

# THE JACK BROCKHOFF FOUNDATION



## 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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# ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

## THE FOUNDATION'S PURPOSE

The purpose of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation is to provide philanthropic support to charitable organisations that 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 Foundation aims to honour the legacy of its founder, Sir Jack Brockhoff, by continuing to support his philanthropic interests. As an organisation, we strive:

- To celebrate and continue to build on the legacy of Sir Jack in a way that addresses contemporary social challenges
- To build the sustainability of small not-for-profit organisations that are distinctive in the type of support they provide to local communities
- To support not-for-profits of all sizes to innovate
- To work collaboratively to leverage our resources and ensure the best outcomes.

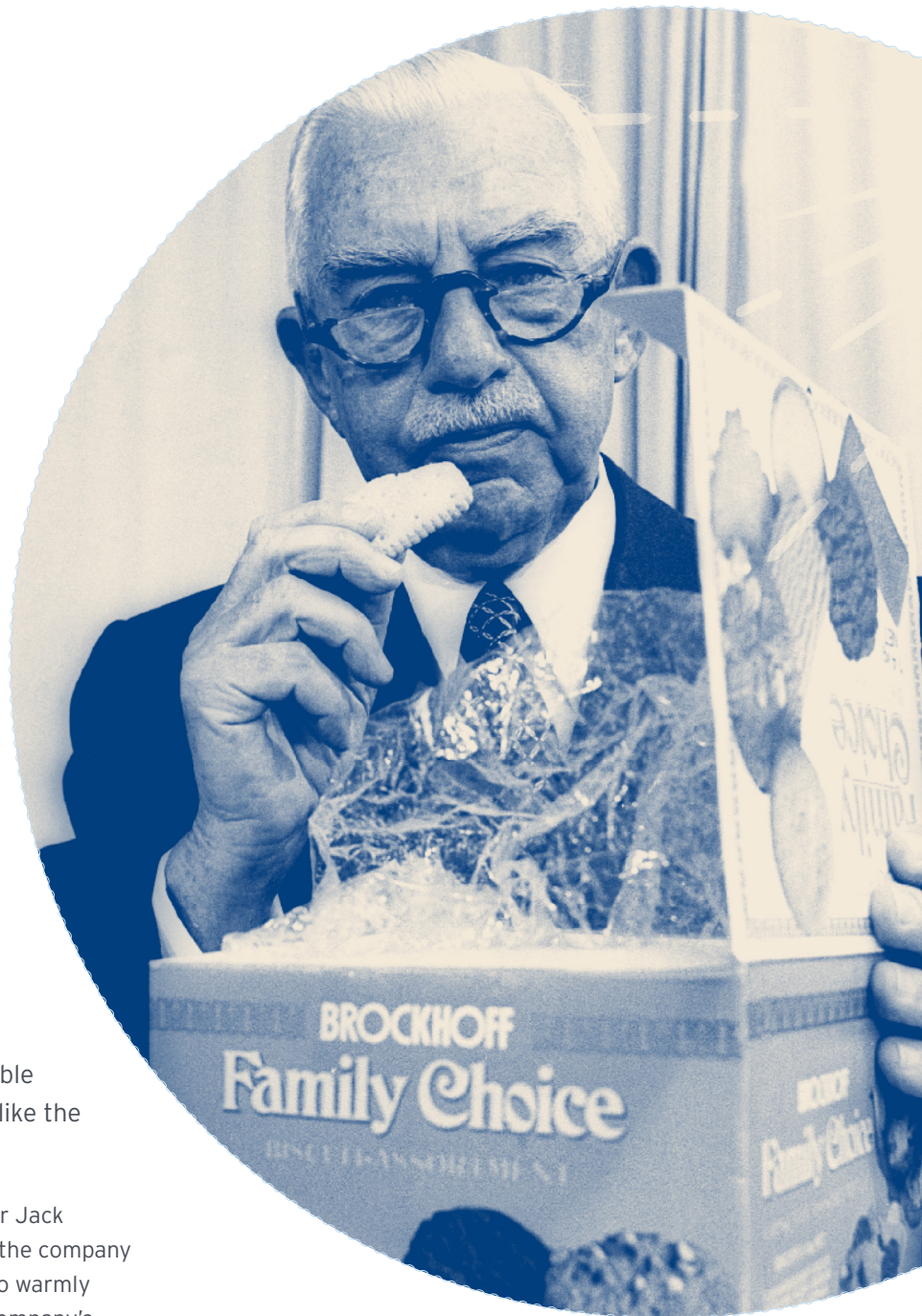
Our grant-making focuses on a selection of key interests: children & youth, older Victorians, people with disabilities and medical research - endeavours that were close to Sir Jack's heart.

# SIR JACK'S LEGACY

The Foundation's work remains tied to the legacy and personality of our founder, Sir Jack Brockhoff. Sir Jack was Managing Director of Brockhoff Biscuits Pty Ltd, a business started by his grandfather in 1880. Brockhoff Biscuits, which was a community icon in its day, eventually went on to be merged with the equally iconic Australian biscuit brand Arnott's and taken over by transnational interests. He was a man who was deeply invested in assisting his fellow Victorians, particularly the disadvantaged. His charitable work was significant and important, much like the biscuits he manufactured.

Brockhoff Biscuits was a family business and Sir Jack was the youngest of three sons, all engaged in the company in some way. In older age Sir Jack was known to warmly recount stories of his mother 'borrowing' the company's delivery vans and drivers to take children from Yooralla on picnics.

A savvy share market investor as well as a gifted businessman, his success and financial talent allowed him to use his money for good and become one of Australia's most significant philanthropists. Sir Jack was emphatic that his eponymous foundation would embody an unusual concept in that its support would not be confined to one particular charitable activity but would assist a broad range of charities under four headings: disadvantaged children, medical research, general community welfare and aged and elderly citizens.



Biscuits are an inherently communal confection, shared over tea and conversation. Sir Jack was an ardent believer in the power of people and the Foundation's work continues to promote the collective spirit of philanthropic giving by empowering local communities and strengthening collaboration across the sector.

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation is proud to continue Sir Jack's legacy, sharing the benefit of his vision with Victorians through our grant-making. 🌟



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ROBERT SYMONS

**As we resurface from a series of lockdowns and enter an era coined 'Covid normal', it remains clear that the effects and continued upheaval of the pandemic remain a very real issue in the Victorian community. The Foundation sought to support the community in various targeted ways through this difficult period by distributing almost \$2.4 million in the 2021-2022 financial year.**

Through the pandemic, the field of medical research was thrust into the limelight as the world eagerly awaited vaccine approvals and effective treatments for the COVID-19 virus. The Foundation has a longstanding commitment to strengthening medical research capability in Victoria by supporting talented early career medical researchers to build a strong foundation that enables them to compete successfully for research positions and research grants. One alumnus of this program, Dr Marcel Doerflinger, who was awarded an Early Career Research grant in 2017, had a breakthrough this year when his research uncovered a way to identify child cancer patients at greatest risk of developing life-threatening infections. This is a crucial step towards the development of an early diagnostic test and could save thousands of low-risk cancer patients worldwide from undergoing unnecessary treatment and potentially disrupting their chemotherapy. We are proud to have played a small part in this breakthrough and congratulate Dr Doerflinger on his achievements.

While this outcome was achieved within a few years of the Foundation's support (although his research undoubtedly builds on the knowledge and findings of many before him), most of the initiatives we supported this year will likely take many years to deliver their full potential. Though the time it takes to achieve sustainable societal benefit through medical research may be long, we are confident that the funding we provide today enables valuable steps forward in the pursuit of positive health and wellbeing outcomes for all Victorians.

### **Farewell and thank you to outgoing Executive Officer Anita Hopkins**

In May 2022, we bade farewell to Anita Hopkins who provided exemplary executive leadership to the Foundation for over five and a half years. Anita is now splitting her time between two roles, managing grant-making at the Portland House Foundation and as Executive Officer of the Brian M Davis Charitable Foundation as it undergoes a significant period of growth. We thank Anita for her imaginative work and dedication to the foundation.

### **Welcome to Louise Kuramoto, our new Executive Officer**

We welcomed Louise Kuramoto in June 2022. Louise is a well-credentialed and highly regarded leader who brings to the Foundation over a decade of experience in the philanthropic sector. Most recently Louise was the Head of Philanthropic Services at Australian Communities Foundation where she led significant growth in both client services and grant-making and was responsible for the distribution of approximately \$14 million per annum. Prior to that role, Louise spent seven years with the R E Ross Trust and Myer Family Company, advising Trustees on effective and impactful distribution of funds and compliance across many philanthropic structures. We look forward to working with Louise in this next chapter of the Foundation's story.

Finally, once again I thank my fellow Directors for their ongoing commitment to, and deployment of their considerable skills and experience for the benefit of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation and its work.

*Robert Symons*  
Chairman



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### LOUISE KURAMOTO

**As I write my first Executive Officer's report, I'm reflecting on the Foundation's remarkable 43-year history and the esteemed Executive Officers who have led before me. It is an immense privilege to be appointed Executive Officer of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation. I feel honoured to have the opportunity to build on the strong foundations that have been set over many years and have made the Foundation the respected and renowned institution it is today. This is particularly true of the work of my predecessor, Anita Hopkins. Anita's admirable leadership, from 2015 until her departure in May this year, is reflected in the quality of grant-making outlined in this annual report.**

In my first few months in the role, I have been struck by the commitment and passion of the Foundation's board in ensuring the governance of the Foundation remains robust and that Sir Jack's spirit remains at the heart of everything we do.

Sir Jack was raised with a sense of dutiful responsibility and he gave back to his community in various ways throughout his lifetime. He was often described by those who knew him best as values-driven, humble and practical. These are the values that the Foundation seeks to uphold in the way we practise our philanthropy and, indeed, these are the values I intend to honour and exhibit as I lead the Foundation in its next chapter.

I join the Foundation at an important time in its evolution. Last year we passed \$100 million distributed since inception, including over \$45 million to health, \$21 million to education

and disability, \$25 million to homelessness and emergency relief and \$9 million to aged care. It's incredible to think that this enormous contribution to the Victorian community has resulted from Sir Jack's initial gifts of \$4.8 million and \$5.8 million in 1979 and 1985 respectively.

This significant achievement of the Foundation comes at a time when Victorians are facing immense challenges. The lasting effects of COVID-19 and its subsequent lockdowns over the past two years has devastated many livelihoods and tested the mental health of most of us. While we learn to live in this new 'Covid normal' environment, the rising cost of living and ongoing severe weather events continue to place enormous pressure on already vulnerable communities.

Where there are challenges, there are opportunities and the role of philanthropy in responding to these complex and evolving issues is as critical as ever. As a sector, we must remember the privileged position we hold and the many important roles we play in convening people, advocating for issues, amplifying voices and investing in programs. We must continue to collaborate and partner with others, and use all the tools at our disposal to identify and act upon the opportunities within these challenges.

In closing, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Board of Directors for their support and guidance, making my transition into the Foundation a smooth one. A particular thank you to the Chair, Robert Symons, whose generosity of spirit, time and knowledge have been invaluable to me and greatly appreciated.

*Louise Kuramoto*  
Executive Officer

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**CHAIRMAN**  
**MR ROBERT SYMONS**

Appointed 1979



**DIRECTOR**  
**PROF JAMES ANGUS AO**

Appointed 2015



**DIRECTOR**  
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Appointed 1985



**DIRECTOR**  
**MR DOUG BARTLEY**

Appointed 2011



**DIRECTOR**  
**MS SARAH BROCKHOFF**

Appointed 2018



**DIRECTOR**  
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Appointed 2015



**DIRECTOR**  
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Appointed 2021



**DIRECTOR**  
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Appointed 2012



**DIRECTOR**  
**MS MAUREEN LYSTER**

Appointed 2003



**DIRECTOR**  
**HON DR KAY PATTERSON AO**

Appointed 2009

## FOUNDATION STAFF



**ANITA HOPKINS**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
until May 2022



**LOUISE KURAMOTO**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
from June 2022

## BOARD COMMITTEES

### Children & Youth Committee

Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO  
Douglas Bartley  
Sarah Brockhoff  
Robert Symons

### Audit and Risk Committee

Martin Armstrong  
Douglas Bartley  
Robert Symons  
Maureen Lyster

### Medical Research Committee

Professor David Hill AO  
Professor James Angus AO  
Professor Peter Fuller AM

### Community Grants Committee

Maureen Lyster  
Martin Armstrong  
Andrea Coote

### Investment Committee

Martin Armstrong  
Douglas Bartley  
Robert Symons

# GRANTS PROGRAM

Each year, the Jack Brockhoff Foundation makes grants in three priority areas: Children & Youth, Community, and Early Career Medical Research. Within these program areas, there are several focus areas. These focus areas reflect the history of the Foundation and Sir Jack's legacy, as well as current needs within the community and funding gaps across the sector.

## Children & Youth Grants

This grant-making program supports projects and programs that are working to improve outcomes for children and young people in Victoria who are at risk or vulnerable. The Foundation concentrates its support in two key areas of interest:

- Addressing youth homelessness
- Creating pathways to education, training and employment

## Community Grants

These grants seek to support innovative programs that will have a lasting impact on communities throughout Victoria. The Foundation supports several key areas:

- Ageing: supporting housing initiatives for older women and addressing the social isolation of older people
- Disability: supporting housing initiatives for people with a disability, as well as innovative approaches to employment for people with a disability
- Building capacity: addressing poverty and disadvantage through supporting small, grass-roots charitable organisations to develop innovative ways of becoming more effective, efficient and sustainable

## Early Career Research Grants

This program is designed to strengthen Victoria's world-class research in health and wellbeing by helping establish the careers of talented emerging medical scientists in Victoria. These grants are unique in that they address the well-recognised issue of early career researchers facing roadblocks at the very time they should be thriving and making the most of their enthusiasm and innovation.

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation understands that early career researchers need more than just money to build sustainable careers. A prerequisite of the Early Career Medical Research Grant requires the researcher's institution to guarantee security of tenure for two years, the freedom for researchers to spend half their working week exploring their own original hypotheses and support from a nominated 'supervising mentor'.

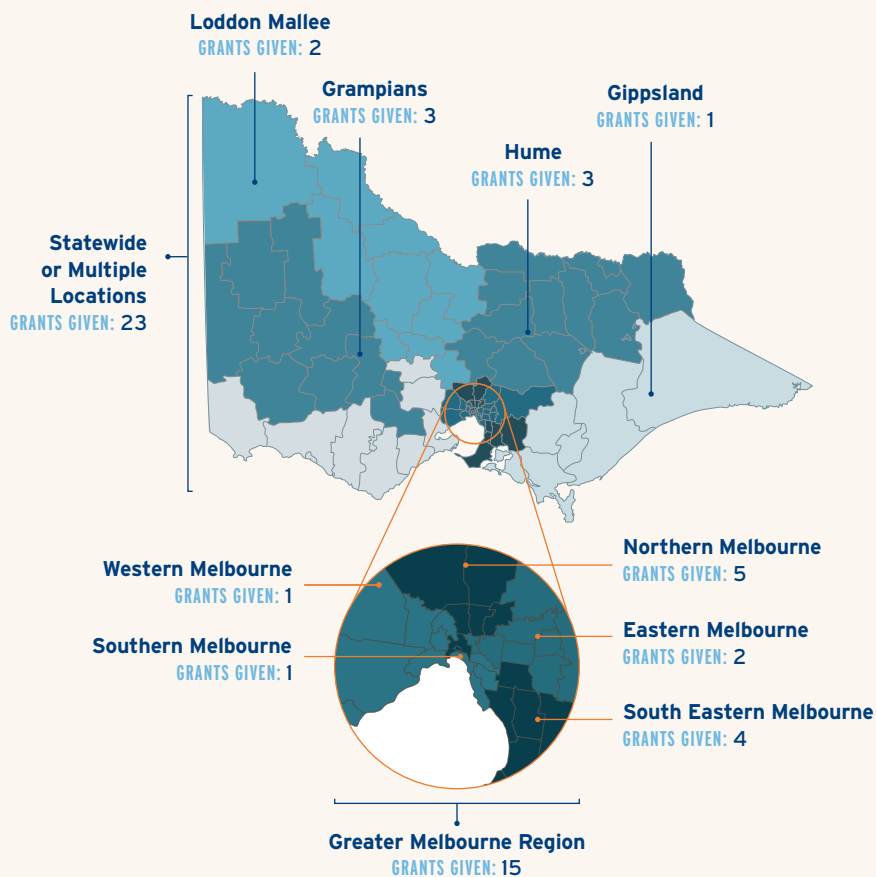
# 2021-2022 GRANTS: AT A GLANCE

**60**  
GRANTS APPROVED

**TOTALLING**  
**\$2,818,685**



- **Children & Youth Grants**  
GRANTS GIVEN: 23 TOTAL: \$908,639  
AVERAGE GRANT SIZE: \$39,506
- **Community Grants**  
GRANTS GIVEN: 27 TOTAL: \$955,021  
AVERAGE GRANT SIZE: \$35,371
- **Early Career Medical Research Grants**  
GRANTS GIVEN: 10 TOTAL: \$955,025  
AVERAGE GRANT SIZE: \$95,503



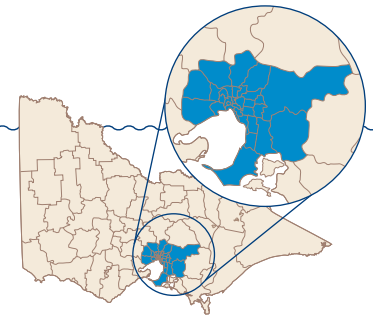


ORGANISATION: LAUNCH HOUSING

GRANT AMOUNT: \$60,000

📍 GREATER MELBOURNE REGION

# FUNCTIONAL ZERO



Functional Zero is Launch Housing's project to end homelessness in Melbourne. Functional Zero is an evidence-based collective impact model that approaches the end to homelessness by aiming to ensure the number of people exiting the homeless service system exceeds the number of people entering it. The approach aims to end chronic homelessness and ensure that experiences of homelessness are rare, brief and non-recurring.

Functional Zero has been successfully implemented in the USA and Canada where 12 communities have ended chronic or veteran homelessness and another 71 communities are making progress towards this goal. Launch Housing is the first organisation to bring this approach to Victoria. In 2019, the Jack Brockhoff Foundation was the first organisation to come on board with seed funding for Launch Housing to employ a By-Name List Project Worker. The By-Name List is a real-time list of all the people sleeping rough within a Local Government Area. This high-quality data enables Launch Housing to coordinate the resources of over 40 project partners and direct them effectively. The list triages people based on need and ensures resources are directed to the most vulnerable people first.

*Last year, Port Phillip became the first community outside of North America to achieve and sustain a 20% reduction in street homelessness.*

In 2021, a further \$60,000 was granted to Launch Housing to expand their Functional Zero projects by employing a program manager whose role is to establish new relationships with councils and partner organisations. There are now five participating LGAs: Port Phillip, Frankston, Stonnington, the City of Greater Dandenong, and the City of Melbourne.

At the start of the pandemic, the Victorian Government's action to move people experiencing homelessness into vacant hotels received widespread media coverage. Launch Housing's Head of Philanthropy, Bronwyn James, says that this initiative 'supercharged' the Functional Zero project in a lot of ways. "There was suddenly this

very urgent need to connect with everyone who needed somewhere safe to stay and so councils were unintentionally creating these lists of people who didn't have anywhere and places they could be housed. Because Launch Housing has the biggest assertive outreach teams to go out and actively find these people, we were able to collect a lot of data in a short amount of time about where people were and what level of need they had."

The program has had tremendous success. Over the last 12 months, the project has identified 398 people sleeping rough across the five LGAs and added them to their local By-Name List. This coordination and prioritisation of people has enabled 132 individuals to move from rough sleeping into long-term housing. 🌟



ORGANISATION: REHAB4REHAB GRANT AMOUNT: \$15,000

📍 MORNINGTON PENINSULA

# SOCIAL SKILLS FOR LIFE



Rehab4Rehab's after school program, Social Skills For Life, is a group equine therapy program for children with autism, ADHD and mental health challenges. The organisation's mission is two-fold: using equine therapy to help struggling children develop social skills, and giving rehabilitated retired racehorses a new purpose in life.

Founder Alisha Griffiths says the Social Skills For Life pilot program was designed in response to the untenable waitlists families must tolerate in order to secure mental health support for their children. "Usually, clients are referred to us through the NDIS when traditional counselling hasn't worked. Rehab4Rehab is still in its early stages but we've already been inundated with requests for help. It feels like we're already making a difference because in a single two-hour session, one psychologist has helped 10 kids."

*"Watching a group of children working together and responding to a horse's needs is incredible. This program is already changing lives."*

Starting with 10 sessions, each fortnight the program teams a psychologist, an occupational therapist, four volunteers and three horses together to work with children in groups of three or four. Centring the group activities on the mindful practice of horse riding, grooming and care provides a calming environment in which to develop and explore a range of social skills.

Rather than keeping mental health support behind closed doors, Alisha believes group therapy is key to building social confidence and trust. "There's a real shortage of psychologists available to these families so group counselling sessions not only make the best use of our psychologists' time but also gives these kids the opportunity to realise that they're not alone in what they're going through."

COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the mental health of Victorian youth, particularly from lower socio-economic groups. While Rehab4Rehab is based in Red Hill, in the future Alisha hopes that they will be able to expand the program to visit other areas in the Peninsula, or facilitate transport options to combat the effect rising fuel costs have on families' ability to travel to the stables.

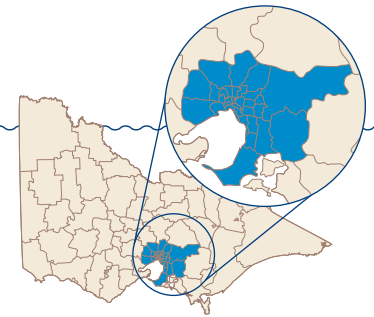
It's well known that early intervention is key in preparing children for successful education and employment in the future. While the program is still in its early stages, the results are very encouraging. 🌟



ORGANISATION: FOR CHANGE CO. GRANT AMOUNT: \$50,000

📍 GREATER MELBOURNE REGION

# HOME.PLATE



What could be a more useful skill in Melbourne than training as a barista? This is the simple thinking behind For Change Co.'s home.plate program, which provides paid hospitality education, training and employment for young people experiencing homelessness.

Throughout the home.plate program, trainees develop not only their knowledge of the coffee and hospitality industry but also the longer-term general employability skills needed to prepare for a future of work, in whatever field they choose to pursue next. The program is evidence-based and designed collaboratively by hospitality and youth homelessness experts. Home.plate trainees graduate 'job-ready', equipped with the versatile skills and knowledge needed to sustainably escape the homelessness cycle.

Trainees within the program move through three modules of training across For Change Co.'s social enterprises. The first step provides one-on-one support at the home.plate coffee cart in a quiet, accessible location where they can start to grow their confidence. From here they move into working at the home.one café where they develop their food preparation and customer service skills in a more dynamic environment. The final step is the home.two café where participants test themselves in a busier environment with the highest level of autonomy.

At the end of the program, with the help of For Change Co.'s industry partners, graduates are supported as they transition into further employment or education. An important aspect of this program is that participants also receive housing support, either through For Change Co. or through program partners Launch Housing and Melbourne City Mission. This means trainees can better focus on their training and employment opportunities without the added burden of housing stress.

While many participants find they enjoy and thrive during their time as baristas, Managing Director and Co-Founder Tenille Gilbert says it's been important to acknowledge that not all graduates want to continue into a hospitality career. Over the past 12 months, the organisation has focused on broadening their employment reach. They are now working with partners in areas as diverse as events, youth advocacy and IT. "We talk a lot with our trainees about goals and goals planning.

*"For a lot of young people who have been in a situation of homelessness, they've been thinking in terms of, 'Where am I going to sleep? What am I going to eat?' They haven't been thinking, 'What do I want to be?'"*

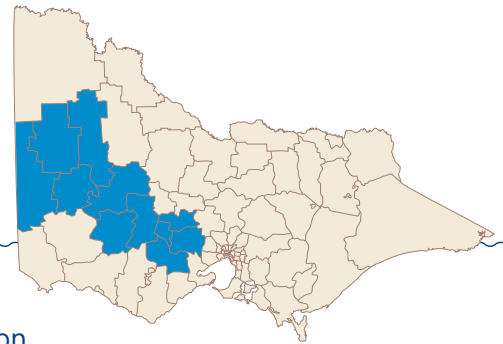
"We really try to take the opportunity where these young people have a bit more stability to say, 'How can we actually now plan where you want to head? Let's look at all the options and start supporting you through that pathway.'" 🌟



ORGANISATION: YOUTHLAW GRANT AMOUNT: \$50,000

📍 GRAMPAINS

# STAND UP FOR OUR RIGHTS



Youthlaw is a progressive, state-wide community service organisation that provides accessible legal advice and support to young people under the age of 25. Working both for and with the young people they assist, Youthlaw addresses systemic legal and social justice issues through community education, advocacy and law reform.

Focused on the Grampians region, the 'Stand Up for Our Rights' program is a partnership with a number of out-of-home care providers in the area. It places a lawyer and project worker into homes to uncover and address large gaps in the legal needs of their residents. The project is designed to test and evaluate an innovative approach to building the capacity of young people in residential care to protect themselves and make informed decisions for their own lives.

Research suggests that young people often leave residential care without adequate support and preparation, making them particularly vulnerable to legal problems relating to tenancy, debt, partner violence and criminal charges. They experience high levels of homelessness, mental ill health, financial insecurity and interaction with the criminal justice system. The Stand Up For Our Rights program is designed to support young people experiencing or at risk of experiencing these issues, at the same time as building their capacity to make their own choices about next steps.

There are 13 residential care homes across the Grampians region with a total capacity of 33 beds. The Stand Up For Our Rights community lawyer and project worker visit these homes to work collaboratively with the young people staying there. These workers regularly meet with the young people and, through casual conversation, identify and unpack legal needs and possible solutions. The non-intimidating

nature of this approach, meeting clients in their own space, addresses the innumerable reports from young people in residential care that cite a lack of control, knowledge and trust.

James Tresise from Youthlaw says that while the project is still in its early stages, they are already seeing some encouraging results:

*"The young people we're engaging with may have other lawyers present in their lives but their overwhelming experience is a lack of understanding about what's happening to them, and a loss of agency and understanding about how the law is impacting them."*

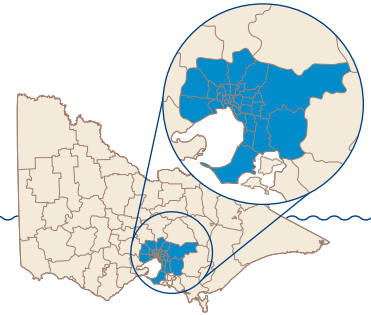
The simple but innovative approach of having conversations, unpacking needs and teasing out what issues in their lives are actually legal issues, is being met with a positive response. "Being willing to listen and follow through on that listening, sitting alongside them and committing to building that relationship are very early learnings." 🌟



ORGANISATION: OC CONNECTIONS GRANT AMOUNT: \$35,000

📍 GREATER MELBOURNE REGION

# BUSINESS-IN-A-BOX



For 72 years, OC Connections has been operating as a disability service provider in the South East of Melbourne. It was started by local families who wanted better outcomes for their children than the institutionalised settings of the time could offer.

In 2015, OC Connections started to look at expanding the employment opportunities they could provide for people living with disabilities. Commissioning external consultants, they investigated models that would allow them to scale their impact through business growth.

As Steve Betinsky, General Manager of Employment and Enterprises at OC Connections explains:

*“The idea behind diversifying our employment pathways was to give agency back to people living with disability, so they have choice and control just like anyone else, about the type of work they do and the settings where that work occurs.”*

Today, OC Connections employs over 100 people across their manufacturing, administrative and car wash services.

One of the main benefits they’ve seen across their enterprises is the social outcome of working in environments where participants can integrate with the broader community, building relationships and networks beyond their direct team members. With this in mind, their employment transformation strategy has focused on pioneering blended workforce sites, where people with disabilities can work alongside workers from other disadvantaged groups.

Social procurement buyers have identified the OC Connections Eco-Carwash service as particularly in-demand. Current car wash sites include various government departments and local councils - and

there’s a waitlist for more. In the past year, with funding from the Foundation, OC Connections has begun piloting a ‘business-in-a-box’ model, aimed at maximising the number of disadvantaged and long-term unemployed groups this program can assist.

By partnering with organisations armed with the knowledge and understanding required to help people other than those living with disability, they are building workplace environments that more closely resemble open employment. “The business-in-a-box model isn’t franchising - we don’t want to profit from it - but we see opportunities where it can have greater impact. Using what we learn from the pilot program, we’ll be able to give other organisations a kit with all the materials and processes they need to run the program effectively.” 🌟



ORGANISATION: PENINSULA COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE  
GRANT AMOUNT: \$40,000

📍 CITY OF CASEY, FRANKSTON, MORNINGTON PENINSULA

# STREET LAW COFFEE



The Street Law Coffee Van is a mobile legal service run by Peninsula Community Legal Centre, in collaboration with Whitelion. PCLC came to this assertive outreach approach after recognising that their client base tend not to seek out assistance. PCLC often meet their clients through referrals when they are already at court - at which point, time and options are limited.

Using the icebreaker of a free cup of coffee, Street Law brings free legal services into disengaged communities on the Mornington Peninsula, Frankston and City of Casey. Kirsten Young, Community Engagement, Education and Legal Policy Officer at PCLC, highlights the knock-on effect even 'minor' untreated legal issues can have on a person's life. For instance, debt collection or the threat of eviction can be huge psychological burdens that hamstringing a person's ability to escape precarity through other means, such as education pathways.

*"Free legal services can sometimes be seen as a sort of luxury service, when in fact they can be fundamental to people's ability to live their lives."*

Often people are not aware that some of the problems they readily accept as an unfortunate part of everyday life, such as fines or debts, do have accessible legal solutions such as payment plans, fee waivers for special circumstances, or agreeing to work off debts by attending rehabilitative programs. Over a cup of coffee (or tea, or hot chocolate),

a member of the Street Law team conducts a legal health check to uncover hidden legal problems and then dispenses advice on how to access solutions.

As COVID-19 further impacted the community's inclination to seek assistance, the van visited a number of emergency relief centres to assist vulnerable people lining up, as well as those sleeping rough on the local foreshore.

The innovation of this assertive outreach approach has been highly successful. As Kirsten notes, "A lot of women go to community houses for the programs they run. Maybe it's a women's friendship group or skill-building program, something totally unrelated to family violence, but they see the coffee van there and it says 'Street Law' and they just think, 'Oh it's free. I'll get a coffee. I'll just mention it and ask.' We help a lot of people that way, particularly women, who would otherwise never go and see a lawyer but it's just because we happen to be there." 🌟



## SMALL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Within the 2022 Community Grants Program, the Foundation also offered small grants (up to \$10,000) to provide funding for items including: infrastructure, software, equipment, training and costs associated with encouraging and maintaining volunteers. Two of the approved grants in this stream were made to Afri-Aus Care and The Centre for Continuing Education.

### Afri-Aus Care

**Grant Amount: \$9,221**

📍 South East Metro

Afri-Aus Care is a culturally appropriate mental health organisation assisting African and CALD communities, started by Selba-Gondoza Luka in 2015. Their work draws on Selba's lived experience of the challenges one can face migrating to Australia, including language barrier, mental ill health and lack of a personal support network. Selba says, "At home when you have depression and anxiety, you don't see it much because we always come together and support each other."

Due to resettlement challenges, many participants are living at or below the poverty line and require multiple support services. Community togetherness is at the heart of everything Afri-Aus Care does. Their work is strongly tied to the concept of Ubuntu - "I Am Because We Are". Using a number of culturally appropriate case management and support services, Afri-Aus Care provides the space and opportunity for healing and support through social connection.

Afri-Aus Care is housed in a three-room building in Springvale South. Using the small community grant from the Foundation, they were able to renovate a proper storage facility for their emergency food relief program and designate two private rooms for counselling services.

"What I do is raw, it's organic, because it comes from lived experience. In our community, mental illness was taboo but now people are coming in the open to see people like me saying, 'This is what I went through and look: now we can hold each other's hands to support each other, and things are improving.'"

### The Centre for Continuing Education

**Grant Amount: \$9,500**

📍 Hume

The Centre for Continuing Education delivers adult education and community-based programs that assist individuals and communities develop the skills and connections they need to become more confident, active and engaged in society.

One of their core programs is the Community Visitors Scheme (CVS), which runs throughout the Hume region. CVS coordinates volunteers to visit elderly residents, either in their homes or at their residential facilities. With a Small Community Grant from the Foundation, they are now developing their Furry Pals program, enabling volunteers to take their pets along with them on these visits.

Program Officer Paula Currell says the Centre is already seeing positive results. "With the help of the Jack Brockhoff Foundation, we have been able to bring joy to the residents' hearts as they connect with pets brought in by their visitors."

When volunteer Cheryl was invited to take her pet dog, Lily, along with her to visit resident Carol, she jumped at the chance. On the first day Cheryl brought Lily in to visit Carol at her nursing home in Wangaratta, Carol was overjoyed to spend time cuddling Lily and sitting with her on her lap. By remarkable coincidence, Lily is the same breed, and has the same name, as the dog Carol had to leave in the care of a friend before moving.



## EARLY CAREER RESEARCH

### Dr Yohannes Adama Melaku

In 2021, Dr Yohannes Adama Melaku received \$69,100 through the Early Career Medical Research Grant scheme. Yohannes works at Cancer Council Victoria in the Cancer Epidemiology Division. Still in the early stages of his career, he has already achieved a great deal. He has 82 career publications under his belt, several in prestigious journals, including one in JAMA Network Open where he was the first author. With his grant, Yohannes plans to access a database of 51,000 people registered with the Australian Breakthrough Cancer Study to improve our understanding of the health risks associated with poor sleep.

Yohannes says, "In the next 10 years, I see myself as one of the prominent senior researchers who will be contributing new science to design effective interventions and solve problems in the field of sleep and nutrition." The Jack Brockhoff Foundation grant is an important part of making this goal a reality.

Recent studies have suggested a link between poor quality sleep and increased cancer risk. While these studies provide important data, they tend to be expensive and rely on invasive procedures that make participants uncomfortable, thereby potentially affecting sleep quality. Yohannes's study relies on a new, non-invasive technology – the Withings sleep device – that allows participants to measure their sleep patterns in their own homes. This feasibility study will be the first of its kind.

By facilitating this approach, the Jack Brockhoff Foundation grant will enable Yohannes and his team to lay the groundwork to eventually expand their research at Cancer Council Victoria and lead to larger-scale sleep studies that can eventually inform health policies and strategies tackling cancer control.

### Dr Marcel Doerflinger

In 2017, the Jack Brockhoff Foundation awarded \$100,000 to Dr Marcel Doerflinger to develop a diagnostic blood test that will improve clinical management of febrile children undergoing cancer treatment. This work has recently been published with very promising results, leading to media coverage in the Herald Sun.

Febrile neutropenia is a common condition affecting chemotherapy patients. Currently, all child patients with febrile neutropenia are treated as high-risk and receive intravenous antibiotics, despite the fact that less than a quarter of these cases would ultimately lead to life-threatening complications. This approach to treatment leads to unplanned hospitalisation, disrupted chemotherapy schedules, and unnecessarily exacerbated antibiotic resistance.

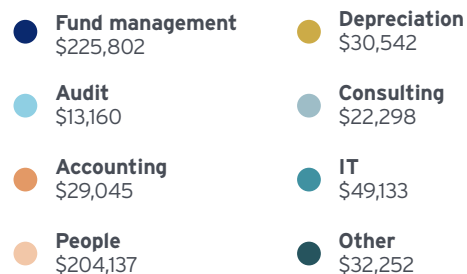
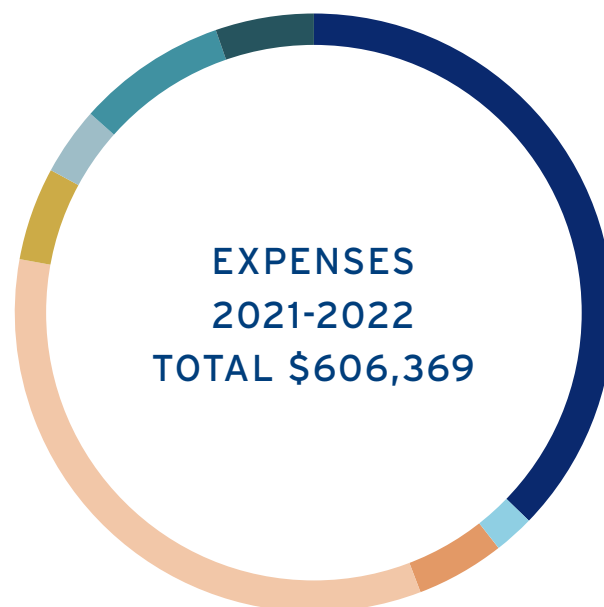
The first of its kind worldwide, Marcel's study, led by the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, used cutting-edge gene sequencing tools to closely analyse the immune response in child patients during febrile neutropenia episodes. The research team was able to identify 24 genes (narrowed down from over 20,000) that clearly distinguish which patients are at low-risk and which are at high-risk of developing severe infections. The data suggests that only patients with high-risk immune signatures need to be treated as febrile neutropenia medical emergencies.

These findings represent a huge step forward in developing early diagnostic tools that would spare thousands of child cancer patients around the world from undergoing unnecessary treatment. Marcel says, "Without the generous support from the Jack Brockhoff Foundation and the Early Career Research Grant awarded to me in 2017, this work would have not been possible."





# FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2021-2022



PROFIT AND LOSS	AMOUNT (\$)
Income	4,288,058
Expenses	606,369
Grants	2,368,685
Net realised/unrealised gain (loss) on financial assets	(5,452,854)
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(4,139,850)</b>

BALANCE SHEET	AMOUNT (\$)
Cash at bank	870,722
Investments	53,740,091
Other assets (including franking credit receivables and accrued income)	1,551,027
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>56,161,840</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>96,270</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>56,065,570</b>

## GRANTS PAID 2021-2022

ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT	GRANT
100 Story Building	Program Coordinator: increasing organisational capacity to emerge from COVID-related challenges	\$40,000
Aardvark Worldwide	Aardvark Music Alumni Program 2022/23	\$25,000
Afri-Aus Care	Afri-Aus Care South East Renovation	\$9,221
Anti Cancer Council of Victoria	Pilot study to determine the feasibility of assessing sleep health using a new technology	\$69,100
Australian Neighbourhood Houses & Centres Association	Living Our Best Life... the next steps	\$40,000
Baker IDI Heart & Diabetes Institute Holdings	Does diabetes amplify mutated blood stem cell production to accelerate heart disease?	\$130,000
Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre	Ballarat and District Community Support Register (BDSCR) Expansion	\$29,800
Banksia Gardens Association	Cycling to Work - Youth Employment Pathway in Broadmeadows	\$24,375
Beacon Foundation	Victorian High Impact Work Readiness Programs	\$49,500
Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative	Building on the incorporation and establishment of the Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance	\$40,000
Boys to the Bush	Driving Boys to the Bush in Wangaratta	\$40,000
Bridge It	Bridge It Barkly Street (BIBS)	\$45,000
Brotherhood of St Laurence	Beyond the Youth Foyer	\$50,000
Dementia Australia	Track N Chat – Buddy walking program for people living with dementia and their carers	\$40,000
Enable Social Enterprises	Tech Lead: Affordable Tech Repairs/Service Centre, Broadmeadows	\$45,000
Fitted For Work	Developing Retail Work Experience through Social Enterprise	\$60,000
Flying Fox Services	Volunteer Buddy Training	\$10,000
Ganbina	Jobs Employment – Making the vision a reality	\$80,000
Health Futures Australia	Sustainable Healthy Integrated Food Towns	\$39,500
HoMIE	2023 HoMie Pathway Alliance	\$49,536
Kids Under Cover	Nestd Social Enterprise	\$100,000
La Trobe University	Extracellular vesicles as drug delivery vehicles for paediatric cancer therapy	\$69,695
LifeCircle Australia	The Violet Initiative Last Stage of Life Excellence Program	\$40,000
Lighthouse Foundation	Transitioning to Independent Parenthood	\$30,000
Melbourne Youth Chorale	Young People: Educate and Enrich	\$10,000
Mercy Works	Mercy Connect Melbourne: Mentoring for Refugee and Asylum Seeker Students	\$30,000
Mindful Aus	Impact Assessment of Healthier Hearts and Lighter Minds Primary School Program	\$38,000
Monash University	Improving neonatal resuscitation for very premature infants, our most vulnerable patients	\$130,000
OC Connections	Business-in-a-box: Blended Workforce Model	\$35,000
Philanthropy Australia	Jobs and Skills Funders Group	\$7,500
Rehab4Rehab	Social Skills for Life	\$15,000
SisterWorks	SisterWorks Empowerment Hubs	\$60,000
Skyline Education Foundation Australia	Skyline Alumni Community Program	\$10,000

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Social Ventures Australia	Pathways to Skilled Employment – Greater Dandenong Manufacturing Pilot Program	\$30,000
Society Melbourne	home.plate	\$50,000
Solve-TAD	Freedom Walkers – Reducing social isolation for people with disability and older Australians	\$20,000
Southern Peninsula Community Support Inc	Low Income Support Service	\$30,000
St Mary's House of Welcome	Welcome Women's Group	\$10,000
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	Identifying the molecular changes in bone marrow niche cells after cancer therapies	\$129,600
STREAT	Creating green collar jobs for young people into the food-system	\$100,000
Sunraysia Community Health Services	Sunraysia Palliative Care – Medication Management Improvement Program	\$43,000
Swinburne University of Technology	Integrated Mentoring for Young Women Leaving Out-of-Home Care	\$27,728
Swinburne University of Technology	Examining a new method for relapse prediction in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder	\$110,000
The Centre for Continuing Education	Furry Pals	\$9,500
The First Step Program Limited	The Road Home Project	\$49,000
The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health	Understanding sex differences in the role of cocaine and amphetamine regulated transcript (CART) in adolescent onset binge alcohol consumption	\$5,630
The Footpath Library	The Accidental Counsellor – Volunteer Training Program	\$10,000
The Nappy Collective	Supporting families in need through the year-round collection of nappies in Victoria	\$10,000
The Property Industry Foundation	Haven Malvern East	\$50,000
The Smith Family	Work Inspiration – Morwell, Victoria	\$20,000
The Trustee for Documentary Australia Foundation	Socially Sanctioned – Entry-level animation training for women marginalized by unemployment	\$22,000
The Trustee for The Queen's Fund	Emergency Relief for Single Women and their Children in Victoria	\$30,000
The Trustee for The Salvation Army (VIC) Social Work	Supporting children seeking asylum with access to nutrition and clothing	\$10,000
The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Boosting the removal of cancer cells by targeting dying cell fragmentation	\$51,000
The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Investigating the regulation of IgA plasma cells using microscopy	\$130,000
The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research	Closing the Gap Between Clinical Genomics and Precision Care for Children and Adults with Primary Immunodeficiency Disorders (PID)	\$130,000
Women's Property Initiative	Capacity Building: Development Manager	\$80,000
Youthlaw	Stand Up for Our Rights - A youth empowerment project for children and young people in residential care in the Grampians region	\$50,000
Youthworx	Youthworx Pathways Program (YPP)	\$80,000
Zoe Support Australia	Centres for Learning & Growing	\$40,000

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