1.468 million of the expenses for 2024-25 were for Program Support Grants that Trust has made. This is the largest amount that the Trust has made in grants since its establishment.

Of this amount, \$1.31 million was for grants made to our 4 Key Pillars: Equipment, Wellness Centre, Research and Education. This demonstrates that the Trust is meeting the commitments we make to our community to use the funds we receive to improve local cancer services.

Total staff expenses including wages and salaries were \$196,930, which represented about 11% of the Trust's total income for the 2024-25 FY which is well within the target maximum level of 15%. Other operating expenses and overheads also remain low at less than 8% of income.

While the Trust's expenses exceeded our income for the 2024-25 financial year as a result of the significant increase in grants made, as Board members we have taken care to ensure we maintain a prudent level of cash reserves. This allows us to have the flexibility to respond to the funding needs of key stakeholders of the AWRCC. In 2024-25, we were therefore able to approve several significant grants for the purchase of specialised equipment to improve cancer care in our local community.

At 30 June 2025, the Trust held \$3.57 million in at-call bank accounts and term deposits.

The Trust has made ongoing funding commitments for the 2025-26 to 2026-27 financial years for the Wellness Centre, Education and Research of \$818,000 a year, so we are consistently maintaining cash reserves to meet these commitments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Anne-Marie Humphries.

Our Impact



In 2024-25, the Trust contributed a record **\$1.31 million** across our 4 Pillars. We encourage you to read on to discover not only where your donations have been allocated, but the positive impact your generosity has made.

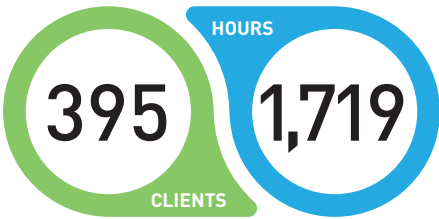
Pillar 1 - Wellness Centre

The Wellness Centre continues to be a leader in the provision of cancer care in regional Australia. Thanks to community donations, the Trust Fund was able to invest **\$473,998** in a range of support services to help people with cancer, their families and carers.

Support Programs 2024-25

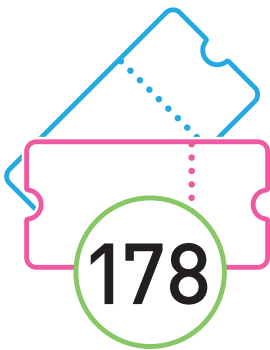
Psychosocial appointments

Demand for these services remains strong, with 395 unique clients seen over 1,719 clinical hours.



Voucher Program

Subsidised Voucher Program for Oncology Massage, Physiotherapy, Dietetics, Lymphoedema Therapy with over 178 vouchers claimed.



Yoga Classes

Yoga benefited over 40 participants



Exercise oncology

Continues to grow and be a flagship service.

Support Groups

including the Men’s BBQ and Art classes.

Expanding Social Work Support for Patients and Families

Michelle Frei pictured with Trust Fund Manager, Andrew Mackinlay.



For many people facing a cancer diagnosis, the journey extends far beyond medical treatment. It becomes an emotional, logistical, and deeply personal experience—one that often requires more than clinical care alone.

At the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre, social workers play a vital role in supporting patients and families through this challenging time. In 2024-25, Albury Wodonga Health identified a significant rise in demand for social work services and submitted a request for expanded support to the Trust Fund. Thanks to the generosity of donors and community fundraising, the Trust Fund was able to respond, enabling an expansion of social work capacity within the Wellness Centre.

This support made it possible for a dedicated social worker to provide tailored, compassionate care to more patients and carers across the region. Whether it’s offering a single conversation of reassurance or months of practical and emotional support, our social workers help individuals navigate the social and psychological impacts of cancer, at a time when people often feel overwhelmed or uncertain.

Referrals to the social work team come from across the healthcare system, including oncologists, nurses, ward staff, and even directly from patients themselves. The support needs vary widely, from urgent emotional distress to assistance with housing, financial stress, or long-term psychosocial care.

The impact of this expanded service is both immediate and lasting. Patients and families receive help at critical moments; relieving stress, restoring dignity, and offering guidance through what is often one of the most difficult periods of their lives.

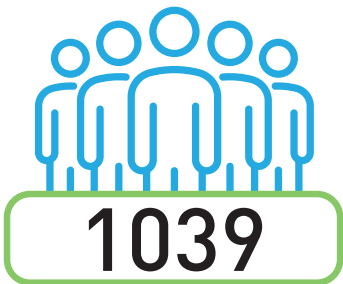
Importantly, this kind of care would not be possible without community support. Every donation to the Trust Fund helps support compassionate, holistic cancer care. These contributions remind patients that they are not alone—and that their wellbeing matters on every level.

Pillar 2 - Research

The Trust Fund invested **\$100,000** with the Border Medical Research Unit to fund the Clinical Research Nurse 4 days a week. Participation in clinical trials provides our local community members with the opportunity to play an active role in their own health care, with research staff providing medical care and more frequent health checkups.

Without this funding, our patients would need to travel to Melbourne or Sydney to participate in clinical trials.

Clinical Trial Data 2024-25



1,039 new patients were reviewed by the service.



188 patients participated in research projects ranging from Phase 1 Clinical Trials through to survey and registry studies.



35 clinical trials were available to the area's regional cancer patients.



Clinical Trial Patient
Gwynda Morrow with
Clinical Research Nurse,
Katie Piper.

Gwynda's Journey Highlights the Life-Changing Impact of Local Clinical Trials

When Gwynda Morrow joined a clinical trial at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre in 2021, she expected it would last just six months. Now, four years on, she continues to participate and describes it as one of the most positive decisions she has made.

Through monthly visits that include regular consultations with her oncologist and dedicated Clinical Research Nurse, Gwynda has not only been managing her condition but also contributing to critical advances in cancer research. For Gwynda, one of the most remarkable outcomes has been avoiding the need for blood transfusions during her ongoing treatment, something she directly attributes to the benefits of the clinical trial.

The study she's part of is helping researchers better understand the effectiveness and tolerability of new cancer drugs. Blood samples and ongoing data collected throughout her treatment are providing valuable insights that may improve outcomes for future patients both locally and beyond.

Gwynda's story is a powerful reflection of how local access to research-driven care can lead to real, life-changing outcomes. Her experience highlights the value of clinical trials not just in advancing science, but in delivering hope, stability, and improved quality of life for those facing cancer.

Pillar 3 - Education and Training

Professional development at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre is made possible thanks to the generosity of our community. In 2024-25 the Trust Fund has invested **\$115,758** in professional development across cancer-related fields and scholarships.

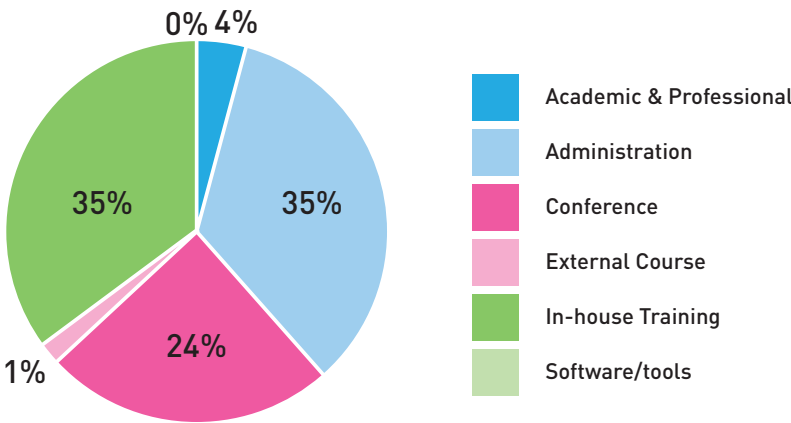
The objectives for committing annual funding to staff education is to ensure that our community benefits from enhancing clinical standards through knowledge obtained by staff attendance at National Conferences and at both in-house and offsite professional development sessions.

In 2024-25, the Education Committee were also able to create a new In-house professional development course on Haematological Malignancies (blood cancers).

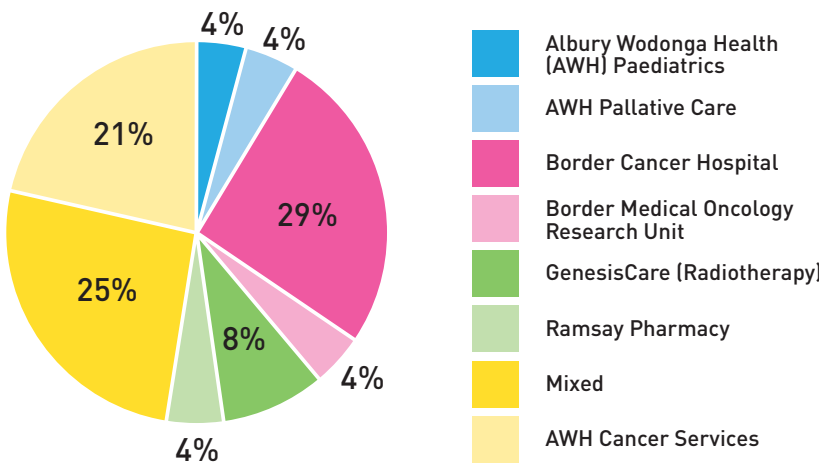
Professional development sessions were attended by a broad range of staff who work in cancer services including those from Albury Wodonga Health Paediatrics, AWH Palliative Care, Border Medical Oncology Research Unit, Genesis Care, Ramsay Pharmacy, Border Cancer Hospital and the AWH Cancer Services Team.

The following professional development opportunities were made available to healthcare professionals working in oncology care within our region.

ALLOCATED FUNDS BY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TYPE



STAFF LOCATIONS WITHIN CANCER SERVICES



IN MEMORY

In memory of the generous bequest received from the Late Tim Fischer who was an important advocate for the Trust Fund and received treatment at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre for many years,

the Trust Fund continues to provide scholarships to local staff to further their cancer education. The two current scholarship recipients are **Amanda Kiss** and **Jessica Donnelly**.



Kate White and participants, learning together.

Overcoming the Challenge of Addressing the Impact of Cancer on Intimacy and Sexual Function

For many cancer patients, the journey to recovery is shaped not only by physical treatments but also by the less visible challenges, those that are often harder to articulate and even harder to address. Among the most deeply felt and rarely discussed is the impact of cancer on intimacy and sexual health.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, 26 healthcare professionals from across the Albury Wodonga region were able to attend a powerful workshop titled “Overcoming the Challenge of Addressing the Impact of Cancer on Intimacy and Sexual Function.” This Trust Fund-supported training aimed to build confidence and skills among staff in addressing this sensitive yet crucial aspect of cancer care.

Led by Professor Kate White from the Sydney Nursing School, University of Sydney and The Daffodil Centre, the session explored how cancer and its treatment can deeply affect a person’s body image, self-esteem, and intimate relationships. The workshop provided tools, language, and frameworks to start meaningful conversations about sexual health.

The education offered during the workshop had immediate, tangible benefits. Staff left with a stronger understanding of how to integrate

these conversations into care, and a clearer awareness of local support resources available to patients. The Cancer Centre’s Education Committee, which facilitated the event, credited community donors for making it possible. Committee member Diane Davey highlighted the value of such training, emphasising that continued donor support enables the Centre to provide meaningful learning opportunities that uplift patient care across the board.

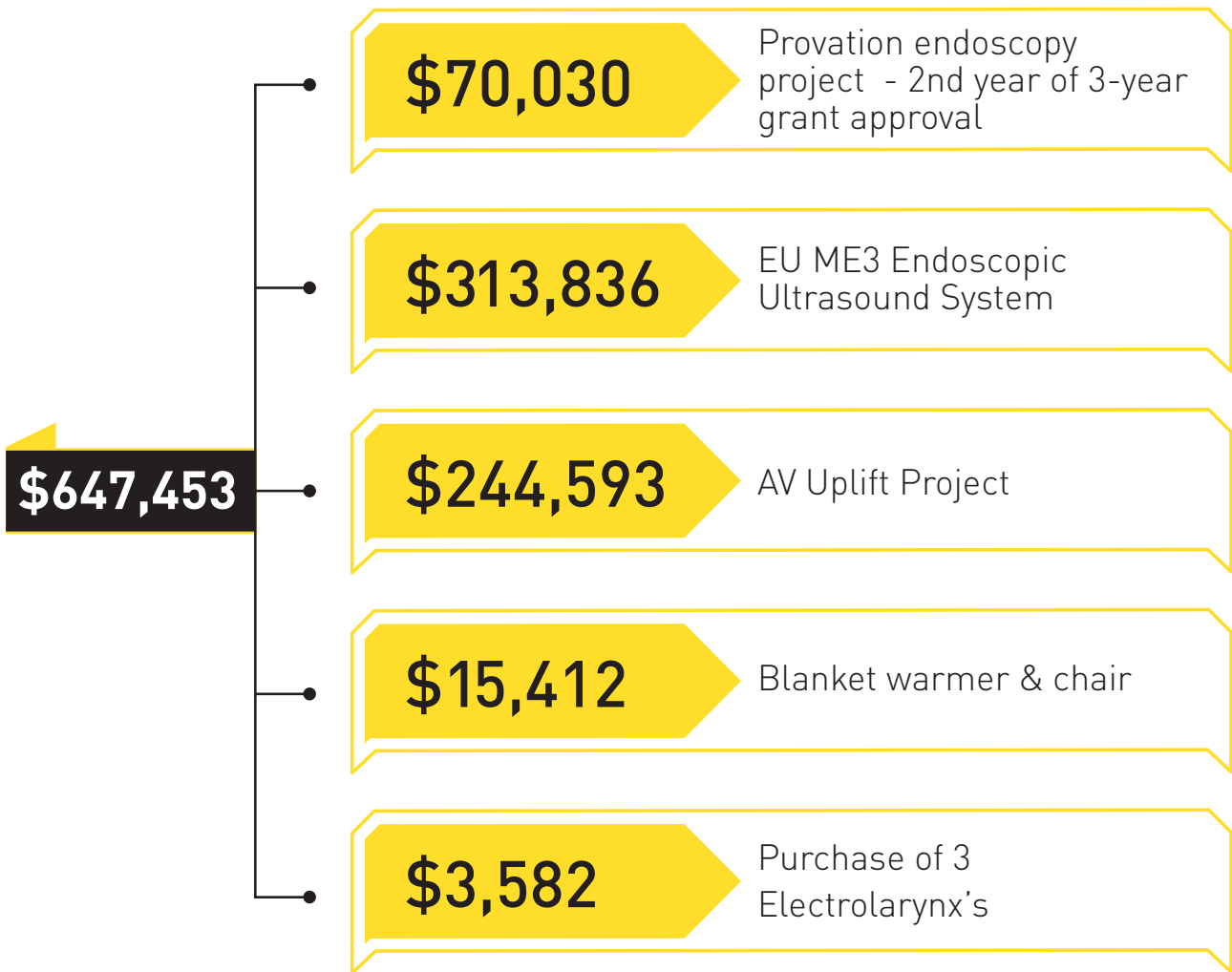


Albury Wodonga regional staff at Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA) and International Society for Nurses in Cancer Care (ICCN) in Adelaide.

Pillar 4 - Equipment

In 2024-25, the Trust Fund invested **\$647,453** to improve cancer treatment and outcomes in our local community.

Equipment purchases in 2024-25



Jenny Horne pictured with Trust Fund and AWH staff and executives celebrating the success of the EBUS.

Game-Changing Lung Cancer Equipment Funded for the Border

A major boost for lung cancer care has arrived on the Border, with new advanced diagnostic equipment purchased thanks to a generous donation from local supporters, the Horne Family, in partnership with the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

Valued at over \$313,000, the new Ultrasound Processor and Ultrasonic Hybrid Bronchoscope are now in use at Albury Wodonga Health's respiratory unit. These tools enhance the precision of Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) procedures, leading to more accurate diagnosis and staging of lung cancer, crucial for early detection and improved treatment outcomes.

Previously, many patients needed to travel to metropolitan centres for this level of care. Now, access is available locally, helping families stay closer to home. With more than 230 EBUS procedures performed annually, the equipment supports both higher-quality diagnostics and future service growth.

The new equipment has already begun making a difference and is expected to benefit hundreds of patients each year, a milestone in the Trust Fund's mission to improve cancer outcomes across the region.

Other Investments

KEY TO ENSURING OUR LOCAL PATIENTS HAVE ACCESS TO WORLD CLASS CARE ARE THE AWH CANCER CARE COORDINATOR AND PAEDIATRIC CANCER CARE COORDINATOR POSITIONS.

Cancer Care Coordinator Nicole Webb demonstrating the use of new Hearing equipment made possible through community donations.



Cancer Care Coordinator Supporting Patients Every Step of the Way

Thanks to our community, the Trust Fund pays 50% of the costs for a Cancer Care Coordinator who continues to make a significant difference to the lives of people navigating a cancer diagnosis.

This role ensures that patients, regardless of circumstance, receive compassionate, personalised support through what can be one of the most challenging chapters of their life.

In 2024-25, the Cancer Care Coordinator has supported 313 individual patients, with more than 1,300 points of contact to ensure that those in need do not face their journey alone.

For many patients, this support goes far beyond clinical care. Those who are socially isolated or living with low literacy receive tailored, hands-on assistance to help them access the services they need. This often includes attending appointments alongside patients, arranging transport and accommodation, and helping with applications for financial assistance.

One patient shared:

"I don't know how I would have managed on my own. Having someone sit with me in appointments, explain things in plain language, and help with all the forms made an enormous difference. It felt like someone was finally in my corner."



Paediatric Cancer Care Coordinator Bringing Care Closer to Home for Our Youngest Patients

In 2024-25, one of the Trust Fund's more recent initiatives, the Paediatric Oncology Care Program, was recognised as a finalist for its innovative approach to delivering childhood cancer care closer to home. This program is only possible thanks to the generosity of our community, whose support continues to ease the burden for families facing childhood cancer.

At the heart of the program, the Paediatric Cancer Care Co-Ordinator provides specialist expertise to ensure children, and their families receive seamless, personalised care throughout their treatment journey. Their work has enabled more children to stay connected to home, school, and community while undergoing treatment.

BEHIND THE NUMBERS:

Paediatric Oncology Care Program Impact in 2024-25

- **126** local clinic reviews
- **19** rounds of chemotherapy administered locally
- **130** pathology tests facilitated
- **30** hospital admissions supported
- **80,000+ km** travel saved for families this year (**188,648 km since launch in 2023-24**)
- **11** children discharged from the service

FINALIST 2024 Victorian Public Healthcare Awards: 'Care Closer to Home' Category

Being named a finalist in the Victorian Public Healthcare Awards for 2024 is a proud recognition of this program's innovation and impact. While we didn't take home the trophy, we see the program as a world-class example of what regional healthcare can achieve.

- A 13-year-old girl was able to receive 30 of her 40 chemotherapy sessions locally, **saving her family 16,000km in travel and over 180 hours on the road**, giving her more time with friends and siblings.
- A young boy with autism received a tailored care plan that respected his needs and reduced the stress of hospital visits.

Community Engagement

For the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund, the grants made, and programs supported would not be possible without the generous support of our local community.

Community events and fundraising efforts represent many thousands of volunteer hours, demonstrating the incredible spirit of community that makes our work possible.

Every single donation, no matter the size, makes a difference.



SUNSHINE WALK: Steps of Hope and Stories of Strength



As the sun rose over Hovell Tree Park, hundreds of community members gathered in a sea of yellow shirts, ready to walk in support of local cancer services.

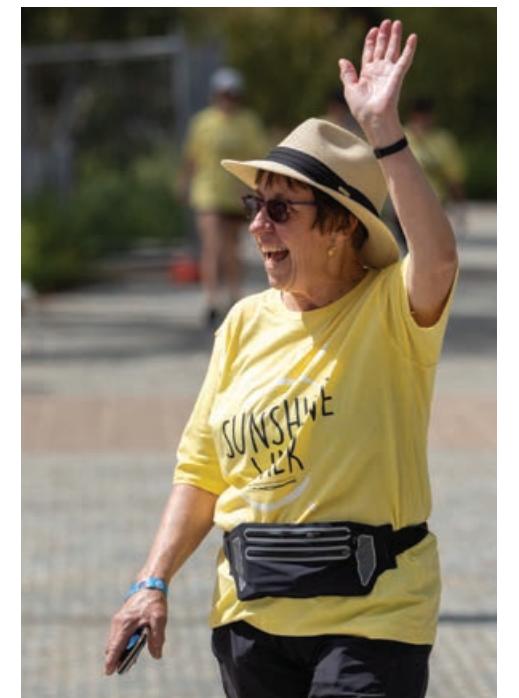
The 2024 Sunshine Walk once again proved to be more than a fundraising event, it was a heartfelt celebration of courage, connection, and community.

Now in its sixth year, the Sunshine Walk continues to grow in impact and meaning. Each of the 900 participants had their own reason for walking, whether to honour a loved one, support a friend undergoing treatment, or give back to a service that had touched their lives. Among them were 67 teams, raising a total of \$140,000 for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

Along the 5 km, 10 km and 20 km routes participants were greeted with water stations, fruit, encouragement from volunteers, and moments of quiet reflection. New friendships were formed, teams cheered each other on, and the energy was one of joy and solidarity.

In Corowa, the satellite event drew 72 walkers and raised over \$8,500, with participants following the scenic tracks along the Murray River between Corowa and Wahgunyah. What began as a small group of colleagues has grown into a strong community tradition, contributing over \$60,000 to the Trust Fund in just six years.

The Sunshine Walk is built on a simple but powerful promise: to keep care local and to walk alongside those facing cancer. Every step taken and every dollar raised brings that mission closer to reality. As the final participants crossed the finish line smiling and cheering, it was clear that this year's walk had done just that.



SUNSHINE RIDE:

Celebrating our Amazing Community Spirit



The Sunshine Ride has once again demonstrated the power of community, raising a record-breaking \$151,407.32 for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund in 2025. This 24-hour stationary bike challenge continues to grow as a key event supporting local cancer services.



This year's ride featured 292 entrants across 27 teams in six locations, including Adrenaline Boxing and Conditioning, Gurus Albury, Comet Cycles, Natural Beauty, ALLFIT, and M&M X-Treme World of Fitness. Together, participants made 1,308 donations with 298 active fundraisers contributing to the tremendous total.

The event is not about distance or speed, but community spirit. Teams rode through day and night, joined by a range of engaging activities leading up to the ride, such as a Bosses "lock-up" fundraiser, Music Trivia Night, BBQs, poker competitions, and the AWRCC Race Day event.

Since its inception in 2021, the Sunshine Ride has raised over \$510,000, directly funding vital services, treatments, and research at the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre.

The success of the event reflects the dedication of the Sunshine Ride Committee and the overwhelming generosity of the local community. Behind the scenes, countless volunteer hours ensure every participant has a positive experience. The strong support of sponsors further highlights how fortunate the region is to have such a caring and committed community.

SUNSHINE SWIM:

Making a Splash for Cancer Support

The inaugural Sunshine Swim outdid expectations, raising an impressive \$7,507 for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

The February fundraiser saw swimmers of all ages and abilities rack up laps in honour of loved ones affected by cancer. With support from the Ovens & Murray District Swimming Association, the event culminated in a vibrant relay at Corowa featuring 64 swimmers aged 5 to 74, many of whom swam in honour of loved ones impacted by cancer. Relay teams weren't club-based; instead, swimmers were randomly assigned lanes, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and unity.

The fundraiser, complete with yellow swim caps and generous local sponsorship was embraced across the region. Organisers hope to make the Sunshine Swim an annual event, joining the ranks of the Sunshine Walk and Sunshine Ride in supporting cancer services close to home.



SUNSHINE CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC:

Extending Support for Other Communities

In May 2025, the Sunshine Charity Golf Classic brought together golfers, sponsors, and volunteers at the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort for a week of sunshine, generosity and community spirit. Now in its 11th year, the event raised a total of \$34,000, with \$17,000 each donated to the Southern Peninsula Community Support and the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

The event featured five days of golf, a welcome dinner, wine tasting, a gala auction, and plenty of community connection. What stood out for the organisers and attendees was the generosity of community members who donated raffle prizes and auction items in overwhelming numbers.

With plans underway for the 2026 Sunshine Charity Golf Classic underway, we encourage all to register early!



Community Fundraisers



Entrants enjoying the 2025 Lake Hume Cycle Challenge.



Andrew Mackinlay pictured with Rob Simmons, Peter Slocomb, Phil Rouvray, Peter Richardson from the Rotary Club of Albury North.

Lake Hume Cycle Challenge Pedals to Success celebrates its 25th Year

The 25th annual Lake Hume Cycle Challenge (LHCC) was a remarkable celebration of community spirit and dedication to cancer care. Attracting riders from across the globe, including participants from Melbourne and even France, the event enjoyed picture-perfect weather and scenic routes, providing an ideal backdrop for cyclists of all levels to support local cancer services.

This milestone year saw an incredible \$35,000 raised for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund, bringing the event's total fundraising to over \$200,000 since its inception. Each pedal stroke helped move the community closer to its goal of delivering world-class cancer care close to home.

The 25th Lake Hume Cycle Challenge proved that no matter the distance, the power of community and shared purpose continues to drive meaningful impact for cancer patients across the Border region.

Table Top Charity Walk

The Rotary Club of Albury North generously presented a combined cheque and cash donation of \$5,556 to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund, following the success of April's Table Top Charity Walk.

More than 200 walkers participated in the challenging climb, and the event received overwhelming support and positive feedback from the community. Due to its success, the Table Top Charity Walk will become an annual tradition, promising to be a highlight in the fundraising calendar for years to come.

A heartfelt thank you goes to every Rotary Club member who dedicated their time and energy to organising and supporting this event. Special thanks are also extended to the amazing walkers, without whom none of this success would be possible.



Martin Brennan in New Zealand.

Pedals, Pies and Purpose: 3,011 Kilometres for Cancer Support

In an extraordinary act of determination and generosity, Martin Brennan cycled an astonishing 3,011 kilometres across New Zealand in just 18 days, raising \$9,404 for the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund.

Fueled by hot chips, meat pies, and a deep personal connection to the cause, Martin faced both physical and emotional challenges throughout the journey. His ride was entirely self-supported, meaning no support crew followed him, and he was responsible for all aspects of the trip, from accommodation and navigation to bike repairs. That independence brought unique hurdles, from frequent flat tyres to navigating harsh terrain, high winds, and torrential rain.

Cancer has left a significant mark on Martin's life. He supported a close friend through testicular cancer at just 19, stood by his father during treatment for prostate cancer, and paid tribute to his late football coach, Karl Jacka, who died at the age of 35. These personal experiences were the driving force behind his decision to take on the challenge.

For others considering a fundraiser, Martin had practical advice: reach out to the Trust Fund team, set up a fundraising page, and share your story. "It doesn't have to be a massive bike ride," he noted. "Any effort can make a huge difference."



Karen Rannie-Milne, Craig Underhill, Sam Wilson and Bree Kusic celebrating the success of the inaugural State of Origin Fundraising event.

State of Origin Charity Soccer Match

The highly anticipated State of Origin charity soccer fundraiser, held in September 2024, was a remarkable success, raising \$5,400 in support of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund. Featuring elite players from regional teams, the event delivered thrilling men's and women's matches, with New South Wales teams securing victories in both games.

The electric atmosphere brought together passionate fans and generous supporters, all united by a common cause.



Purple Chicken Cafe participants showcasing the crochet chickens.

Purple Chickens Raise \$1,200 for Cancer Services at Community Café

A surprise donation of 64 hand-crocheted purple chickens has turned into a \$1,200 fundraiser for the Trust Fund, thanks to the team at the Purple Chicken Café.

The anonymous parcel arrived with a simple note encouraging the café to do as they wished with the handmade creations. The Purple Chicken team decided to sell the chickens and "pay it forward," with every dollar going to support local cancer services.



Holbrook Long Lunch organising committee members Trish Shea, Helen Geddes, Kate Hicks and Daisie Julian celebrate the success of the inaugural Holbrook Long Lunch with Trust Fund Manager, Andrew Mackinlay.

Holbrook Long Lunch-A Feast of Generosity & Community Spirit

The inaugural Holbrook Long Lunch was an outstanding success, raising \$50,000 for the Trust Fund. Held at The Ten Mile in Holbrook, the event welcomed over 100 guests to enjoy an afternoon of food, music, and heartfelt connection.

The event truly showcased the heart and strength of Holbrook with the community's generosity exceeding all expectations. The organisers and attendees described the day as one filled with warmth and purpose.

The lunch was a true community effort, made possible through the collaboration of the Holbrook Landcare Network, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, and dozens of local volunteers. Following its resounding success, the Holbrook Long Lunch has been confirmed as a biannual fundraiser, with planning already underway for a bigger and even more impactful event in 2027.

Our Volunteer Board of Governance



Our volunteer Board members are responsible for ensuring that the Trust Fund operates effectively and in alignment with our Vision.

Our Board members are drawn from a wide range of local businesses and industries, with experience and knowledge required to govern in an ethical and transparent manner. By fulfilling these responsibilities, the Board plays a crucial role in advancing the mission of the organisation and maintaining the trust of our stakeholders.

In 2024-25, the Board undertook a comprehensive Board Review and Skills Matrix Assessment with the generous support of Blackhall & Pearl, a specialist Board Consulting firm from Melbourne. The outcomes of this review will continue to guide new board member recruitment over the coming years.

Under our Constitution, the Board has a maximum 9-year term for individual Board Directors. At the 2024-25 AGM, three of our members will reach their maximum 9 year term and are stepping down from the Board: Michelle Hensel, Anthony Liston and Kerry Strauch. Bryan Blake has also resigned from the Board after 8 years of service. Renea Maskell resigned from the Board in 2024-25.

We thank all of them for their tireless work and important contribution they have made to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund during their time on the Board and recognise the important contribution they have each made to improving cancer care and services in our local community.

Board Members 2024-25

Name:	Position:
Michelle Hensel	Chair
Richard Lukins	Secretary
Anne-Marie Humphries	Treasurer
Dianne Thomas	Director (on leave of absence)
Kerry Strauch	Director
Bryan Blake	Director
Anthony Liston	Director
David Baker	Director
Bradley Robertson	Director
Shona Stanton	Director
Craig Underhill	Ex-Officio (Clinical)

PHOTOS:
LEFT: Anthony Liston, Bryan Blake, Michelle Hensel and Kerry Strauch stepping down after a combined 35 years of service.
BELOW: Trust Fund Team: Leanne Habgood, Andrew Mackinlay and Justine Rofe.

Our Team



- TRUST FUND MANAGER**
Andrew Mackinlay
(0.8FTE)
- MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**
Justine Rofe
(0.8 FTE)
- ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (Outgoing)**
Leanne Habgood
(0.8 FTE)
- TRUST FUND MANAGER (Outgoing)**
Tom O'Connor
(0.8 FTE)

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc

Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Donation kiosk	3,531	3,278
Business Account	217,336	245,636
Term Deposit / CMA Accounts	3,270,090	3,348,512
Petty cash Account	1,234	816
Stripe Account	4,164	3,879
Accrued Interest	74,542	-
Accounts Receivable	31,778	53,375
Total Current Assets	3,602,675	3,655,496
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Computer and Office Equipment	4,949	4,225
Total Non-current assets	4,949	4,225
TOTAL ASSETS	3,607,624	3,659,721
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	163,817	260,724
GST Payable (Receivable)	77,078	(27,445)
Total Current Liabilities	240,895	260,724
NET ASSETS	3,366,729	3,426,442
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Retained surplus at beginning of period	3,426,442	3,347,260
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	(59,713)	79,182
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	3,366,729	3,426,442

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 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
INCOME		
Donations	1,211,161	857,537
Community Events and Activities	365,475	396,506
Interest	168,845	93,372
	1,745,481	1,347,415
EXPENDITURE		
Equipment	647,452	167,660
Paediatric cancer care	109,425	105,918
Wellness Centre	473,998	441,170
Education Project	86,372	94,224
Research	121,800	113,720
Promotional	2,369	715
Scholarships	29,386	-
Community Events and Activities	65,061	56,977
Wages	196,930	236,057
Bank fees	130	95
Board Expenses	6,607	753
Consulting & Accounting	15,780	6,725
Other	49,884	39,219
	1,805,194	1,263,233
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	(59,713)	79,182

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre Trust Fund Inc

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2025

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 is registered for GST.

Statement by Members of the Board of Management
for the year ended 30 June 2025



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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 2025 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Hensel".

Michelle Hensel (Chair)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Mackinlay".

Andrew Mackinlay (Manager)

Dated: 18th day of September 2025

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 2025, the income and expenditure statement and a summary of material 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 2025 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 2025, 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.

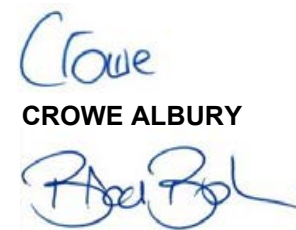
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

18 September 2025
Albury

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Looking Ahead

In closing, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to our success this year.

The Trust Fund’s focus continues to be ensuring that every person diagnosed with cancer in our regional community can have access to high quality cancer treatment and/or support services close to home and their loved ones.

From our dedicated volunteers to our generous donors and community partners, each of you has played a crucial role in helping us achieve our goals. Together, in 2024-25 we have made a significant contribution to improving cancer care and support in our local community.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for your ongoing commitment to making a difference. We look forward to another year of shared success!

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- Volunteer with us.
- Hold your own Fundraising Event.
- Make a donation.
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