WIMMERA HEALTH CARE GROUP

# FOUNDATION HISTORY

# SUMMARY OF THE FOUNDATION'S

# MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS

**1989** June signing of Trust Deed establishing the Foundation.

**1990** Official launch of Foundation on 30 March 1990 at Jakades Reception Centre. First donation was made by Horsham and District United Friendly Society of $50,000.

$80,000 was raised to 30/6/1990.

**1993** 180 contributions received totalling $36,000. Total accumulated funds $137,000.

1993 Christmas appeal which was individually coloured by local school children and received 138 responses totalling $4,530.

**1994** "Foundationer" House in Fraser Drive Horsham was constructed, which saw many local businesses, tradespeople, community groups and local council working together to raise funds for the Foundation. The sale of the house and land package resulted in over $22,000 injected into the Foundation bringing the total to $154,000 as at 30 June 1994.

First Great Wimmera River Duck Race held at Kannamaroo with 2,000 ducks.

**1995** Total Foundation funds nearly $200,000.

**1997** Donated $40,000 towards Kurrajong Lodge.

**2002** Donated $50,000 towards Rotary House. NB The building of Rotary House was to mark the 75th birthday of Rotary Horsham.

**2009** Due to growth of the Foundation, meetings were increased from 2 per year to bi-monthly.

**2010** WBH Foundation first strategic plan was completed including a communication and marketing plan and a comprehensive investment strategy. A new vision statement to create 'the gift that keeps on giving' was adopted and to raise $1 million in capital by 2014.

Donated $15,000 for Paediatric Mobility Garden. Catriona Rowntree was a special guest at the opening.

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## 2011

Engaged the services of Robyn Lardner and Bronwyn Clarke to assist with review and refresh branding including a change of name to Wimmera Health Care Group Foundation. New logo was designed to reflect the changes.

Foundation 500 initiative was introduced. Donors commit $500 (gold) or $1,000 (platinum) per year for four years. 57 individuals and businesses committed to Foundation500 as at 30 June.

Franz and Rhonda Tursi were the first donors to pledge their support and continue to be active donors today.

A Mastercook competition and gala charity dinner was organised by Robyn and Bronwyn and was held to celebrate the 21st year of the Foundation, raising in excess of $51,000. The dinner was held at the Horsham RSL which was transformed into an Italian restaurant with guest celebrity chef, Stefano di Pieri.

The Mastercook competition lifted the profile of the Foundation, with 28 teams participating in a cooking competition, raising funds for their respective team and cook offs at the Horsham Plaza. At the time, delegates estimated the cooking competition and charity dinner had reached approximately one third of the Horsham population.

Volunteers came together to assist with the event and it was from this that Friends of the Foundation, (FOFz) the fundraising arm of the Foundation was established in August 2011, nominating Allison Roberts as the Co-ordinator.

Funds raised by the Foundation in 2010/2011 financial year were $79,517.

## 2012

Website was launched.

FOFz organised Mastercook2 and was the major focus in fundraising for 2012, raising $73,040.

Ambassadors Anna Ball and Noreen Abel.

Patron Peter Doyle.

FOFz created a new popular event in movie nights with costumes and drinks and canapes prior to attending the release of a new movie and are still popular events.

First movie night coincided with the release of the Kath & Kimderella movie and raised $1,588.

## 2013

Donated $30,000 for wall desks at Oxley and Yandilla wards.

Donated $2,500 for mobile defibrillator at Dimboola.

Duck race held on the Wimmera River raised $3,574.

Foundation Fluoro Football Fundraising Fortnight raised $3,892.

Sydney Long lunch raised $7,620.

July Mastercook 3 Masterclass with Amina & dinner at Cafe Jas raised $7,024.

December Wartook Gardens open day at the home of Royce and Jeanne Raleigh raised over $4,000.

## 2014

Foundation 500PLUS, an initiative of the late Don Johns, commenced. A commitment of $1,000 (Platinum) and $500 (Gold) for five years. 46 donors committed to this initiative creating annual donations of $29,500 for five years.

Donated $6,500 for patient trolley at Dimboola.

Donated $30,000 for adult rehabilitation garden.

Shiraz n Snags raised $1,880.

Foundation Fluoro Football Fundraising Fortnight raised $3,892.

Great Wimmera River Duck race raised $8,466.

Grace of Monaco movie night raised $3,002.

## 2015

01/3/2015 100 Mile Tapas event with Michael Unwin raised $1,656.

12/3/2015 Wimmera Cancer Centre Federal Government $1 million announcement.

March 2015- Maddison O'Neill-Crozier played as part of the Country Music Festival buskers at the Plaza and donated funds raised of $287.40 and in 2016 she raised and donated $270.

June 2015 Wimmera Cancer Centre /Rachael's Wish campaign launched.

The Dressmaker movie night raised $7,785.

Great Wimmera River Duck Race raised $6,341.

First Wines in the Vines at Norton Estate raised $5,097.

## 2016

13/1/2016 New Members 500Plus (sponsors).

Wimmera Cancer Centre cheque handover $50,000 and a further $5,000. Golden Duck dinner raised $8,041.

Great Wimmera River Duck Race raised $8,237.

Wines in the Vines at Norton Estate raised $6,068.

August 2016 Announcement that the community has raised $1 million for Wimmera Cancer Centre.

Open day at Wartook Gardens, the home of Royce and Jeanne Raleigh 02/10/2016 raised $4,092.

## 2017

Wimmera Cancer Centre cheque handover $75,000.

Wines in the Vines at Norton Estate raised $8,865.

Great Wimmera River Duck Race raised $9,106.

Former Trustee and Vice Chair Denise Leembruggen was made a life governor of WHCG.

## 2018

Wimmera Cancer Centre further pledge of $210,000.

Wimmera Cancer Centre cheque handover $70,000.

Wines in the Vines at Norton Estate raised $7,310.

Great Wimmera River Duck Race raised $9,751.

Donated $50,000 for Breast Cancer surgical equipment (Navigator).

## 2019

March 2019 - Horsham Italian Social Club made donation of $120,000.

Donated $42,174 for theatre tracking equipment.

Donated $4,000 for Wimmera Cancer Centre Paintings.

Wimmera Cancer Centre cheque handover $70,000.

Donated $23,000 for Read St Medical Clinic colposcope.

Wimmera Cancer Centre opened by Rachael Littore and Jo Johns on 12/6/2019.

Donation of $35,000 received from Richard Goudie, Robert Goudie, Peter Miller, Christine Chapple and Janette Taylor.

30 June Foundation became an incorporated body of which the trustees became directors.

Foundation KeepCups launched.

Wines in the Vines at Norton Estate raised $8,315.

Great Wimmera River Duck Race (first corporate duck race) raised $14,941.

December 2019 Received Estate Maureen Mann bequest of $209,279.

## 2020

March 2020 Foundation launched 30 years ago. Proposed celebrations cancelled because of Covid-19.

The Foundation achieved its strategic goal of $2 million in capital by 2020.

Launch of 30for30 campaign.

Donated $65,000 to purchase ultrasounds for Emergency Department and Theatre.

The Dry movie night raised $3,225.

In a truly remarkable achievement FOFz total funds raised since 2012 exceeds $260,000.

2021

Penguin Bloom movie night raised $2,653.

Wartook Gardens Open Day raised $7,806.

Graeme Hardman, Director, Allison Roberts, FoFz Co-ordinator and Denise Queale, FoFz member all rewarded with Life Governor status.

James Bond movie night raised $2,355.

Wines in the Vines raised $11,566.

Donated tickets from cancelled Sofia Opera High Tea event raised $1,005.

Donated $85,310 to WHCG from which various equipment was purchased including Endobase camera stack, camera heads and LCD monitor for theatre for $64,000.

2022

Ace Radio Golf Day raised $1,240.

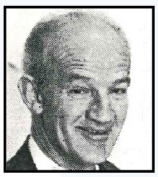
The Duke movie night raised $1,956.

Elvis-Direct from Graceland Exhibition, Bendigo raised $2,975.

Donated $109,808 to WHCG for a second Endobase camera stack, camera heads and LCD monitor for theatre and two birthing beds for Horsham hospital; and an Arjo patient lifter with scales for the Dimboola hospital.

# HISTORY OF TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS

**Graeme Hardman**
16/06/1989 - present



**Don Johns**
16/06/1989 – passed away 12/06/2017

**Dr Mark Lloyd**
16/06/1989 – 01/07/1996

**Malcolm Taylor**
16/06/1989 – 12/04/1994

**Kaye Valpied**
16/06/1989 – 27/11/2008

**Ned Carter**
12/04/1994 – passed away 02/10/2004

**Janette John**
01/07/1996 – 05/10/2010

**Peter Brown**
09/03/2005 – 27/11/2008

**Michael Ryan**
09/03/2005 – 25/10/2011

**Denise Leembruggen**
27/11/2008 – 20/10/2016

**Bruce Johansen**
27/11/2008 – 06/02/2014

**Penelope Manserra**
05/08/2010 – present

**Alison Butler**
28/10/2010 – 18/7/2022

**Anthony Schneider**
12/04/2012 – 30/09/2018

**Susan Frankham**
06/02/2014 – present

**Brenda Whitworth**
13/09/2017 – 30/06/2020

**David Johns**
30/09/2018 – present

**Josephine Johns**
30/09/2018 – 28/03/2021

# HISTORY OF FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATORS

**Maree Taberner**
16/06/1989 – 16/07/2001

**Craig Wright**
07/2001 – 05/2008

**Susan Frankham**
08/2008 – 10/2011

**Anne Bothe**
10/2011 – 03/2016

**Jacqui Hill**
03/2016 – 13/11/2020

**Desiree Cross**
04/01/2021 – 8/11/2021

**Andrea Cameron**
17/02/2022 – present