



# THE JACK BROCKHOFF FOUNDATION

## Annual Report 2017-2018

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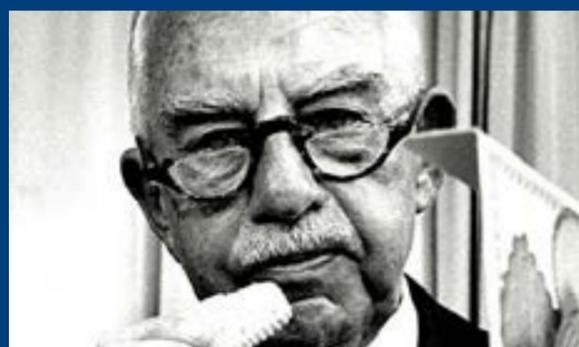
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## OUR FOUNDER



### SIR JACK BROCKHOFF

Sir Jack Brockhoff was Chairman and Managing Director of Brockhoff Biscuits Pty Ltd, a business established by his grandfather in 1880. The business became part of Arnott-Brockhoff-Guest Pty Ltd which later became known as the iconic Australian biscuit brand Arnott's Biscuits Ltd.

Fortunately for the Foundation, Sir Jack was an astute share market investor as well as a successful businessman. His success enabled him to become one of Australia's most significant philanthropists by making what has grown to be a very substantial investment towards the wellbeing of Victorians through the Foundation's grant making.

With his initial gift of shares and funds that established the Foundation in 1979, the Jack Brockhoff Foundation has granted in excess of \$92 million into the Victorian community. With the benefit of hindsight we recognise that Sir Jack's generous initial gift to establish the Jack Brockhoff Foundation has over the years had a profound impact within the Victorian not for profit sector.

- Mr Robert Symons

*"It is our privilege as directors to carry on the fine philanthropic work that Sir Jack initiated, seeking to honour his intentions in an ever-changing world".*



## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

### THE FOUNDATION'S PURPOSE

The purpose of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation is to provide philanthropic support to organisations and individuals whose activities and programs are designed to have a positive and enduring impact on the health and wellbeing of the communities they serve, for the people of Victoria.

### THE FOUNDATION'S FOCUS

The focus of the Foundation's grant making includes these areas of charitable interest: children and youth, older Victorians, people with disabilities and medical research. We seek to support smaller, grassroots community organisations and we have found over the years that our grants often assist organisations to attract further funding.

The Foundation's Directors also understand that small grants can be as effective as larger investments and that collaborative funding with other similarly focussed grant makers is a viable way of increasing grantees' outcomes and sustainability.

### BOARD HISTORY

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Board was established in 1979, with Sir Jack as Chairman, the inaugural Directors included Sir Henry Bolte, Sir Ernest Coates, George Crowther, Dr James Guest and Robert Symons who has subsequently served on the Board since its inception and has been the Chair since 2005. Les Sutherland was the Foundation's Secretary (following 29 years as Company Secretary of Brockhoff Biscuits), and the company's solicitors Weigal & Crowther provided legal services.

The Foundation was established with Sir Jack's gift of securities and cash to the value of \$5 million which, at the time, was a very substantial endowment. The first charitable grant made in 1979 was \$20,000 to the Royal Children's Hospital, which was one of the largest contributions received from a foundation, to the hospital at that time.

Sir Jack was emphatic that his eponymous foundation would have "...an unusual concept in that its support would not be confined to one particular charitable activity but would cover a broad range of charities under four headings: disadvantaged children; medical research; general community welfare and aged and elderly citizens."

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017-18

**Chairman:** Mr Robert Symons

**Directors:** Professor James Angus AO  
Mr Martin Armstrong  
Mr Doug Bartly  
Mr John Brockhoff  
Ms Andrea Coote  
Professor David Hill AO  
Mrs Maureen Lyster  
Dr Robin Marks AM  
Dr Kay Patterson AO  
Professor John Royle OAM

### FOUNDATION STAFF

**Executive Officer:** Ms Anita Hopkins  
**Foundation Accountant:** Ms Wendy Marris  
**Foundation Officer:** Ms Gillian Hund

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## Mr Robert Symons



The 2017/2018 financial year has been a year of developing new partnerships and exploring new ways of granting with a view to achieving more substantial outcomes.

The Foundation's Board has also seen this year as a time to reassess where the Foundation has been and where it is headed. As we approach the Foundation's 40th year in March 2019, it will be an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the Foundation, and to consider the challenges of the future.

### A PROUD ACHIEVEMENT

The Foundation provided its 10th and final annual grant payment to the Jack Brockhoff Child, Health and Wellbeing Program (JBCHWP) in November 2017. The JBCHWP was established at The University of Melbourne when the Foundation made a significant grant commitment in 2008 to mark the centenary of the birth of Sir Jack Brockhoff.

A commitment of \$5 million was made to The University of Melbourne and distributed over 10 years as an untied, multi-year grant intended to provide flexible support. As confirmed by Professor Lisa Gibbs who leads the JBCHWP, this grant ensured the viability of ongoing research programs, secured a stable workforce, and provided leverage to bring in additional funds. These funds now average approximately \$1.3 million per year.

The Foundation is immensely proud of this centenary grant and the work that it has enabled through the late Professor Liz Waters, who so sadly passed away in the midst of our involvement, and Professor Gibbs and their talented team of researchers.

### RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS -

#### Mr John Brockhoff

Mr John Brockhoff's service as a Director of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation will end this year. John has been a valued director of the Foundation since 1990.

John joined the board six years after the death of his uncle, Sir Jack Brockhoff and he recently has advised the board that he will not offer himself for re-election at this year's Annual General meeting.

Like his uncle, John Brockhoff enjoyed a career in management of the Brockhoff biscuit business, staying on to be a senior executive in the Arnott company which succeeded it. This caused his career to be divided between his earlier years in Melbourne and his later years in the Sydney head office of Arnotts.

John also shared with his uncle a love of boating, though in John's case as a yachtsman rather than a fisherman. The waters of Sydney Harbour and the Pacific Ocean provided fine compensation for being required to relocate to Sydney.

As a director of the Foundation, John has been able to draw on his commercial skills and experience and his interest in electronic technology, as well as his particular interest in the welfare of children and young people to make a distinctive contribution. He shares his uncle's "grass roots support" attitude to community welfare, favouring activities of people ready to roll up their sleeves and work at a practical level to achieve observable benefits for the community.

We are grateful for John's consistent contribution over so many years and we wish him every good wish for the future.

#### Professor John Royle OAM

Professor John Royle OAM has advised that he will be retiring as Director at the forthcoming Annual General meeting. He has been a member of the Board for 20 years. He was recruited by our late Patron and previous Chairman, Mr James Guest, to help him with assessment of medical grant applications. Together they made many visits to hospitals and research facilities in their assessment of requests for medical grants.



*Pictured (LtoR): John Brockhoff, Professor John Royle OAM*

They also made many visits to the Foundation office (then in East Doncaster) to deal with administrative matters.

John, in his notice of retirement draws attention to the high qualifications of our ongoing medical assessment group of directors and notes that the office structure has improved considerably since that time, so visits to the office for administrative reasons are now not necessary.

John records that he has enjoyed his time on the Board and the input from the non-medical members, each of whom brings to the Board their own expertise. He remarks that it is this interaction by members from very different backgrounds which makes the Jack Brockhoff Board so effective.

While John believes that the Foundation is in good hands and it will go from strength to strength, he also draws attention to the need for periodic reassessment of the composition of a Board such as ours. We have made this an item for our strategic review which is in progress at the time of writing.

Our debt to John Royle is deep and enduring. James Guest was his mentor as a young surgeon and they were a highly effective team as Board contributors and assessors of medical grant applications.

John carried the torch after James Guest retired. John's ongoing active interest in the Trinity College scholarship which we endowed in honour of James Guest AM, OBE, and it's first recipient, Ardeshir Sahmeddini, has been a boon to the Foundation. We wish John a long and happy retirement.

### GIVING THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Directors for their ongoing commitment to the Jack Brockhoff Foundation. I also thank our Executive Officer, Anita Hopkins, who along with our Accountant, Wendy Marris and Foundation Officer, Gillian Hund continue to manage the Foundation in a highly professional manner.

### SUMMARY OF GRANTS

In the 2018 Financial year the Foundation made grants in the following areas through its open application process:

<b>Children &amp; Youth</b> 	<b>Community</b> 	<b>Early Career Research – Medical</b> 
<b>\$1,053,052</b>	<b>\$500,311</b>	<b>\$591,000</b>



## CHILDREN & YOUTH GRANTS 2017-18

The Children & Youth Grants Program aims to support projects and programs that will have a positive impact on improving outcomes for children and young people throughout Victoria, who are at risk or vulnerable.

These grants have been a substantial component of the Foundation's funding, particularly as they have included the Centenary Grant funding to the Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program. This year the Child and Youth program funding totalled **\$1,053,052**.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH GRANTS

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDED
The University of Melbourne	The Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Program	\$550,000
The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust	Fellowship to Mr Edward Tudor	\$22,552
Ardoch Youth Foundation Ltd	Ardoch's Community Education Volunteers: Improving outcomes for children in Greater Dandenong	\$25,000
Anchor Inc	Brighter Futures Transformation Pilot: Learning for life through community connections	\$50,000
Barwon Child Youth and Family	Strengthening Family Connections Plus	\$30,000
Circus Oz	Koori Youth Circus	\$20,000
Conexu Foundation	Using technology to advance access to health & wellbeing information for young deaf people who use Australian sign language	\$30,000
Documentary Australia Foundation	The Backtrack Boys	\$30,000
Kids Under Cover	Partnership to prevent youth homelessness	\$40,000
The Learning and Life Centre (The Huddle) Inc.	Building Brighter Futures Wyndham	\$30,000
Lighthouse Foundation	Secure Base - Extension of Stage 2: Homeless Mothers and Babies program	\$35,000
Little Dreamers Australia	Little Dreamers Mentoring and Education Program	\$25,000
Odyssey House: Victoria	Family Reunification Initiative – Therapeutic camp and education brokerage	\$30,000
Operation Newstart- Northern Metropolitan Region	Assistance with provision and maintenance of camping equipment	\$7,500
St Kilda Gatehouse	Management and care of staff working alongside complex trauma	\$20,000
Refugee Migrant Children's Centre	Empowering refugee and migrant youth to create their own opportunities through education and beyond	\$28,000
WEstjustice	School Lawyer project: Business plan to scale - Phase 2	\$30,000
Youth off the Streets	Wyndham Youth Outreach	\$30,000
Zoe Support Australia	Connecting Young Families with Support: The wheels on the bus go round and round	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,053,052</b>



## SPOTLIGHT ON: CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANTEES

### ANCHOR INC.

#### Project: 'Brighter Futures Transformation Pilot'

Anchor Inc's purpose is to make it possible for children and young people to attain a safe, secure and stable home environment.

Their 'Brighter Futures Transformation Pilot' project named "Learning for life through community connections" received co-funding by the Jack Brockhoff Foundation because we understand the urgent need to support disadvantaged young people (15-23 year olds), who have experienced Out-of-Home-Care. These young people have goals relating to education, employment, health, well being and housing, but lack the networks to foster meaningful and sustainable relationships within their local community.

To help them achieve this outcome, Brighter Futures will bring these young people, their carers, community members and local and state government agencies together to collaboratively partner and support each other's efforts to provide optimal solutions rather than the more common fragmented, under resourced services. The Brockhoff Foundation is very proud to be partnering with Equity Trustees, Gandel Philanthropy, Bennelong Foundation, Sidney Myer Fund, The RE Ross Trust, and the Australian Communities Foundation to fund this important initiative.

### DOCUMENTARY AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

#### Project: The BackTrack Boys – Impact Campaign

The Backtrack Boys is a feature length documentary film and impact campaign featuring the rough talking, rule breaking jackaroo, Bernie Shakeshaft and the youth program he runs from a shed on the outskirts of Armidale called Backtrack.

BackTrack is an innovative youth program providing tangible outcomes for disadvantaged and marginalised young people at risk. It's a place where kids can feel safe, continue their education, reconnect with community and find work, but most importantly it's where they learn to support each other and pursue their dreams.

This inspiring coming of age story follows Zach, Alfie and Rusty as they strive to turn their lives around - and the dogs that help tame their wild ways.

The story explores Bernie's unique philosophy in action and through the journey of the boys in his care. It looks at how he helps kids navigate their relationships, deal with personal trauma, take responsibility for their own decisions and gain practical job and life skills so they can eventually create a sustainable life for themselves.

*Photographs courtesy of The Documentary Australia Foundation*



## COMMUNITY GRANTS 2017-18

The aim of the Community Grants Program is to support innovative programs that will have a lasting impact on communities throughout Victoria. The challenges of social and financial disadvantage are faced by many grant seeking organisations and our aim is to fund programs that will deliver significant changes and move them towards sustainability.

This past year our Community Grants have provided over half a million dollars, to projects in metropolitan Melbourne, regional and rural Victoria.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDED
The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust	2016 Fellowship to Ms Amanda Pagan	\$22,457
The Old Colonists' Association of Victoria	Currie Park Kitchen Upgrade	\$4,500
Banksia Gardens Community Services	MAD about making Art in Hume	\$10,000
Bendigo Family and Financial Services Inc.	Financial Resilience Toolkit	\$16,213
Brophy Family and Youth Services	A New Home for Realise Enterprises	\$20,000
Brotherhood of St Laurence	Enhancing Lives – Independent living program	\$11,725
Carinya Society	Purchase of an adult change table	\$3,500
Children's Protection Society	The CPS Sensory Room: A therapeutic, education & relaxation space for children who have experienced family violence, neglect, and disadvantage.	\$37,103
Christie Centre Inc.	Forklift training for supported employees	\$10,000
Claremont and South Port Aged Care Pty Ltd	Boosting social and emotional wellbeing for elderly residents through Virtual Reality headsets	\$4,805

# SPOTLIGHT ON: COMMUNITY GRANTEES



ORGANISATION	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDED
Cranbourne Christian Fellowship Centre	Purchase of a disability toilet and paving for easy access	\$14,000
Fare Share Australia Inc.	Vegetable dicer for Derrimut Warehouse	\$10,000
Footscray Community Arts Centre	ArtLife Studio: Adult Colouring Book Series	\$10,000
Geelong Mums	Share the Joy!	\$30,000
Lentil as Anything	Kitchen Renovation, Abbotsford Convent	\$20,000
Link Community Transport	Better Systems, Better Service	\$20,000
McCallum Disability Services	McCallum's Disability Housing – Bath Time	\$10,000
Monash Uni. School of Primary & Allied Health	Extending reach of 'Healthy Mothers Healthy Families' to Victorian mothers of children with a disability	\$29,664
Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria Inc.	Equipment service purchase of new items	\$25,100
National Ageing Research Institute	Pleasant Activities to enhance Wellbeing in Care (PAW)	\$25,000
Peninsula Transport Assist	Peninsula Social Club	\$20,000
<b>SisterWorks Inc.</b>	<a href="#">SisterWorks label craft products: supporting more women to support themselves through exploring entrepreneurial opportunities together</a>	<b>\$20,000</b>
Sorrento Sea Scouts	New effective and efficient heating and cooling system	\$3,698
Very Special Kids	Metropolitan Volunteer Training Program	\$19,086
Western Bulldogs Community Foundation	CALD Play Junior - Ballarat	\$3,000
Whitehorse Community Health Service Inc.	Fussy eating feeding clinic	\$1,960
Woor-Dungin	Volunteer Program Review	\$28,500
Yarraville Community Arts Centre	55UP: Building Capacity for older CALD communities in Melbourne's metropolitan west	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$500,311</b>



## SISTERWORKS

**Project: SisterWorks Label Craft Products: supporting more women to support themselves through exploring entrepreneurial opportunities together**

SisterWorks supports women who are asylum seekers, refugees or migrants, with their goal to achieve financial independence and become integrated into Australian society through entrepreneurial options. Studies have shown that entrepreneurialism and self-employment are the most effective ways for women to meaningfully engage in the workforce, achieve financial independence and maintain a better work/life balance.

The project that received The Jack Brockhoff Foundation support, will assist SisterWorks' Label Craft products to: increase their product range (including body care products); seek more Corporate/Conference Gift orders; collaborate with and engage local artisans and industry experts to provide training and mentoring for SisterWorks women, as well as identify and engage more women who can benefit from the project.

With the growth of their product range they will increase the financial independence of the participants, which will have greater flow on benefits for their families and the communities to which they belong.



Photographs courtesy of SisterWorks

## BANKSIA GARDENS COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Project: MAD about making Art in Hume**

Make A Day in Hume (MAD), is a program that enables up to 20 young people with disability aged 18-24, to engage with members of the local community and connect through artistic exploration and expression. Developed in collaboration with professional artist Sheena Mathieson, the program is conducted on Wednesdays and Sunday evenings throughout the school term at Banksia Gardens in Broadmeadows.

MAD is an arts-based educational program that allows young people to learn new skills to explore their artistic talent and pursue the making of art as both a physically and mentally enjoyable pastime. It may also serve as a potential source of income through sale of the artworks at an exhibition.

Participants without a disability are encouraged to attend. Having a range of abilities, interests and skills within the group allows everyone to interact on the basis of being an artist, as opposed to being a person with or without a disability. This inclusive approach removes barriers and educates everyone about the need for respect and tolerance of difference.



Pictured L-R: Dr Hayley, Dr Loughman, Dr Hui, Dr Doerflinger, Dr Vrahnas, Dr Rajapaksa

## MEDICAL RESEARCH GRANTS – EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

Jack Brockhoff was always interested in the advancements in medical research. The Medical Research Grants program aims to help establish the careers of talented young scientists to conduct world-class research in health and well-being, by strengthening research capability in Victoria.

The Board of the Foundation was very pleased to be able to partner with the Marian and E.H. Flack Trust in 2017/2018 to support Dr Hui and Dr Hayley.

## THE JAMES GUEST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – TRINITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

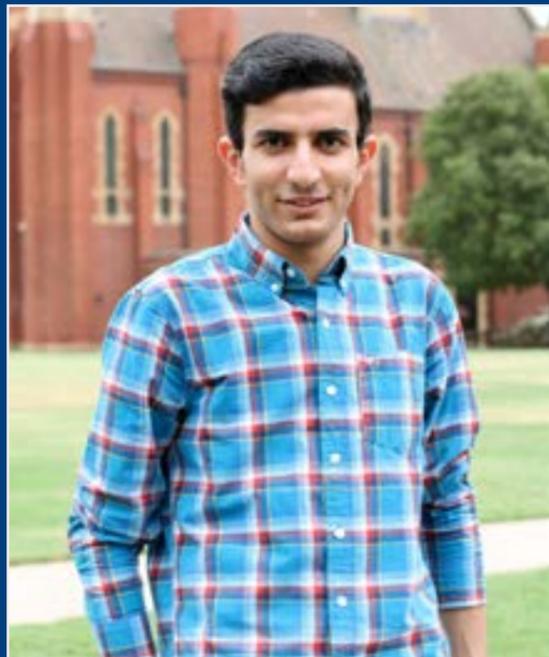


Photo of Ardeshir Sahmeddini courtesy of Trinity College

In 2015, in memory of the Foundation's much loved and respected Patron Dr James Guest, a residential scholarship was instituted at Trinity College for students studying Medicine or Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne. As Chairman of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation (1990-2005) James Guest was very active in promoting its work and extending the profound and positive impact of the Foundation's work throughout Victorian communities.

In 2016 Ardeshir Sahmeddini was awarded this Scholarship. Ardeshir is currently in his third and final year of a Bachelor of Biomedicine and is making the most of the opportunity provided to him through the scholarship.

## MEDICAL RESEARCH GRANTS

RESEARCH INSTITUTE	RESEARCHER	PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING YEAR	AMOUNT
Centre for Eye Research	Dr Flora Hui	Reducing the time to detect short-term improvement in glaucoma after vitamin B3 supplementation	1	\$60,000 (Supported by the Marian and E.H. Flack Trust)
Deakin University	Dr Amy Loughman	A novel approach to modifying the risk of Alzheimer's disease: the gut microbiome	1	\$60,000
Murdoch Children's Research Centre	Dr Sam Manna	Synergistic interactions between Streptococcus pneumoniae and respiratory syncytial virus in paediatric respiratory disease	2	\$50,000
Murdoch Children's Research Centre	Dr Anushi Rajapaksa	Inhaled Palivizumab: A novel delivery platform to effectively prevent and treat severe respiratory syncytial virus infections in infants	1	\$60,000
Swinburne University	Dr Amie Hayley	Characterising the effect of methamphetamine and alcohol on driving behaviour and performance	1	\$50,000 (Supported by the Marian and E.H. Flack Trust)
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	Dr Christopher Langendorf	Identification of common targets in the control of energy metabolism	2	\$50,000
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	Dr Christina Vrahnas	Identifying mechanisms by which autophagy in osteocytes controls bone strength	1	\$50,000
The Florey Institute of Neuroscience & Mental Health	Dr Yugeesh Lankadeva	Novel therapies to maintain kidney function in septic shock	2	\$55,000
The University of Melbourne	Dr Tamsyn Rheenen	Understanding cognitive variability in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder	2	\$50,000
The University of Melbourne	Dr David Asher	Understanding the Molecular Mechanisms of Complex Mutations	2	\$50,000
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Dr Ryan Cross	Genetically engineering protective immunity for paediatric glioblastoma using adoptive cell transfer of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells and influenza vaccination	2	\$55,000
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Dr Marcel Doerflinger	Developing a diagnostic blood test to improve clinical management of febrile children undergoing cancer treatment	1	\$50,000
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Dr Samantha Emery	Characterising lysine acetylation for urgent drug discovery in the diarrhoeal parasite, Giardia duodenalis	2	\$61,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$591,000</b>

# THE WINSTON CHURCHILL TRUST FELLOWSHIPS



Photographs courtesy of Sacred Heart

## EMERGENCY RELIEF AND FOOD AID PROGRAM

In 2017 the Jack Brockhoff Foundation changed the way it managed applications for Emergency Relief and Food Aid grants. They are now being provided on an 'invitation only' basis once every three years. Below is a list of the grant recipients for 2017.

ORGANISATION	PROGRAM NAME	FUNDING
Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Service Inc	Are the kids OK?	\$30,000 over 3 years
Foodbank Victoria Ltd	Farm to families program	\$60,000 over 3 years
Sacred Heart Mission	Meals program	\$30,000 over 3 years
St Kilda Mums	Providing essential nursery equipment and children's clothing in the LaTrobe Valley	\$30,000 over 3 years
The Queen's Fund	Emergency relief for single women and their children in Victoria	\$30,000 over 3 years
<b>TOTAL (2017-2020)</b>		<b>\$180,000</b>

## SPOTLIGHT ON: SACRED HEART MISSION'S MEALS PROGRAM

The Sacred Heart Mission's Meals Program welcomes all visitors and its purpose is to provide a nutritious breakfast and lunch for people experiencing disadvantage and homelessness. Food service takes place daily and approximately 125,000 nutritious meals are served annually by a program team consisting of a coordinator, 4 chefs and 20 volunteers.

A friendly welcome, freshly prepared food choices, books, magazines and flowers in dining spaces create a calming environment where people can relax, have the dignity of choice and receive genuine hospitality. During each service period, support workers engage proactively with visitors, assisting them to access co-located services and support that they may need, should they wish to do so.

Many long-term outcomes for the program's beneficiaries include: lessened social marginalisation through the general community, having an increased awareness, and understanding of and compassion for people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage.

Since 2000, The Jack Brockhoff Foundation has been a long-term supporter of the Sacred Heart Mission because their programs and the people they care for clearly fit within Sir Jack's defined areas of charitable interest.



Photographs courtesy of Sacred Heart

Since 1996 the Jack Brockhoff Foundation has been annually funding one or more Churchill Fellowships to Victorian residents. The Foundation prefers to fund young researchers in the areas of social disadvantage including disability or in health and medical practice, particularly if there is a benefit to rural or regional areas and especially if the outcome of the Fellowship will benefit as many people in need in the community as possible.

In 2017/18 the two recipients of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation Winston Churchill Trust Fellowship were Lisa O'Brien and Gerardine McDonald.

### LISA O'BRIEN

**Project: To gain knowledge regarding 3D printed hand prostheses**

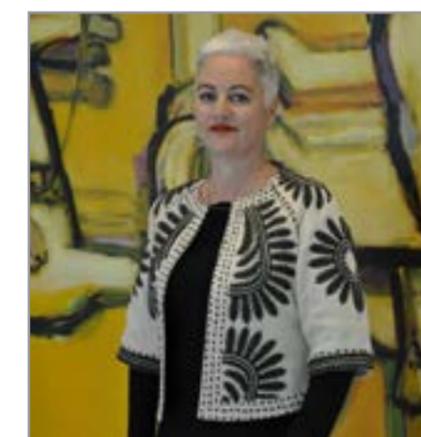


It is estimated that 200 Australian babies are born each year with mid-hand or total hand birth defects. In addition, around 290 Australians lose all or part of their hand through accidents, disease or tumours annually. As the recipient of a prestigious Churchill Fellowship supported by the Jack Brockhoff Foundation, Associate Professor Lisa O'Brien will travel across the world to inform the development of 3D printed prosthetic hands.

"This Churchill Fellowship will contribute to the development of 3D printed prosthetic hands that are comfortable, practical, useful and visually appealing to those who need them and improve the quality of life for Australians with congenital hand differences or acquired hand loss, giving them the ability to participate in leisure, sport, education and work," said Dr O'Brien.

### GERALDINE MCDONALD

**Project: To determine the feasibility of a volunteer model of patient navigators in cancer care**



Although Australia's health system is widely regarded as world leading, there is no doubting its complexity. For a patient undergoing cancer treatment, navigating the system can be overwhelming. When a patient misses an appointment not only is it detrimental to his or her treatment plan but the costs to the health system are potentially enormous.

Geraldine McDonald, Director of Wellbeing at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre was awarded a 2017 Churchill Fellowship, sponsored by the Jack Brockhoff Foundation, to learn how patient navigator models could be adapted for the Australian environment, and how Peter Mac, the largest Cancer Centre in the southern hemisphere, could leverage off or partner with international organisations to develop an Australian community of practice to support patient navigation.

"Patient Navigation is a relatively new concept in cancer care in Australia, involving a person who acts as a central point of contact for a hospital and who provides guidance to a patient as they move through the health system," said Geraldine.



## THE JACK BROCKHOFF CHILD HEALTH & WELLBEING PROGRAM

Content by Prof Lisa Gibbs

The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Wellbeing Program at the University of Melbourne builds evidence about what makes a difference for child health and wellbeing – in families, schools, communities, services and society. We work in close partnership with community, service providers and government to promote changes that will enable children to thrive. The Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Program was a recipient of the 2008 Jack Brockhoff Centenary Gift.

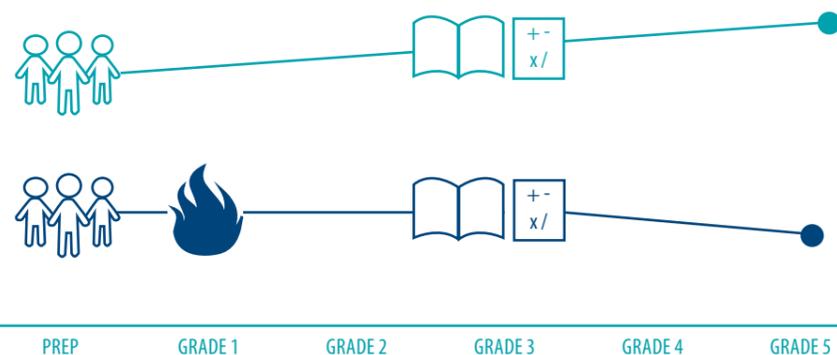
Some highlights for the 2017/ 2018 year include:

### STRENGTHENING SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Our Strengthening School Communities research provided the first evidence internationally of the delayed impact of disaster on children's academic achievements four years after the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires. Our partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Training enabled us to track primary school student data across the State from 2008 - 2013. We discovered that many students at schools highly affected by the bushfires did not progress as expected in reading or maths. This level of impact 4 years after the event was unexpected and will guide the Department in planning current academic support strategies and resources for future disasters. This project is being conducted in partnership with Phoenix Australia: Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health and has been made possible through the support of the NSW Teachers Health Federation with additional salary support from the Jack Brockhoff Foundation.

### CHILD ORAL HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

Early childhood caries is a major health risk for young children. Caries risk assessment tools (CRATs) can be helpful in identifying risk for individuals and target groups to guide appropriate preventative strategies. However, there is very limited evidence to help clinicians to select the right tool. A systematic review of CRATs for children ages 6 years and less was conducted as part of Dr Bradley Christian's PhD research. The review showed that available CRATs vary considerably in development, content, methods of application and strength of evidence, thus making tool selection a complex process. The review highlighted the importance of CRAT selection criteria being guided by the proposed use of the tool, the setting in which it will be used (clinical and non-clinical), and the target population group in terms of disease prevalence and demographics. In addition, the review identified the CRAT with the best evidence for use among young children.



## HAPPINESS SURVEY

A total of **46,974** kids responded to the second Behind the News (BTN) Kids' Happiness Survey of youth mental health and wellbeing in August 2017. The BTN Kids' Happiness Survey was provided online by Behind the News, the ABC's popular current affairs program for students. Our research partnership with BTN enabled us to access and analyse the data on their behalf. Sleep was a key indicator of child wellbeing. Children who were sleeping for the recommended hours per night were twice as likely to report feeling happy lots of the time compared to those children who were not sleeping for the recommended hours per night. Concerns about safety was one of the factors associated with poor sleep, as was access to a screen-based device in the bedroom. The results provided valuable insight into the lives of Australian children and will be used to inform a range of child related health studies.



### WHAT MAKES KIDS HAPPY?



friends 64%



family 60%



sport 52%



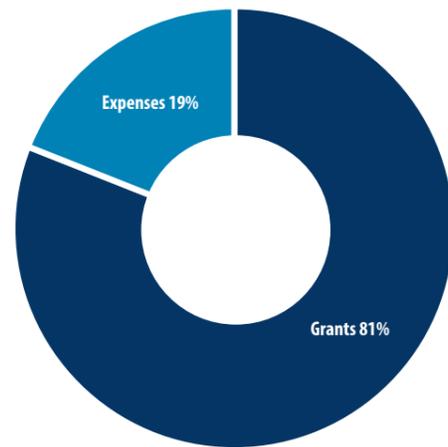
music 51%

### CHILD RIGHTS TASKFORCE

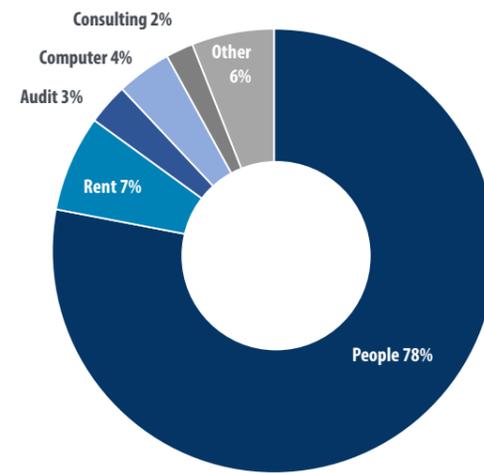
On 18th December 2017, our Children's Lives Research Initiative hosted a Strategic Directions Workshop for the Australian Child Rights Taskforce, co-chaired by UNICEF Australia and the National Children's and Youth Law Centre. The aim of the workshop was to contribute to Australia's treaty reporting under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, specifically to contribute to the alternative report (known as the 'NGO report'), prepared and drafted with the Child Rights Taskforce. The Child Rights Taskforce is committed to ensuring that the Committee is provided with independent advice on the state of Australia's commitment to children, highlighting areas where the Australian Government needs to focus its attention to improve the lives of all children in Australia.



## OUTGOINGS



## EXPENSES



## PROFIT & LOSS

Income	\$5,390,440
Expenses	\$372,427
Grants	\$1,594,363
Net Surplus	\$3,423,650

## BALANCE SHEET

Investments	\$54,090,975
Other Assets	\$1,502,856
Total Assets	\$55,593,831
Total Liabilities	\$101,916
Total Equity	\$55,491,915

## Anita Hopkins

This past year was my second in the role as Executive Officer of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation. It has been a privilege to work with both the Board and staff of the Foundation, and with the organisations we have been able to support.

The real joy and challenge in a role like this is meeting and talking to people who have a passion for the work they do in the community and then working together to find how the Foundation can best support them. With difficulty we picked a few to highlight throughout this report, however there are many more organisations who are 'punching above their weight' in terms of the positive impact they are having in the Victorian community.

The key areas of focus over the last 12 months has been on how we can further leverage our funds by working more effectively with other philanthropic foundations as well as trialing several new approaches to our grantmaking.

This phase of review and testing will continue into 2018/2019 as we consider how to be more effective throughout the Foundation's next 40 years of giving.

### Early Career Research – Medical

This year was the first of what we hope is the beginning of a long and successful partnership with the Marian and E.H. Flack Trust, to support early career medical researchers. Utilising the medical research expertise on the Brockhoff Foundation's Board, the Flack Trust supported two of the six grant recipients in this year's Early Career Research Grant Round.

The Early Career Research Grants have now been in place for two years and anecdotal feedback from the researchers and the research institutions to date has been extremely positive. We will continue to review this approach over the next few years and look for other partners to help us achieve more in this area.

### Out of Home Care Collaboration

The Foundation was also very pleased to be a part of the Out of Care Funders Group which provided a grant of \$500,000 (over two years) to Anchor for the [Brighter Futures Transformation Pilot: Learning for Life through the Community Connections project](#) (as highlighted on page 8). The partners in this funding group, Equity Trustees, The Myer Foundation, Gandel Philanthropy, The Bennelong Foundation, the R.E. Ross Trust and the Australian Communities Foundation, also hope that it will spark other meaningful collaborations in the philanthropic sector.

### Philanthropic Strategic Impact Consortium

As a part of our drive to be more effective we are in the process of developing an evaluation framework for our grants program. We are therefore very pleased to be participating in the 'Philanthropic Strategic Impact Consortium' which currently includes ten Foundations. The Consortium has been developed by Ms. Liz Gillies, CEO, Menzies Foundation, and is a result of her inciteful report entitled 'Philanthropy: Towards a Better Practice Model'.

Overall, it has been a very productive 12-month period and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Foundation's Board and staff for their ongoing support and passion for our work, as well as farewell Professor John Royle OAM and Mr. John Brockhoff, both who have been a pleasure to know and to work alongside..

I would also like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to get to know Professor Lisa Gibbs and her amazing team at the Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Program at the University of Melbourne, and to watch it go from strength to strength.

Anita Hopkins  
Executive Officer

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