

# The Jack Brockhoff Foundation

## Annual Report 2020 – 2021





Stephanie Alexander's Kitchen Garden – Moonah radishes



St Kilda Mums Volunteers



STREAT Crops



Aardvark Music Program



Social Studio



Stephanie Alexander's Kitchen Garden – Hawthorn



Wellsprings for Women

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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 strives

- To celebrate and continue to build on the legacy of Sir Jack Brockhoff in a way that addresses contemporary social challenges
- To build the sustainability of small not-for-profit organisations which 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.



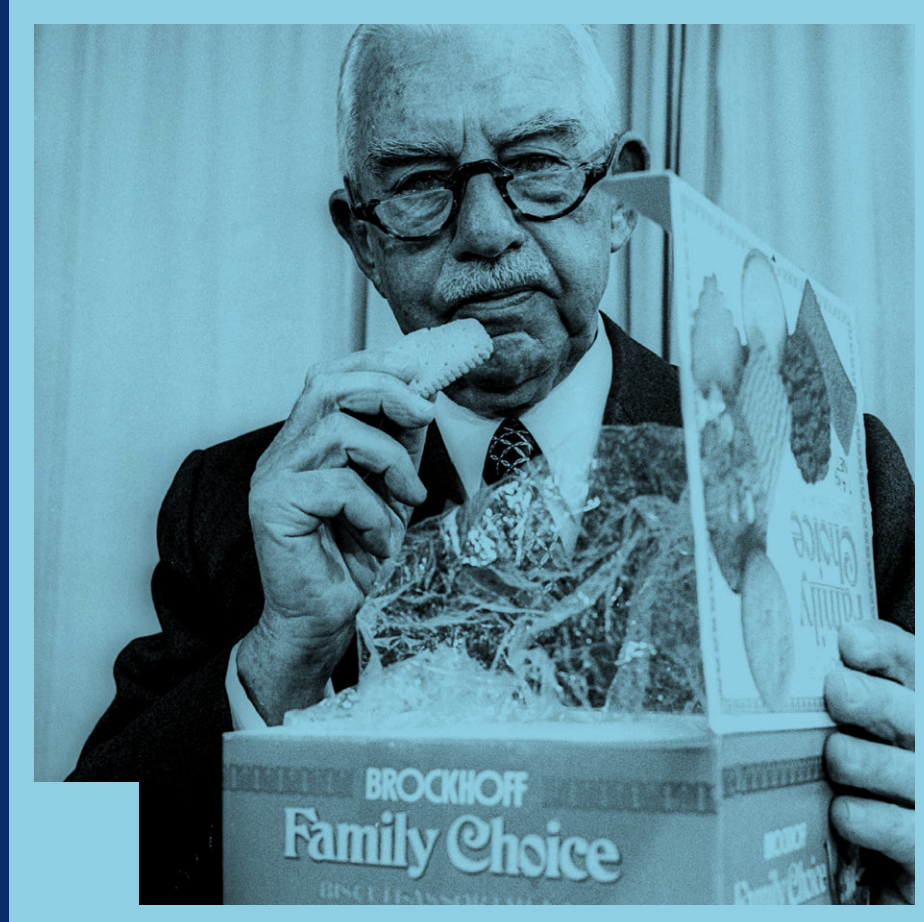
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Social Studio

# About 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. Sir Jack was the youngest of three sons, all of whom were engaged in the family business.

Throughout his life, Sir Jack was keen to assist others in the community less fortunate than himself.

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. In 1979 Sir Jack established the Foundation which bears his name, with an initial gift of \$5 million funding.

From its inception, the Foundation has granted more than \$95 million to fund programs and projects by not-for-profit organisations, a substantial investment into Victorian communities.

## Our Board of Directors



**Chairman**  
**Mr Robert Symons**  
Appointed 1979  
42 years (Chairman from 2005)



**Director**  
**Prof James Angus AO**  
Appointed 2015  
6 years



**Director**  
**Mr Martin Armstrong**  
Appointed 1985  
36 years



**Director**  
**Mr Doug Bartley**  
Appointed 2011  
10 years (Company Secretary)



**Director**  
**Ms Sarah Brockhoff**  
Appointed 2018  
3 years



**Director**  
**Ms Andrea Coote**  
Appointed 2015  
6 years



**Director**  
**Prof Peter Fuller AM**  
Appointed 2021



**Director**  
**Prof David Hill AO**  
Appointed 2011  
10 years



**Director**  
**Mrs Maureen Lyster**  
Appointed 2003  
18 years



**Director**  
**Robin Marks AM**  
Appointed 2003  
18 years (Retired 2020)



**Director**  
**Dr Kay Patterson AO**  
Appointed 2008  
13 years

## Our staff



**Executive Officer**  
Anita Hopkins



**Foundation Officer**  
Gillian Hund OAM

# Chairman's Report



In our 2020 Annual Report, I remarked that the Foundation's purpose, "to support the health and wellbeing of Victorians" had never been more critically relevant. Twelve months on, this remains the case.

While the financial impact on the Foundation of the global pandemic has

not been as dire as we feared in May 2020, many small not for profits that the Foundation supports have suffered severe financial setbacks. Over the last twelve months our Board has been particularly conscious of the role of philanthropy in supporting organisations which are positioned to hold local communities together and provide support in times of crisis (many of them falling into the category of those financially challenged). We will continue to be strategic in our giving, and to endeavour to provide support to those in our community who are most in need.

## Journey to Social Inclusion Program

From a grants program perspective, I would also like to highlight the wonderful work being done by the Sacred Heart Mission through their Journey to Social Inclusion program (J2SI) to address long term homelessness in Victoria. J2SI is a three-year program for people experiencing long-term homelessness that provides clients with:

- Assertive case management and service coordination
- Rapid access to housing and support to maintain tenancy
- Trauma-informed care in recognition of the events that have shaped people's lives
- Progressive skills development for social and economic inclusion
- The capacity for self-management and independent living.

J2SI Phase Two was run from 2016 and supported 62 people across inner Melbourne. The program built on the success and learnings of the J2SI Pilot (2009-12), which supported 40 people in the St Kilda area. Phase Three is funded by a Social Impact Investment with the Victorian Government to support 180 people in Melbourne. The Jack Brockhoff Foundation is proud to have provided a contingent grant (in the form of a progressively reducing guarantee) of \$300,000 for this excellent initiative.

## Farewell and thank you to Dr Robin Marks AM

At our November board meeting we farewelled from the Board Dr Robin Marks who had been a Director since 2003.



Robin was introduced to the Board by former Chairman, Dr James Guest, as being well qualified to work on applications for support of medical research. This indeed proved to be the case, but in addition Robin proved a sage contributor to the broader work of the board.

Notable among Robin's contributions were:

- His stewardship over a full decade of the Foundation's investment in The Jack Brockhoff Child Health and Well-being Program at the University of Melbourne, teaming with Professor David Hill AO and Professor James Angus AO. These three Directors added to our financial contribution by providing both expert appraisal of the conduct of the program and mentorship of its leaders.
- His work with Professor Hill, now retired Director Professor John Royle OAM, and Professor James Angus AO on developing and implementing the Foundation's present program of early post-doctoral career medical research grants
- His assistance to the Board in setting and reviewing its strategic direction, taking a special interest in keeping the Foundation true to the vision of Sir Jack Brockhoff, and
- His perceptive assessment of changing circumstances and his assistance to the Board and its Chair in managing some challenging situations.

Robin's incisive contributions to the work of the Board, his industry in the interests of the Foundation's beneficiaries, and his genial companionship, will be remembered by all of us who served with him. We wish him health and happiness in his very active retirement.

"During my academic life I was fortunate to be a recipient of substantial support for my work from The Jack Brockhoff Foundation. Following that it was then a wonderful opportunity to join the dedicated group of Directors and staff of the Foundation to work on the other side of the grant applicants/granting body equation. It was a pleasure to see and participate in the widespread support provided by the Foundation to medical/scientific and community bodies in Victoria. So many people and organisations have benefited in so many ways from Jack Brockhoff's vision in establishing the Foundation. I was privileged to be able to be part of his vision." **Dr Robin Marks AM**

## New Board Director

This year we had the pleasure of welcoming Professor Peter Fuller AM to the Board and as a member of the Foundation's Medical Research Committee.



Peter is an outstanding clinician-scientist and leading expert in endocrinology and molecular endocrinology. He is Head of the Centre for Endocrinology and Metabolism at the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, as well as the Head of the Endocrinology Unit at Monash Health. Peter has served on the Board of the Cancer Council and chaired both the Victorian Cancer Agency and the Cabrini Institute. He is also a Life Member of the Endocrine Society of Australia.

Finally, once again I thank my fellow Directors and our Executive Officer, Anita Hopkins 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  
The Jack Brockhoff Foundation

# Board Committees



## Children and Youth Committee

Douglas Bartley  
Sarah Brockhoff  
Dr Kay Patterson AO  
Robert Symons



## Community Grants Committee

Martin Armstrong  
Andrea Coote  
Maureen Lyster



## Early Career Medical Research Committee

Professor James Angus AO  
Professor David Hill AO  
Professor Peter Fuller AM (from May 21)  
Dr Robin Marks AM (until November 20)



## Audit and Risk Committee

Martin Armstrong  
Douglas Bartley  
Maureen Lyster  
Robert Symons



## Investment Committee

Martin Armstrong  
Douglas Bartley  
Robert Symons

# Executive Officer's Report



During the past 42 years The Jack Brockhoff Foundation has had a strong focus on supporting small, local community-based not-for-profits to thrive. The Foundation's theory of philanthropy is embedded in this belief in the value of small charities in supporting the health and wellbeing of all Victorians.

### Value of small charities

The importance of small charities has been highlighted over the past twelve to eighteen months as we all watched them respond with ingenuity, speed and flexibility to the health and economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A fascinating piece of research conducted by the Lloyds Bank Foundation in the UK, entitled, "The Value of Small in a Big Crisis" found that during the recent crisis, smaller charities often amounted to more than the sum of their parts and created large amounts of social and economic value. Their findings led the Lloyds Bank Foundation to conclude that small charities ought to be ideally placed to respond to the effects of the crisis in ways that really mattered to people and communities experiencing complex social issues and economic disadvantage.

Anecdotally, this has also been the experience at The Jack Brockhoff Foundation. Organisations like the Norlane Community Initiative, Kinfolk and Wellsprings for Women were all able to adapt and continue (and in some cases expand their work) to meet increased demand, because they have a deep understanding of community and a strong relationship of connection and trust with their client base.

This of course does not discount the innovative work being undertaken by larger charitable organisations. In September 2020 the Foundation was pleased to be able to provide a \$300,000 contingent grant to the Sacred Heart Mission's Journey to Social Inclusion program which is achieving impressive results in addressing long term homelessness.

It is hoped that this innovative model will pave the way for further use of philanthropic guarantees in pay-for-performance social impact investment in Australia, which significantly lowers the cost of capital.

### Operations

The COVID-19 crisis acted as a catalyst for several positive operational changes within the Foundation. We responded to community organisations with a more streamlined grants process, having a greater focus on organisations supporting those who were most vulnerable. We ensured increased flexibility for not-for-profits we were already supporting, and provided them with support based on what was needed at the time. Although it never feels as if we are doing enough, we endeavour to do our best for the communities we support by being accessible and by listening to the concerns of people working on the frontline.

While we had to make the difficult decision not to conduct an early career research medical research grant round in 2020, this resulted in an ability to provide additional support to several of our current early career researchers whose work was delayed or impacted by the pandemic. These grants are highlighted on pages 14 and 15. We have also taken the opportunity to highlight two of the wonderful early career researchers who recently completed their projects funded by the Foundation.

### Thank you

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of the Foundation, particularly the Chair, Mr Robert Symons, for their encouragement as well as, staff member, Gillian Hund, Shervy Dahliana from Saward Dawson and Jodie Tuckwell-Knight from Platform for Change, for their invaluable assistance over the past twelve months.

**Anita Hopkins,**  
Executive Officer

<sup>1</sup>Lloyds Bank Foundation, "The Value of Small in a Big Crisis" in [https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/media/t5op0gw1/lbfew\\_full-report\\_value-small-big-crisis.pdf](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/media/t5op0gw1/lbfew_full-report_value-small-big-crisis.pdf).

# Jack Brockhoff Foundation Grants Program 2020 – 2021

Supporting the Victorian community for 42 years

**63**  
Grants

**\$2,088,475**  
Total

### Children and Youth Grants

**19**  
Grants

**\$714,500**  
Total (2020 – 2021)

**\$37,605**  
Average Grant Size

### Community Grants

**18**  
Grants

**\$630,601**  
Total (2020 – 2021)

**\$35,033**  
Average Grant Size

### Early Career Research Grants

**11**  
Grants

**\$481,374**  
Total (2020 – 2021)

**\$43,761**  
Average Grant Size

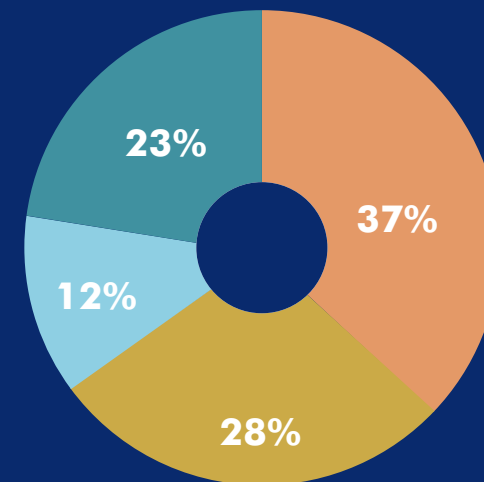
### Emergency Relief and Food Security Grants

**15**  
Grants

**\$262,000**  
Total (2020 – 2021)

**\$17,466**  
Average Grant Size

### 2020 – 2021 Grants Program



- Human services (includes homelessness, out of home care, emergency relief and food security, disability)
- Employment and job training
- Equal opportunity in education
- Health

# Children and Youth Grants 2020 – 2021

The Jack Brockhoff Children and Youth Grants Program aims to support projects and programs that will have a positive impact on improving outcomes for children and young people who are at risk or vulnerable. The Foundation currently has two areas of focus for this grants program:

- 1. Addressing Youth Homelessness** – with a focus on prevention and early intervention for young people at risk of homelessness
- 2. Pathways to Education, Training and Employment** – with a focus on young people who are identified as being at risk, to remain or re-engage with learning or education.

<b>Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency</b>	Growing Up Aboriginal Babies at Home	\$25,000 (2nd year grant)
<b>100 Story Building</b>	Capacity building: Opportunity for Growth	\$50,000
<b>Aardvark</b>	COVID Recovery Support	\$25,000
<b>Australian Schools Plus</b>	Cluster Program – Regional Victoria	\$75,000
<b>Dungala Kaiela Foundation</b>	Support for the Rumbalara Football Netball Club	\$40,000
<b>FRRR / Into Our Hands Community Foundation</b>	The Funding Network – Give Wangaratta	\$30,000
<b>Ganbina</b>	Employment – Making the vision a reality	\$40,000
<b>HoMie</b>	2022 HoMie Pathway Alliance	\$50,000
<b>Kids Under Cover</b>	Capacity Building: Nest'd Social Enterprise	\$100,000 (over 2 years)
<b>Kinfolk</b>	Kinfolk and Fitzroy Learning Network Collaboration	\$50,000
<b>Lighthouse Foundation</b>	Capacity building: 'We Belong' project	\$30,000
<b>Little Dreamers</b>	Level Up program	\$25,000
<b>Public Education Foundation</b>	Jack Brockhoff Victorian Indigenous Scholarships	\$22,000
<b>Refugee Migrant Children's Centre</b>	Off to work: giving refugee youth the tools to engage and participate in employment	\$30,000
<b>Social Studio</b>	Social Studio Internship Program	\$50,000
<b>Stephanie Alexander's Kitchen Garden</b>	A community-based education solution to address child and adolescent obesity	\$40,000
<b>WestJustice</b>	Out of Home Care and In Custody Legal Clinics Program	\$40,000
<b>YouthWorx</b>	YouthWorx Pathways Program	\$80,000 (over two years)
<b>Philanthropy Australia</b>	Sector capacity building: Jobs and Skills Funders Network	\$5,000 (over two years)



## 100 Story Building

### Project: Opportunity for Growth: Program Team Capacity

100 Story Building (100SB) is a creative literacy organisation for young writers. It was formed in 2009 and opened the Melbourne centre in 2013 running programs across Victoria and Tasmania. 100SB's primary objective and social purpose is to increase wellbeing and opportunities for six to 18-year-olds from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Foundation provided a capacity building grant to increase the Program Co-ordinator role to a full-time position as the organisation is on the verge of significant growth. The Program Coordinator gives 100 Story Building facilitators the capacity to focus on what they do best: developing, creating and delivering high-quality creative content.

In June 2021, co-founder and CEO Lachlann Carter left 100 Story Building after 10 years of impact-focused work, leaving an incredible legacy within communities, schools, teachers and with more than 40,000 children and young people who have participated in 100 Story Building programs since the organisation was established.

*"It has been such a privilege to help 100 Story Building grow from an idea 10 years ago to a thriving social enterprise. My life has been enriched by the passion and energy that the 100 Story Building extended family has brought to our work, and by the incredible ideas, imagination and curiosity of the young people we work with every day."*

[100storybuilding.org.au](http://100storybuilding.org.au)



## HoMie

### Project: 2022 HoMie Pathway Alliance

HoMie is a Melbourne-based streetwear clothing brand and social enterprise that uses 100 per cent of its profits towards achieving its mission. Their goal is to equip young people affected by homelessness or hardship with the skills, confidence and experiences that are necessary to be more work-ready and better prepared for their future.

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation provides grant funding to deliver the HoMie Pathway Alliance, which is HoMie's own accredited retail training and education paid internship for young people (16 to 25 years) affected by homelessness or hardship. Every year, HoMie selects young people who apply through Alliance Community Support Services to participate in an eight-month paid on-the-job work experience at the HoMie Street Store or a HoMie Alliance trained business.

*"The support HoMie has received from The Jack Brockhoff Foundation over the years has been beyond invaluable. Knowing that the Foundation have that trust and faith in us, to keep building and scaling our program, has been a great reassurance, while the financial support has enabled us to keep running our program, even in a year like 2020 when the COVID-19 lockdowns forced us to close our store for over 170 days. We're so proud of the work we've been able to do with the support of the Foundation and are very much looking forward to carrying it on for many years to come."*

[homie.com.au](http://homie.com.au)



## Ganbina

### Project: Jobs Employment – Making the vision a reality

Ganbina is a charity that has been in operation since 1997, based in the Goulburn Valley in regional Victoria. Ganbina runs Australia's most successful Aboriginal school-to-work transition program, Jobs4U2, which helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth aged from six to 25-years-old stay engaged in mainstream education, training and employment.

Ganbina's Jobs4U2 program is a 50-year pilot program i.e., two generations, with the aim to create long-term social and economic prosperity among Australia's Aboriginal population.

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation is supporting Ganbina's Youth Leadership Program. The purpose of the Program is to give participants an insight into leadership and to expose them to the skills and commitment required to be leaders.

Participation in the leadership program has a positive effect on education, training and employment outcomes. This increases to an average 74 per cent of participants in employment or training.

*"The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Board and staff have always been great believers and supporters of our programs, and the importance of their continued support over the years is never lost on us. The Foundation is a big part of the reason we can offer our Youth Leadership Program, which is integral to helping our Aboriginal youth unlock their full potential."*

[ganbina.com.au](http://ganbina.com.au)

# Community Grants 2020 – 2021

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation’s Community Grants Program aims to support innovative programs that will have a lasting impact on communities throughout Victoria. The Foundation’s current areas of focus in this grants program are listed below:

## Ageing

- Supporting housing and employment initiatives for older women; and
- Addressing the social isolation of older people.

## Disability

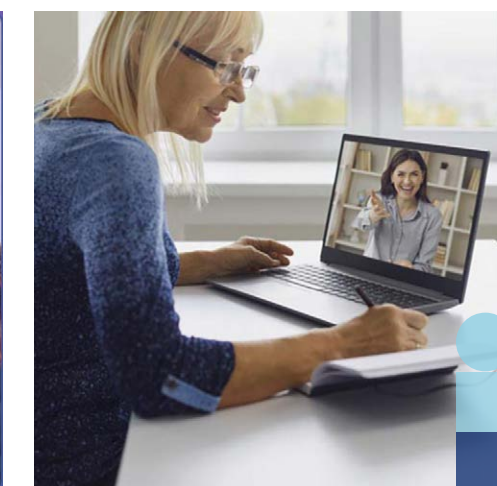
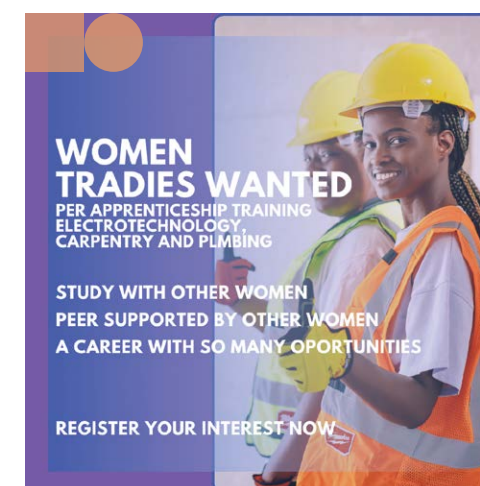
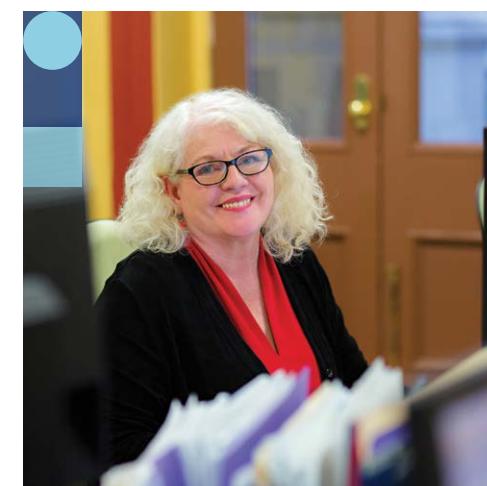
- Supporting housing initiatives for people with a disability; and
- Innovative approaches to employment for people with a disability.

## Building Capacity

- Addressing poverty and disadvantage through supporting small grass-roots charitable organisations to develop innovative ways of becoming more effective, efficient and sustainable.

<b>Fitted for Work</b>	Developing retail work experience through social enterprise	\$20,000 (2nd year grant)
<b>SisterWorks</b>	SisterWorks Empowerment Hubs	\$20,000 (2nd year grant)
<b>Anchor</b>	Impacts and Outcomes Framework – supporting the delivery of evidence-based programs	\$45,601
<b>Community Housing Industry Association</b>	Identifying and responding to domestic and family violence: a community housing industry standard	\$26,000
<b>Council for the Ageing Victoria</b>	Empowering female job seekers over 50	\$50,000
<b>Cultivating Community</b>	Developing a new social enterprise – HORTUS	\$40,000
<b>Fitted for Work</b>	Ageing Well – a partnership between Fitted for Work, Good Shepherd and Women’s Property Initiative	\$50,000
<b>First Steps</b>	The Road Home	\$49,000 (\$19,000 Yr 1 and \$30,000 Yr 2)
<b>FRRR/ Into Our Hands Community Foundation</b>	Growing volunteer resilience and capacity during bushfires and COVID – Grow VRC pilot	\$22,000
<b>Kids Foundation</b>	SeeMore’s Connecting Generations in Hamilton project	\$35,000
<b>Kids Plus Foundation</b>	Capacity building: Training Platform	\$40,000
<b>Launch Housing</b>	Functional Zero Program	\$60,000
<b>Live4Life</b>	Capacity building: Crew Alumni	\$30,000
<b>Melbourne Fights Against Parkinson’s</b>	Boxing for Parkinson’s (non-contact)	\$3,000
<b>Peninsula Community Legal Centre</b>	Street Law Coffee Cart Program	\$40,000
<b>Wellsprings for Women</b>	Capacity building: Activating and supporting isolated senior women	\$40,000
<b>WomenCan Australia</b>	The Placement Circle	\$50,000
<b>Women’s Property Initiative</b>	Capacity building: Development Manager	\$40,000

# Supporting older women into employment



## Fitted for Work

### Project: Ageing Well (Partnership between Fitted for Work, Good Shepherd and the Women’s Property Initiative)

Fitted for Work is a not-for-profit dedicated to helping women experiencing disadvantage to regain their confidence and secure and maintain employment. They believe that every woman has the right to economic security.

In collaboration with Fitted for Work (FFW), Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand (GSANZ) will provide targeted support to women aged over 45, who are increasingly at risk of falling into poverty.

The program will deliver one-on-one coaching services to 60 women who have recently become unemployed as a result of COVID-19. Each coaching service will explore individual employment and financial security goals within a holistic framework of strengths-based future planning.

Individualised coaching will be enhanced through a peer-based support network. This is offered through Cherry Women, which is an open Facebook support community for older women, administered by FFW.

[fittedforwork.org](https://fittedforwork.org)

## WomenCAN Australia

### Project: The Placement Circle – Certificate II Pre-Apprenticeship

WomenCAN Australia is a relatively new charity whose core program is called The Placement Circle. This connects women to training, work and a community of supportive peers with the aim of assisting them to secure sustainable employment. The areas of training they offer in partnership with TAFE are linked to high labour demand sectors including: Aged care, trades, transport, cybersecurity and commercial cookery.

The hypothesis being tested is whether a peer supported framework enables women currently seeking to access work (who have been disconnected from study and the workforce) to re-engage more successfully with meaningful employment. Fifteen women are currently participating in each pilot program which runs for six to nine months.

*“We are delighted to have the support of The Jack Brockhoff Foundation. By funding our peer-supported vocational training pathway, women have the chance to come together to build confidence, connections and work capability in the trades space - an opportunity that would not have otherwise been possible.”*  
Mikaela Stafrace - Founder & CEO

[womencanaustralia.org](https://womencanaustralia.org)

## Council on the Ageing

### Project: EncourAGED Women Working Together

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria is the leading not-for-profit organisation representing the interests and rights of people aged 50+ in Victoria. For 70 years, it has led government, corporate and community thinking about the positive aspects of ageing.

This project is specifically for vulnerable mature age female job seekers, assisting them to become meaningfully engaged in the workforce and financially secure.

This pilot program focuses on a preventative and practical approach that empowers older women, assisting them to deal with the personal circumstances that are holding them back from gaining secure and appropriately remunerated employment. Using a co-design model, COTA Victoria engage and train women with lived experience to mentor and provide peer support to the pilot participants.

Working with existing strong networks this pilot is delivered in the Brimbank or Melton LGA’s and neighbouring areas.

[cotavic.org.au](https://cotavic.org.au)

# Early Career Research Grants (Medical) 2020 — 2021

This program aims to strengthen research capability in Victoria, to conduct world-class research in health and well being by helping establish the careers of talented young scientists.

The Foundation intends these grants to assist talented young researchers build a CV that enables them to compete successfully for research positions and research grants, and to establish the foundation of a career in medical research.

## Disruption to ECR Grants program

Unfortunately, the Foundation did not conduct an early career research grants program for new applicants in 2020 given the uncertainty created by the pandemic and the significant disruption to medical research in Victoria at this time.

However, the Foundation did offer support to its existing grantees to provide necessary 'top-up' funding to cover the essential costs of completing their research. This funding was completely flexible and covered salaries, equipment, consumables and other items.

## Second year grants and additional COVID support grants

<b>Dr Rachel Climie</b>	Baker Institute	Identification and prevention of chemotherapy-induced premature vascular ageing in patients with breast cancer	\$54,645 \$21,000 (COVID Support)
<b>Dr Ashleigh Poh</b>	La Trobe University	Developing and validating novel anti-cancer drugs for the treatment of pancreatic cancer	\$48,311
<b>Dr Mary Ann Anderson</b>	Walter and Eliza Hall Institute	Overcoming resistance to Venetoclax.	\$70,000
<b>Dr Shu Gong</b>	Monash University	Tattoo-like Wearable Pulse Sensors for Antidiastole of Cardiovascular Disease	\$69,300 \$23,531 (COVID Support)
<b>Dr Leigh Walker</b>	Florey Institute	Understanding sex differences in the role of cocaine and amphetamine regulated transcript (CART) in adolescent onset binge alcohol consumption.	\$68,804
<b>Dr Sarah Voisin</b>	Institute for Sport and Health, Victoria University	Developing epigenetic biomarkers for healthy ageing	\$53,864
<b>Dr Aaron Elbourne</b>	RMIT	Combatting antibiotic-resistant Microbial Infections Using Stimuli-Responsive Liquid Metals	\$55,719
<b>Dr Rachel McQuade</b>	Florey Institute	Old drug new trick: Prucalopride as a neuroprotective agent in Parkinson's Disease.	\$16,200 (COVID Support)

# Early Career Research highlights

Dr Sarah Voisin from Victoria University and Dr Aaron Elbourne from RMIT were both awarded The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Early Career Research grants in 2019. They have both made significant progress on their respective projects over the past 18 months, despite the global pandemic, and provide excellent case studies of what is possible if early career researchers are provided with the funding they need to pursue their own research.



**Dr Sarah Voisin**  
Victoria University

## Project: Developing epigenetic biomarkers for healthy ageing.

Sarah is a Senior Postdoctoral Fellow at Victoria University. She works at the exciting crossroad of epigenetics, genetics, statistics, and bioinformatics, with particular focus on physical activity, nutrition, and human health.

In this research Dr Voisin is testing whether exercise slows down ageing at the epigenetic level. She is co-leading the Gene SMART study and will use its powerful design to address this question.

*"By relying on open-access data and by using our network of collaborators, we uncovered a list of robust markers of epigenetic ageing in muscle, which we just published in the highly reputable Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia & Muscle. Using the same large-scale data mining and bioinformatics techniques, we now have strong evidence that exercise training slows down epigenetic ageing in muscle. But before we reveal that story, we need to conduct further functional experiments to strengthen our results."*



**Dr Aaron Elbourne**  
RMIT

## Project: Combatting antibiotic-resistant Microbial Infections Using Stimuli-Responsive Liquid Metals.

Liquid metal nanoparticles (LMNPs), specifically those based on Gallium, have attracted significant attention as novel, low-toxicity medical and biological delivery nanomaterials. In this proof-of-concept study, Dr Elbourne proposes that magnetic LMNPs can be used as a targeted, stimuli-responsive antimicrobial treatment when activated by a magnetic field.

The movement of the magnetic field will cause the LMNPs to rupture and remove the microbial cells which make up a biofilm from the site of infection. This will be the first example of a magnetically activated, physical antimicrobial treatment.

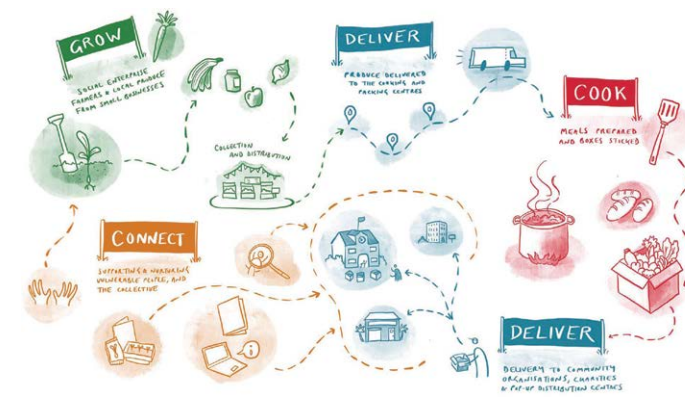
In September 2021 Dr Elbourne was awarded an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA). The \$450,000 award allows him to continue his research at RMIT for the next four years.



# Emergency Relief and Food Security Grants

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Emergency Relief and Food Aid Program provides three years of ongoing support to organisations who have a strong track record in providing aid to communities across Victoria.

<b>Bendigo Fareshare</b>	Capacity building	\$40,000 (over 2 years)
<b>Streat (Moving Feast)</b>	Capacity building: Food security and employment pathways	\$100,000 (over 2 years)
<b>Norlane Community Initiative</b>	Strengthening our place	\$25,000
<b>Queens Fund</b>	Emergency Relief	\$30,000 (over 3 years)
<b>Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre</b>	Low Income Support Service (LISS)	\$30,000 (over 3 years)
<b>Sustain Australia</b>	Urban Farm Food and Training Network	\$47,500
<b>Sacred Heart Mission</b>	COVID Response - extra support	\$20,000
<b>St Kilda Mums</b>	COVID Response - extra support	\$20,000
<b>Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief</b>	COVID Response - extra support	\$20,000
<b>Foodbank Victoria</b>	COVID Response - extra support (Farm to Families Program)	\$20,000



## STREAT

### Project: Food Security and Employment Pathways

STREAT is a social enterprise that provides marginalised young people aged 16 to 24 years with a healthy self, job and home. Over the past decade STREAT has worked intensively with more than 600 marginalised young people providing them with a suite of ‘learning and earning’ stepping stones within a broader employment pathway that can last beyond 12 months for each young person.

During the pandemic STREAT kickstarted Moving Feast, a collaborative project with a host of peer social enterprises with the collective aim of creating a fair and regenerative food system for Victoria. Whilst the collective’s early work centred around growing and making fresh, nutritious and culturally appropriate meals for the pandemic food relief efforts in 2020, the collective is now continuing to work together to create training and employment pathways for 50 young people each year, into urban horticulture and farming.

### This new employment pathway contains three ‘stepping stones’:

- An eight-week pre-vocational horticulture program
- A six-month ‘Learning’ program where young people gain over 500 hours of support and accredited horticulture training (a Certificate II)
- A 6-month ‘Earning’ program where young people gain over 700 hours of support and employment with open employment.

Led by STREAT working in partnership with Collingwood Children’s Farm, Cultivating Community, CERES and the Melbourne Farmers Market, this project understands that Victoria is currently facing two catastrophic challenges: mass unemployment disproportionately affecting marginalised young people, and the need for rapid climate adaptation. This social enterprise collective is proud to be working at the nexus of Healthy People + Healthy Planet to create new ‘green collar jobs’ for some of the state’s most vulnerable young people.

[streat.com.au](http://streat.com.au)



## Bendigo Foodshare

### Project: Employment of a Manager to establish and manage a social supermarket

Bendigo Foodshare (BFS) is a charitable organisation that rescues donated and surplus food to feed more than 12,485 local people each week via food distributions to local charities, community groups, schools and kindergartens. It has achieved this by providing food relief to 94 organisations across Central Victoria.

At the beginning of 2020, these organisations estimated they were providing food relief to 12,875 people per week through hampers, community meals, school breakfasts, and pantries. During the pandemic, they reported the need for food relief rose by 30 per cent.

To meet this increasing need, BFS went from sourcing and distributing 755,000 kgs, to 893,000 kgs of food a year. Working with 13 supermarkets, the organisation makes 96 food rescue collections seven days a week. With only 3.46FTE staff, BFS’s 309 volunteers are involved in every aspect of its service. BFS’s vision is to rescue and provide food to reduce food poverty.

However, BFS realises this is only part of the solution to building a food secure community. Partnering with local groups and organisations to deliver programs that reduce barriers to accessing help, and that build skills in growing, cooking and sharing food is an important and growing part of what the organisation does.

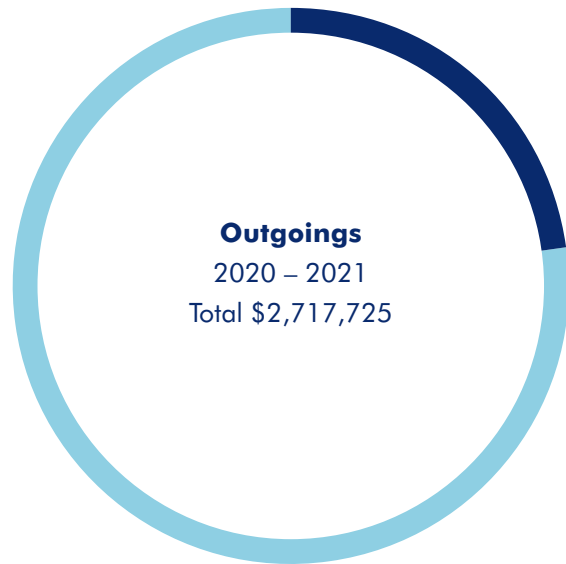
During 2020 BFS identified a need for the social supermarket as people who were reluctant to approach a charity or even their local school, used their online ordering to access free food. These people will have access to a social supermarket which provides an opportunity for people to make choices about the food they eat and to shop with dignity.

[bendigofoodshare.org.au](http://bendigofoodshare.org.au)

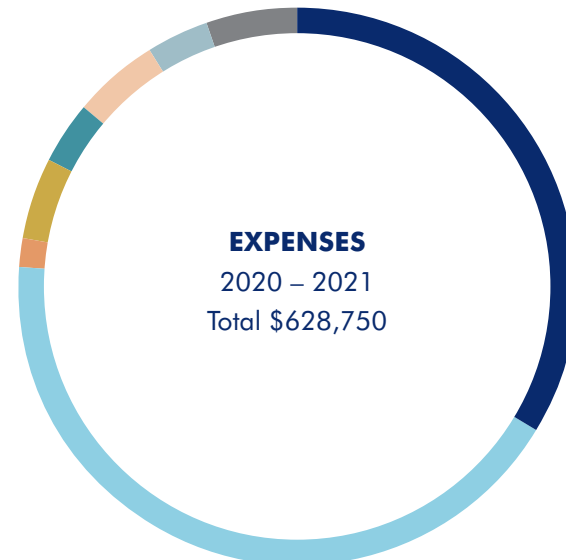


STREAT (Moving Feast)

# Finance summary 2020 - 2021



● Expenses 23% \$628,750 ● Grants 77% \$2,088,975



● Funds management \$212,382 ● People \$267,305  
● Audit \$10,880 ● Depreciation \$32,040  
● Accounting \$29,056 ● IT \$21,929  
● Other \$33,158

Profit and loss	Amount
Total income	\$3,120,098
Total expenses	\$628,750
Total grants	\$2,088,975
Net surplus *including investment revaluations	\$8,080,542

Balance sheet	Amount
Total cash at bank	\$36,821
Total investments	\$60,241,026
Other assets	\$80,723
Total assets	\$60,358,570
Total liabilities	\$153,150
Net assets	\$60,205,420

## Thank you!

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation relies on the expertise of several organisations and consultants so that we can professionally manage our investments, accounting, IT and design needs throughout the year.

We wish to thank the following people and companies for their support to the Foundation enabling us to deliver on our mission and values.

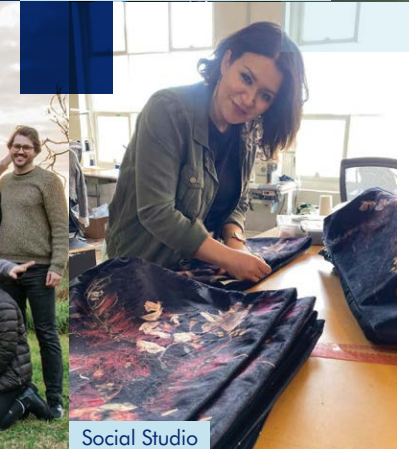


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