

RPH RESEARCH FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

OUR COVER

Edith Cowan University's Dr Catherine Bondonno pictured with Emeritus Professor Lawrie Beilin AO. Dr Bondonno is the winner of RPH Research Foundation's inaugural Emeritus Professor L.J. Beilin Career Advancement Fellowship.

Emeritus Professor Beilin's research team at The University of Western Australia and Royal Perth Hospital has been responsible for major advances in understanding the role of diet and lifestyle in high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

Fittingly, Dr Bondonno will use her research funding to explore how eating certain foods can help reduce the risk of heart disease.



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GOLD PARTNERS



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BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

I am delighted to say we have navigated calmer waters in 2021, compared to the previous pandemic-affected 2020. Importantly, we have retained our status as one of the leading medical research foundations in Australia.

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

Our mission remains to be a leader in driving, supporting and optimising medical research to deliver health outcomes that matter. To that end, we enjoy strong relationships with the East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS), universities and other research foundations and institutes based in Western Australia. Our competitive funding arrangements, now well established, are working well under the astute guidance of our Strategic Research Advisor, the widely respected biomedical researcher and academic, Emeritus Professor George Yeoh.

The introduction of our Career Advancement Fellowships has been the research highlight of the year. The most prestigious of the six Fellowships is the Emeritus Professor L.J. Beilin AO Career Advancement Fellowship, recognising the seminal contribution to medicine and medical research by my predecessor as Chair of the Foundation's Board.

The Fellowships program is an innovative concept that is now being emulated by other agencies. Our Fellowships are enabling six of the leading early and mid-career medical researchers in Western Australia to extend their research, gain experience in leading a research program and receive invaluable mentoring. The Fellowships were announced at a memorable event, appropriately held in the Rio Tinto Innovations Gallery at WA Museum Boola Bardip. Fellows spoke inspirationally of their hopes for the future, complementing informative videos that are now part of the Museum's offerings to the public. Research topics include broken heart syndrome,



dementia prevention and the identification of illicit drugs taken by patients who present to Emergency Departments.

The Foundation co-funded a further grant in partnership with the Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) Nursing Research Foundation. This year's Doreen McCarthy Nursing Research Grant was awarded to RPH Emergency Department Nurse Jonathon 'Jono' Burcham, who will use his funding to study the level of sepsis awareness in patients.

One aim of the Foundation is to provide funding for early-stage research that can progress to much greater things. This philosophy has proved its worth recently with EMHS's Director of Research, Professor Daniel Fatovich, and his team at the Centre for Clinical Research in Emergency Medicine (CCREM) at Royal Perth Hospital building on Foundation-funded research

to gain a federally-funded grant of \$3.7M spanning Emergency Departments across the nation. Another example is research into pneumothorax that has progressed from seed funding to potentially change clinical practice worldwide, following a publication in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Our Research Symposium and Awards Day gave rise to the inaugural Mentorship Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Mentorship Award had two winners, Professors Daniel Fatovich and Markus Schlaich. A tremendous congratulations to them both and to everyone who was nominated by grateful mentees!

Professor Gerald Watts was recognised with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Professor Watts sets a remarkably high bar for the inaugural award, which is only to be presented again in similar exceptional circumstances. With 450 publications under his belt, as well as 20,000 citations, extensive teaching activities (including supervision of 17 PhDs), and holding two patents – Professor Watts is a role model to us all.

The Foundation is grateful to collaborate with Professor Markus Schlaich and his team at the Dobney Hypertension Centre to host lunchtime seminars throughout the year. These are well attended, including by an online audience.

Subjects have included the use of Artificial Intelligence in medicine and the importance of understanding intellectual property issues, a presentation given by the Foundation's Board member Dr Rebecca McCracken.

Thankfully, our public health talks have returned to a face-to-face format at the City of Perth Library. Topics included "3D Printing in Medicine", "Metabolic Syndrome" & "Listen Up! Your Memory May Depend on It".

Reaching a yet wider audience, the Foundation collaborated with Channel 9's *The Garden Gurus* and *Our State on a Plate* television programs to showcase Foundation-supported scientists from Edith Cowan University's Institute for Nutrition Research. Thank you to all the participants and well done to the Communications team that, this year, has benefitted from the efforts of student interns

from the McCusker Centre for Citizenship at the University of Western Australia.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

We are grateful to Ms Amanda Cox who served as an excellent Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Foundation during the challenging period following the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I am delighted to advise that in the new Financial Year we will welcome Ms Cate Cassarchis as our new CEO with the aim of building on the Foundation's history of success. Cate has extensive experience from the not-for-profit and public sectors, including as CEO of the Perth Blood Institute, Executive Director of the State Records Office, and Director of the WA Museum Foundation. Our entire Board very much looks forward to working with her in 2022.

FINANCIAL APPROACH

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mr John Palermo for his leadership as Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee. John steered us through the challenging circumstances of a world pandemic, and his oversight is appreciated in the preparation of necessary information for the annual audit. More generally, in his role as Deputy Chair of the Board, John and I have continued to work together. I deeply appreciate his invaluable support and guidance.

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank everyone who has taken part in this year: members of the Board and the Committees, the Foundation's staff and supporters, our researchers and the hospital community are all undertaking this journey with us. I look forward to the Foundation continuing to grow, flourish and improve the health of the Western Australian community and beyond.

PROFESSOR LYN BEAZLEY AO
BOARD CHAIR

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WA Australian of the Year 2015



INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Over the past year, RPH Research Foundation has worked to consolidate our core business.

In January 2021, the Foundation bid farewell to outgoing Chief Executive Officer, Jocelyn Young, and the Board invited me to step into the role in an interim capacity in February.

I wish to acknowledge my predecessor and thank the Board for their support during the short time I have had the privilege of steering the organisation. I look forward to liaising with incoming CEO, Cate Cassarchis, to ensure a smooth transition, and to an ongoing relationship with the Foundation.

Our work is vital in supporting Royal Perth Hospital as one of the most active research hospitals in Western Australia, in conjunction with other collaborations throughout the East Metropolitan Health Service. The research we support is at the forefront of novel emerging medical practices that are changing, and saving, people's lives.

I valued being part of the thriving community of medical researchers who conduct their life-improving work in our dedicated facility at 50 Murray Street, Perth.

We identified immediate infrastructure needs and implemented some capital works to ensure our working laboratories continue to support the needs of our resident researchers, and meet industry standards.

We also reviewed our standard operating procedures to increase the rigour around laboratory management, the delivery of our grants program and the services provided to grant recipients.

The guidance of Strategic Research Advisor, Emeritus Professor George Yeoh, proved invaluable in the design and implementation of these updated and improved processes.



In January 2021, we were delighted to welcome Edith Cowan University's Institute for Nutrition Research, led by Professor Jonathan Hodgson and his team of 22, as a tenant to the building.

During the year we introduced a Career Advancement Fellowships program with the aim of providing over \$1million in funding to support WA's brightest researchers as they seek to address important health questions. Six early to mid-career research fellowships were awarded.

You can read about this research and the exciting work of our grant recipients on Page 11.

The effects of Covid-19 continued to be felt, with several events having to be rescheduled due to lockdowns. Despite this, we were still able to deliver on our event and community engagement calendar and establish some wonderful working relationships with new stakeholders and Friends of the Foundation.

We remain passionate about supporting translational research and ensuring the work we help fund positively impacts people's lives. Improving patient-centred healthcare in the present and forging exciting pathways for the future continues to be our raison d'être.

AMANDA COX
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Guiding RPH Research Foundation's financial strategy is an honour and privilege.

It is pleasing to report that the Foundation rebounded from the unprecedented challenges of the previous financial year (FY). Our asset base position improved significantly during FY 2020/21 and is well positioned to provide stability in the coming years and enable us to remain a strong supporter of medical research for the foreseeable future.

As of 30 June 2021, the Foundation reported an unrealised gain of \$8.2 million on the market value of its shares.

The Foundation proudly continues to adopt a rigorous approach to funding that protects the financial corpus in keeping with our in-perpetuity model of investment and spending.

Research funding is distributed in two ways:

1. Through our grant funding programs. Our aim is to develop a meaningful range of funding opportunities that allow researchers to apply for funds across their career pathway. By designing our funding program processes to align to best practice expectations, we hope that our funds can be leveraged by grant winners to secure even larger national and international funding opportunities.
2. In support of our 5000sq m research facility at 50 Murray Street that houses some of WA's brightest research minds.

In 2020/21, we provided funding to support the following researchers and their projects:

- + Dobney Chair in Clinical Research and Head of the Dobney Hypertension Centre, Professor Markus Schlaich **\$608,438**
- + A contribution to the David Hartley Chair of Radiology at Royal Perth Hospital (this position is held by Professor Paul Parizel) **\$60,000**
- + A contribution to the Michael Lawrence-Brown Chair of Vascular Surgery at Fiona Stanley Hospital (this position is held by Professor Toby Richards) **\$60,000**



- + 3 x Biostatisticians **\$319,782**
- + Innovation & Impact Grants **\$170,709**
- + NHMRC Indigenous Brain Injury Rehabilitation **\$39,595**

Total = \$1,258,524

In addition, the Foundation contributed \$1.7 million to maintain our building and its laboratories for the researchers.

The total value of our investment in research for 2020/21 was: \$2,958,524

I would like to thank everyone who assisted the Foundation in adapting. This year has highlighted the importance of collaboration between individuals and organisations. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to my fellow members of the Board and Committees, as well as the Foundation's staff, the researchers we fund and the hospital community.

JOHN PALERMO
DEPUTY BOARD CHAIR & TREASURER

FCA AGIA

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

What a difference a year makes! Last year, we called 2020 a year to remember; in contrast, 2021 has been a year of active adaptation. The “new normal” has become the defining phrase of the year that was. A year marked by us reflecting on what has been, making plans for what is to come, and finding some balance in the interim.

Adapting is what the RPH Research Foundation has done as we learn to embrace these times and to walk the tightrope that is transitioning towards “living with Covid-19”. As part of this balancing act, the Foundation has continued to deliver research, engage with the public and develop new initiatives.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

We have strengthened our connections with the local community.

The following examples highlight how we have gone about this:

- ✚ The McCusker Centre for Citizenship at The University of Western Australia (UWA) has been invaluable in providing us with interns. It has been delightful to engage with these students.
- ✚ Covid-19 continues to crystallise the importance of medical research which has enabled us to really engage with Perth locals through the delivery of free public health talks at the City of Perth Library. Topic included: 3D printing in medicine; metabolic syndrome and the link between hearing loss and dementia.
- ✚ We connected with a wider audience through televised collaborations between our resident researchers from Edith Cowan University’s Institute for Nutrition Research and Channel 9’s TV shows *The Garden Gurus* and *Our State on a Plate*.
- ✚ Professor Markus Schlaich’s team from the Dobney Hypertension Centre (DHC) also enjoyed a successful collaboration with the Heart Foundation, resulting in even more media coverage. This ended up totalling 86 broadcasts that were syndicated across Australia, including enviable spots on Channel 7’s Sunrise and the Channel 7 News.

Professor Gerald Watts, winner of RPH Research Foundation’s inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award, and Professor Markus Schlaich, Head of the Dobney Hypertension Centre and joint-winner of the inaugural Mentorship Award.

The coverage had a potential audience of over 2.2 million people. The estimated value of this exposure was close to \$400,000.

The DHC is a joint venture between the Foundation, Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) and UWA. We are grateful for these partnerships that allow us to promote health, as well as to the Dobney Family for their continuing support.

- ✚ Our collaborations with Development WA and Screenwest continued in FY 2020/21. This year we teamed up to support The University of Western Australia’s Aboriginal Ageing Well Research team to create awareness about their world-leading dementia prevention research. The Foundation helped produce a video called Preserving Living Libraries that screened on the Yagan Square tower during NAIDOC Week 2020. This video can still be viewed on our website, YouTube channel and other social media platforms.
- ✚ The team at DevelopmentWA and Screenwest even shared our sense of humour when Halloween 2020 rolled around and broadcast one of our “spooky” community health awareness messages on the Yagan Square tower.



Pictured above (from left to right): RPH Research Foundation’s Board Chair, Professor Lyn Beazley AO, Innovation and Impact Grant recipient, Dr Alan Kop, The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia, Innovation and Impact Grant recipient, Dr Andrew Ford. Pictured right (from left to right): Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Support Services at Royal Perth Bentley Group, Dori Lombardi, Doreen McCarthy Nursing Research Grant recipient Jonathon Burcham, RPH Research Foundation’s Strategic Research Advisor, Emeritus professor George Yeoh.



RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

Nurturing early and mid-career researchers, fostering a strong mentorship culture and championing innovation underpins our mission.

Highlights have included:

- ✚ Our Innovation and Impact Grants recipients, Dr Alan Kop and Dr Andrew Ford, were invited to celebrate their achievements at Government House. We thank our Patron, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia and Ms Susie Annus for making this special occasion possible and being such wonderful ambassadors for medical research in our great State.
- ✚ At the Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020, we conferred, for the first time, the Mentorship Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mentees nominated candidates for the Mentorship Award, which two worthy recipients jointly took out — Professor Daniel Fatovich, Director of Research at East Metropolitan Health Service, and Professor Markus Schlaich, Head of the Dobney Hypertension Centre. We also launched the Lifetime Achievement Award in celebration of outstanding contributions to medical research and mentorship over the course of a career. The inaugural award was presented to Professor Gerald Watts. Professor Watts’ ongoing dedication to research and teaching is exemplified by his numerous publications, citations and PhD supervisions.



- + The Doreen McCarthy Grant was awarded to RPH Emergency Department Nurse Jonathon 'Jono' Burcham to study the level of sepsis awareness in patients who report to an inner-city emergency department. Our Foundation partnered with RPH's Nursing Research Foundation to launch the Grant which enables nurses to pursue research that enables better patient outcomes.
- + The Career Advancement Fellowships (CAF) announcements were hosted this year at the WA Museum Boola Bardip's Rio Tinto Innovations Gallery. The Foundation produced videos of the winning researchers which outlined their work and these also became part of the Museum's experience for future visitors to enjoy. The event marked the launch of the Emeritus Professor L.J. Beilin Career Advancement Fellow which was awarded to the highest ranked applicant.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- + RPH Research Foundation's annual Research Symposium and Awards Day relies on the support of a dedicated panel of independent judges, each of whom volunteer their time to shortlist the applicants and assess their presentations on Symposium day. Many thanks to Professor Tomas Corcoran, A/Professor Elena De Juan-Pardo, Professor Girish Dwivedi, Professor Livia C. Hool, Professor Paul Parizel and Dr Christian Pflüger for making Research Symposium and Awards Day 2020 such a success.
- + RPH Research Foundation is grateful to Professor John Olynyk and Dr Gina Ravenscroft for providing a senior clinical scientist's perspective and mid-career basic scientist views, respectively, to our Career Advancement Fellowships judging panel. Our appreciation extends to Emeritus Professor George Yeoh who was the Chair of the Peer Review Panel for the Career Advancement Fellowships.
- + The Foundation's Board bid farewell to member Professor Graham Hillis and remains thankful for his service.
- + Professor Grant Waterer continues to be a valued advisor to, and friend of, RPH Research Foundation. His expertise and insights are highly appreciated by our board, staff and stakeholders.

INTRODUCING THE EMERITUS PROFESSOR L.J BEILIN RESEARCH FELLOW 2021

Congratulations to Dr Catherine Bondonno, from Edith Cowan University's Institute for Nutrition Research, who is the inaugural recipient of this prestigious award.

An independent panel of experts generously provided their time to select the most outstanding Career Advancement Fellowships applicants and the highest-ranked one was awarded the inaugural Emeritus Professor L.J Beilin Research Fellow in honour of RPH Research Foundation's former Board Chair, Emeritus Professor Lawrie Beilin AO.

RPH Research Foundation's Board Chair, Professor Lyn Beazley, said: "It is our privilege to acknowledge Emeritus Professor Beilin's extraordinary contribution to medical research in WA." Emeritus Professor Beilin's research team at The University of Western Australia and Royal Perth Hospital are world-renowned for their research into how diets and lifestyles influence blood pressure and cardiovascular disease. Now Dr Bondonno will use her fellowship funding to explore

how eating certain foods can help reduce the risk of heart disease.

Dr Bondonno's research has shown improved blood vessel function within a few hours of eating an apple, provided you leave the skin on. WA's Pink Lady and Bravo varieties offer some of the biggest heart health bangs for your bite.

Spinach, kale and beetroot are some of the other foods her team is exploring for their health benefits, particularly with regard to cardiovascular health.

"We have shown a 15% lower risk of developing heart disease with just 1 cup of green leafy vegetables per day," Dr Bondonno said. "When you consider that heart disease is the leading cause of death in Australia, it's amazing to think the food you eat can benefit your health in many ways.

It's often said prevention is better than cure. Now medical research is proving this to be true."



COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING AWARDED IN 2020/21

CAREER ADVANCEMENT FELLOWSHIPS

Can you mend a broken heart? Will wearing hearing aids prevent dementia? What's the best way to treat diabetes? How can you help someone who is hospitalised after illicit drug use? Is it true we really are what we eat?

RPH Research Foundation's new Career Advancement Fellowships program is providing more than \$1 million in funding (delivered over three years) to help six of WA's brightest researchers discover the answers to these important health questions.

The inaugural recipients of the Career Advancement Fellowships are:

- + Dr Catherine Bondonno, from Edith Cowan University's Institute for Nutrition Research, has helped to clinically prove that eating an apple a day can keep the doctor away by improving your heart health and reducing your risk of heart disease. **Funding Awarded: \$166,622**



- + Diabetes researcher, Dr Lakshini Herat, from the Dobney Hypertension Centre, is currently involved in a world-first research project that is exploring how novel glucose-lowering drugs may protect eye and kidney health in people living with diabetes. **Funding Awarded: \$233,755**



- + Audiologist Dr Dona Jayakody, from Ear Science Institute Australia, is part of a research team that discovered a link between hearing loss and dementia. Dr Jayakody now aims to determine if wearing hearing aids can prevent, or delay, the onset of dementia in Aboriginal older adults. **Funding Awarded: \$227,872**



- + Cardiologist Dr Marcio Kiuchi, from the Dobney Hypertension Centre, is seeking to better understand and treat broken heart syndrome – a sometimes mysterious condition that often appears after a significant emotional or physical stressor. **Funding Awarded: \$105,974**



- + Emergency physician Dr David McCutcheon, from Royal Perth Hospital's Centre for Clinical Research in Emergency Medicine, is working with the Emerging Drugs Network of Australia (EDNA) to develop new ways of testing for illicit drugs so that doctors are better equipped to treat people who become seriously unwell after taking them. **Funding Awarded: \$125,493**



- + Dr Marc Sim, from Edith Cowan University's Institute for Nutrition Research, is creating diet and exercise programs to help our ageing population continue to live independently by reducing their falls risk. **Funding Awarded: \$145,864**



DOREEN MCCARTHY NURSING RESEARCH GRANT

The Doreen McCarthy Nursing Research Grant is a jointly funded initiative between RPH Research Foundation and the Royal Perth Hospital Nursing Research Foundation. It provides seed-funding for innovative projects being conducted by promising early career researchers. Professor Doreen McCarthy, the namesake of the grant, was the former Director of Nursing at Royal Perth Hospital.

RPH Emergency Department Nurse Jonathon 'Jono' Burcham received the Doreen McCarthy Nursing Research Grant 2021 to study the level of sepsis awareness in patients who report to an inner-city emergency department. **Funding Awarded: \$20,000**





OUR FOUNDATION'S BOARD

RPH Research Foundation funds trailblazing work that improves the health and wellbeing of people in Western Australia and around the world.

Professor Lyn Beazley BOARD CHAIR

AO FAA FTSE FACE CIE (Aust)
WA Australian of the Year 2015

After graduating from Oxford and Edinburgh Universities, Professor Lyn Beazley built an internationally renowned research team of neuroscientists that focused on recovery from brain damage. Professor Beazley was honoured to be the Chief Scientist of Western Australia from 2006 to 2013. During this time, she advised the Western Australian Government on science, innovation and technology. Professor Beazley currently serves several boards, including the National Blood Authority. She recently served on the Terrestrial Research Network board. Professor Beazley was a Trustee of the Western Australian Museum from 1999-2006 and currently is Patron of the Friends of the Museum, along with many other organisations. Professor Beazley was awarded Officer of the Order of Australia in 2009. Professor Beazley was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering later that year and Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 2019. In 2011, she was inducted into the inaugural Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame, followed by being elected a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and a Companion of Engineers Australia. Professor Beazley has worked tirelessly to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) to the community, especially to young people. In 2012, she was thrilled to become the second recipient of the Governor's Award for Giving, in recognition of her enthusiastic philanthropy. Professor Beazley's achievements saw her inducted into the Western Australian Science Hall of Fame and receive the WA Australian of the Year Award in 2015.



Mr John Palermo DEPUTY BOARD CHAIR & TREASURER

FCA AGIA

Mr John Palermo is a Chartered Accountant with 25 years' experience in public practice. His areas of expertise include corporate transaction execution, strategic business management and business structuring. In addition to his role as Deputy Chair and Treasurer of the RPH Research Foundation, John is Chair of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and Director of West Australian Ballet. He is a former Executive Councillor of the National Trust and Board member of Lifeline.



Dr Lesley Bennett

MBChB MD FRCP FRACP GAICD

Dr Lesley Bennett is the Executive Director of the Royal Perth Bentley Group, which includes Royal Perth Hospital and Bentley Health Service. Dr Bennett has worked within the Royal Perth Bentley Group since 2013 in roles including Service 1 Co-Director, Medical Co-Director Safety and Organisational Learning, and Director of Clinical Services. Prior to this, she held leadership roles in the United Kingdom, including Consultant Physician and Senior Lecturer at Oxford University Hospitals. Dr Bennett has a strong focus on leadership, strategic planning and innovation, and has been involved in a number of organisational and cultural change projects throughout her career.



Dr Rebecca McCrackan

BSc(Hons) PhD M(IP Law) FITPA

Dr Rebecca McCrackan has extensive experience in the life science and resource sectors and is presently a Principal IP Counsel for the global mining and metals group Rio Tinto. To give back to the community, Dr McCrackan works on various statutory and not-for-profit boards, particularly in the life sciences industry, leveraging her earlier experience as a biomedical researcher. Dr McCrackan holds a first class honours degree in biotechnology, and a PhD in Immunology conducted at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. Dr McCrackan's academic pursuits further included a postdoctoral position at the Spanish National Cancer Research Centre. Dr McCrackan has a master's degree in intellectual property law.



Professor Daniel Fatovich

MBBS FACEM PhD

Professor Daniel Fatovich is the Director of Research, East Metropolitan Health Service. He is also a senior emergency physician and clinical researcher at Royal Perth Hospital Emergency Department, one of the busiest Emergency Departments in Australasia, and has more than 30 years of experience in the design and conduct of clinical trials. Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Western Australia, Head of the Centre for Clinical Research in Emergency Medicine (CCREM) at Perkins and Adjunct Professor at Curtin University are some of the other impressive strings to his bow.



Mr David Jones

BSc, ADPA (WAAPA), JD (Hons)

Mr David Jones is a barrister at Francis Burt Chambers and practises in commercial law, public law and criminal law. Mr Jones graduated in science from The University of Western Australia and classical performance from the Conservatorium of Music before completing a Juris Doctor, graduating with first class merit honours. He was articulated to the State Solicitor of Western Australia and spent seven years providing advice and representation on complex and contentious commercial and public law matters before being called to the Bar. He is a non-executive director of MSWA and Lost & Found Opera, an advisor to WAAPA, a peer to the Australia Council, and an artist with WA Opera.



Emeritus Professor Lawrie Beilin (advisory)

AO MB.BS. Hons (Lond), MD (Lond), FRCP (London).
MA (Oxon), FRACP, FCSANZ

Emeritus Professor Lawrie Beilin has been a Professor of Medicine with the School of Medicine & Pharmacology at the Royal Perth Hospital campus for The University of Western Australia and is the immediate past Chair of the RPH Research Foundation. In his semi-retirement, Professor Beilin continues to pursue his passion for medical research as an honorary senior research fellow at The University of Western Australia and the RPH Research Foundation. He has been the recipient of a number of International and National awards for his work. Most recently the World Hypertension League's 2021 Peter Sleight Award for Excellence in Hypertension Research.



FIVE MAJOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES REPORT TO THE BOARD

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr Rebecca McCrackan (Co-Chair)
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Mr Neil Kavanagh
Professor Gavin Leslie
Ms Anne McKenzie
Professor Grant Waterer
Emeritus Professor George Yeoh

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Ms Hena Park (CFO)

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Ms Hena Park (CFO)

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Miss Caitlin Swarts
Mrs Kate Quinn
Mrs Samantha Hambling
Ms Sandra Peterson (Marketing & PR Manager)

COMBINED INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE, AS DETAILED BELOW:

Ms Kathy Davern (Chair)
Research Operations Manager
The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

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Managing Scientist/Quality Manager
Research Centre/CTTWA,
Royal Perth Bentley Group

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Laboratory Manager
The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

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UWA

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The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

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Operations Officer
The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research

Ms Peta Perry
Committee Advisor - Infectious Diseases
Scientist-in-charge PathWest LMWA
Microbiology, RPH

All Board and Committee appointments are voluntary. The Foundation is most grateful to each appointee for generously donating their time and expertise towards advancing medical research within Royal Perth Hospital, the East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS) and more widely.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2021

Current assets	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)
Cash and cash equivalents	6,042,468	5,162,576
Trade and other receivables	544,136	567,887
Other assets	33,125	22,675
Assets held for sale	—	—
	6,619,729	5,753,138
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	21,135,043	21,745,652
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	47,331,333	38,974,311
Shares in subsidiary company	1	1
	68,466,377	60,719,964
TOTAL ASSETS	75,086,106	66,473,102
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	732,293	781,835
Provisions	44,986	35,560
Bank loan	193,792	260,625
Deferred revenue	—	—
	971,071	1,078,020
Non-current liability	—	—
TOTAL LIABILITIES	971,071	1,078,020
Net assets		
Accumulated funds	65,153,083	56,433,130
Asset revaluation reserve	8,961,952	8,961,952
NET ASSETS	74,115,035	65,395,082
TOTAL EQUITY	74,115,035	65,395,082

Note: The statement of Comprehensive income and expenditure provided together with the statement of Financial Position, have been extracted from the audited special purpose financial statements of the Royal Perth Hospital Medical Research Foundation. The audited special purpose financial report can be obtained upon request to the Chief Financial Officer.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

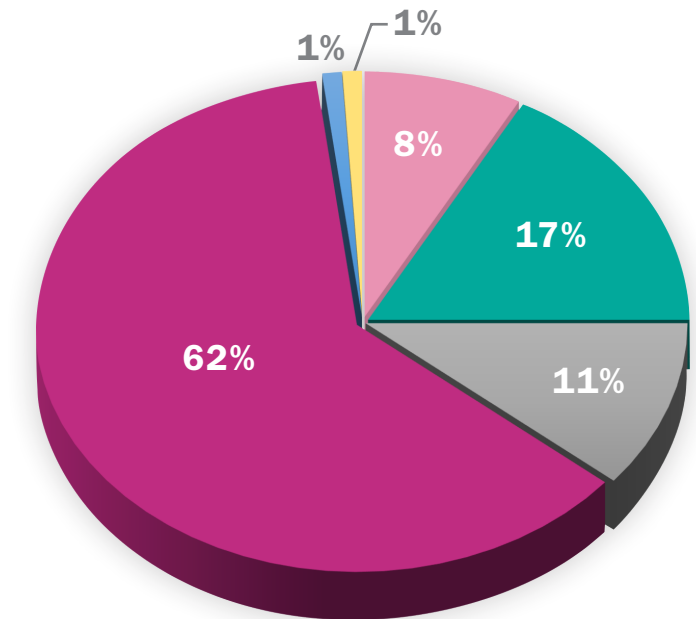
For the year ending 30 June 2021 we recognised a profit of \$8,719,953

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE

For the year ended 30 June 2021

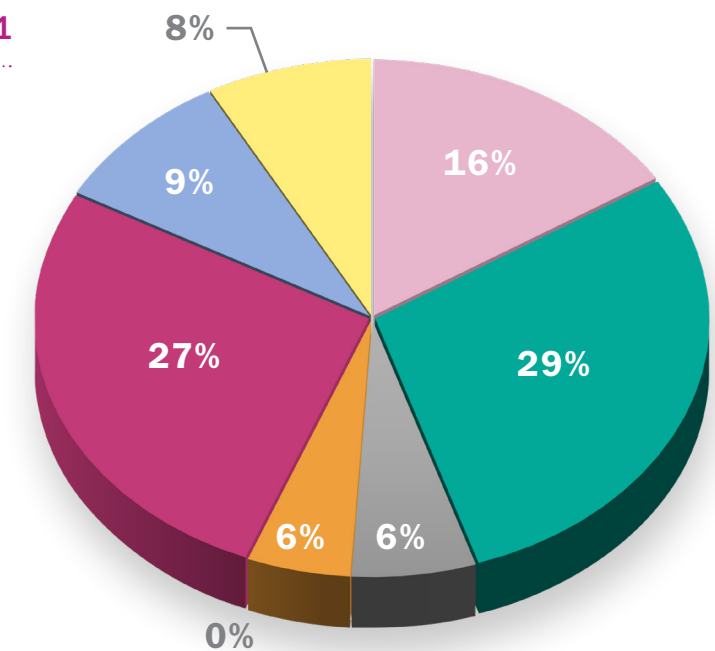
INCOME 2020-2021

- Donations and Bequests
- Investment Income
- Rent and Building Income
- Unrealised gain on investments
- Realised gain on investments
- Other



EXPENDITURE 2020-2021

- Employment
- Research Grants
- Bad Debts Expense
- Office & Administration
- Fundraising Expense
- Building Expenses
- Depreciation
- Management Services



Note: Our total expenditure for the year was \$4,608,128 and our major expenses related to Unrealised loss on Investments, Research Grants and Building Maintenance.

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