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OUR VISION
It is our vision to be a catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

OUR MISSION
Our mission is to create better health for all Australians through improved education and advancements in knowledge through medical research. We support excellence in research in an effort to provide both preventative and curative solutions for a broad range of health conditions.

WHO WE ARE
Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent funders of mental health research within Australia. In addition to mental health research, we also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas, provide scholarships for rural medical and nursing students, as well as Indigenous health scholars. Australian Rotary Health has a broad vision to improve the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

WHAT WE DO
Australian Rotary Health provides funding into areas of health that do not readily attract funding, and promotes findings to the community.

Mental Health Research
Since the year 2000, Australian Rotary Health has focussed its funding on mental health research. In 2012 this focus narrowed to the ‘Mental Health of Young Australians’, and in 2013 research projects focussing on the ‘Prevention of Mental Health’ were included.
General Health Research
Australian Rotary Health engages with a variety of funding partners to provide research PhD scholarships. These projects encompass a broad range of general health areas including cancer, heart disease, children’s health, motor neuron disease, diabetes and more.

Rural and Medical Nursing Scholarships
Australian Rotary Health provides scholarships for medical and nursing scholars to undertake placements at a rural and remote health care service. Scholars experience what these facilities have to offer and provide an incentive to pursue a career in rural Australia upon graduation.

Indigenous Health Scholarships
These scholarships support Indigenous scholars to undertake tertiary training in nursing, physiotherapy, psychology, dentistry and other health related degrees at university. These scholarships help to overcome barriers to tertiary study and qualification.

OUR HISTORY
Australian Rotary Health was established as a charitable fund in 1981 by Rotarian PP Ian Scott and the Rotary Club of Mornington, Victoria, to research the mystery of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Gaining acceptance from District 982 (now D9820) for the project, the Rotary Club of Mornington discussed their vision at the Regional Rotary Institute in front of the current and past RI officers. A Steering Committee was appointed to develop the fund and each Australian District accepted the concept.

With the generous support of Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts, Australian Rotary Health has funded over $40 million in research. Australian Rotary Health has since welcomed individual, commercial and government supporters.
ABOUT US

DONATIONS

The financial year of Australian Rotary Health ends on June 30 each year. Donations for research over the past 14 years were:

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2018 FUNDING ALLOCATION

22 Research Project Grants (up to $70,000 pa) $1,332,501
Australian Rotary Health provides grants for research relating to the mental health of young Australians for up to three years per project.

4 Ian Scott PhD Scholarships (up to $29,000 pa) $112,000
Named after the founder of Australian Rotary Health, Ian Scott Scholarships provide financial support to PhD students conducting research into mental health.
2 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder PhD Scholarship ($35,000 pa)  $34,000
Australian Rotary Health offers financial support to PhD scholars undertaking research within mental health, with a specific focus on the post-traumatic effects of war.

4 Post Doctoral Fellowships (up to $75,000 pa)  $211,875
Australian Rotary Health offers four fellowships to early career researchers in the area of mental illness prevention. These are named after the first four chairman of Australian Rotary Health.

2 Research Companion PhD Scholarships (up to $29,000 pa)  $34,000
Funded by a Rotary family or individuals, these scholarships are for research into any health area.

32 Funding Partner PhD Scholarships (up to $29,000 pa)  $453,068
Jointly funded by a Rotary Club or District, Australian Rotary Health and a University, for research into any health area.

2 Rural Medical Scholarships ($5,000 pa)  $10,000
Provide incentives for students to complete at least one year of medical placements in a rural area.

4 Rural and Indigenous Nursing Scholarships ($12,500 pa)  $50,000
Provides an incentive to complete their 3rd year major clinical placement and graduating year in a rural or remote area.

80 Indigenous Health Scholarships ($5,000 pa)  $400,000
These scholarships are a partnership between a Rotary Club or District and the State or Commonwealth government to provide scholarships for Indigenous Australians.

TOTAL  $2,637,444
QUICK STATS FOR DISTRICT DONATIONS

- All 21 Australian Rotary Districts have contributed over $700,000 to Australian Rotary Health
- 17 Rotary District (9455, 9465, 9500, 9520, 9550, 9600, 9650, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9710, 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820 and 9830) have contributed in excess of $1,000,000
- 5 Districts (9650, 9675, 9685, 9800 and 9810) have contributed over $2,000,000
- 3 Districts (9675, 9685 and 9810) have contributed over $3,000,000
- 2 Districts (9675 and 9685) have contributed over $4,000,000

OUR STRUCTURE

Membership
Membership of Australian Rotary Health entitles Members to attend the Annual General Meeting, which is generally hosted at the Zone 8 Institute. Membership fees are $50 on joining and $10 per annum (plus GST). All Members of Australian Rotary Health, as stated within the Constitution, must be Rotarians.

Applications for Membership should be directed to:

The CEO
Australian Rotary Health
PO Box 3455
Parramatta, NSW 2124

Administration
The administration of Australian Rotary Health is conducted from Parramatta, NSW. Costs are minimal due to the high level of honorary service rendered by members of the Board and supporters at the District level.

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
The success of Australian Rotary Health in each Australian Rotary District is directly related to the quality and enthusiasm of our District Representatives and associated Committees.
**Their Role**

- To promote ARH to all Rotary Clubs in their District using a variety of promotional material
- To personally visit each club, where possible, as guest speaker at least once a year, disseminating contribution level data and other information
- To maintain verbal/written contact with clubs
- To target non-participating clubs for special attention
- To suggest to each club or group of clubs that it conducts fundraising project for ARH and assist them in doing so
- To promote and generally support all fundraising projects
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- To promote and generally support all fundraising projects
- To allocate a number of clubs to each committee member, preferably clubs with which they have a close relationship
- To hold committee meetings regularly; to collect information as to the club’s activities, to discuss the distribution of information to clubs and to co-ordinate assistance to fundraising projects
- To provide minutes of committee meetings to the DG and the ARH Director to keep them informed of District activities
- To arrange (with the consent of the DG) to conduct a segment at the District Assembly and PETS
- To liaise directly with the region's Director on all District and Club matters
- To prepare a quarterly report from the District of which they are responsible which will be presented at each Board meeting. This report will include details of all interaction with clubs and recommendations on proposed actions to improve relationships

**If requested by a Director**

- Liaise with their regions District Governors, District Governors Elect and District Governors Nominee and to assist when requested
- Develop a working relationship with the District Governor to ensure maximum promotion and support of the Australian Rotary Health
- Ensure there is opportunity at District Conferences for Australian Rotary Health to be presented
- Brief incoming committee members about Australian Rotary Health
ABOUT US

OUR BOARD

Australian Rotary Health is governed by a Board of 10 Directors who are Rotarians from around Australia. Directors serve for a limited term to ensure fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

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OUR RESEARCH COMMITTEE
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PP Don Gordon
PDG Alan Grady
PDG Terry Grant
PDG Denis Green
PDG Des Jones
PDG Don Keighran
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PDG Fred Marsh
PDG Ian Oliver OAM
PDG John Ranieri
Professor Michael Sawyer OAM
RID Noel Trevaskis OAM
PDG Don Whatham
PDG Dick White OAM

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Barney Koo
Phil Lacey
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Dick Wilson
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Rob Wylie

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His Excellency General the Honourable
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)
Governor General of the Commonwealth
of Australia

His Excellency General The Honourable David
Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d) Governor of NSW

Glen Kinross AO RI President 1997 to 1998
Sir Clem Renouf AM RI President 1978
to 1979.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Donations
Australian Rotary Health is classified as a Health Promotion Charity. Donations are tax deductible.

Many areas of research are tragically underfunded in Australia. Donations provide an invaluable income stream that help Australian Rotary Health fund vital research, education and awareness programs throughout the country. We rely on donations from individuals, Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Districts, corporations and trusts to continue this work.

Visit www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au for more information on how to donate to Australian Rotary Health.

Workplace Giving
The workplace giving program operates through an employer’s payroll system and provides employees with a tax effective and simple way to donate regularly to Australian Rotary Health.

Workplace giving programs also help employers foster community-business partnerships and encourage a higher level of employee morale within their organisation.

If you would like to know more or are interested in providing workplace giving at your place of employment, please contact our office on (02) 8837 1900 or email admin@arh.org.au for more information.
Bequests
Making a will is important at any stage of your life. It ensures that when you pass away, your estate will be handled the way you planned. Furthermore, making a will ensures that your assets will go to the people you choose, giving you peace of mind that your affairs are in order.

Including a bequest in your will is also one of the easiest ways to continue supporting your community after your death. By bequeathing to your favourite charity you can also benefit from having access to your funds or property during your lifetime, resulting in less strain on you and your family.

Australian Rotary Health has worked with legal professionals who have offered to assist you in the preparation of a will. Please contact our office for known legal professionals.

To find out more about making a bequest, contact us today on: (02) 8837 1900 or admin@arh.org.au.

You can also find the Australian Rotary Health Bequest Kit online at: www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au
FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS

To recognise those who support us, Australian Rotary Health enables donors to become a ‘Friend’, ‘Companion’ or ‘Research Companion’.

Friends
Individuals who donate $100 or more are eligible to become a Friend of Australian Rotary Health. Contributions are cumulative and the following recognition levels are available:

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Individuals may choose to credit their donations through a nominated Rotary Club and will receive a pin and certificate to recognise their contribution.

Companions
Donors who contribute $5,000 or more to Australian Rotary Health are eligible to become a Companion. This level of recognition is available to:

- Corporations or nominees of corporations
- Estates or their nominees
- Trusts or their nominees
- Individuals (whether Rotarians or not) or their nominees
- Rotary Districts and/or Rotary Clubs or their nominees
A framed certificate and a pin is presented to Companions who can, if they desire, credit the contribution through a nominated Rotary Club. Pins signifying the level of support have a ruby, emerald or diamond chip. Contributions are cumulative and the following recognition levels are available:

- Companion $5,000
- Gold Companion $10,000
- Ruby Companion $20,000
- Emerald Companion $50,000
- Diamond Companion $100,000

**Research Companions**

Research Companions are PhD Scholarships named after their donors. They play a vital role in helping shape the future of Australia’s medical landscape and contribute to a healthier future for Australians.

Research Companions (donors) are able to choose a specific area of research to fund. The scholarship is then awarded to a PhD student completing research in that nominated field.

Donors can choose to become a:

**Research Companion (3 years) $100,000**

Funds one PhD researcher for the term of their PhD, which is usually three years.

**Distinguished Research Companion (10 years) $500,000**

Funds up to three PhD researchers over a ten year period.

**Perpetual Research Companion $1,000,000**

Funds PhD researchers in perpetuity.
Promotional brochures and Australian Rotary Health pull up banners are available for any Rotary or public promotional activities. You can request them from the Australian Rotary Health office at no charge.

For the latest copy of the Annual Report, go to issuu.com and search for Australian Rotary Health. Limited hard copies are available upon request.

**IN MEMORIAM ENVELOPES**

Australian Rotary Health In Memoriam envelopes are available upon request from our office. These are used when a mourner might request funeral attendees make a donation in lieu of flowers.
DONATION GIFT CARDS ($30 EACH)

You can make a donation to Australian Rotary Health on behalf of someone else through our donation cards. Choose a design and it will be posted to the person you nominate. Please contact our office for purchases.

1. Understanding
2. Care
3. Direction
4. Vision
5. Flourish
6. Amazement
2018 EVENTS

Lift the Lid on Mental Illness
Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is Australian Rotary Health’s national fundraising campaign to raise money for mental health research. 100% of proceeds go to funding research into helping those affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

On World Mental Health Day in October 2017, a number of businesses, individuals, and Rotary Clubs got involved in Lift the Lid around Australia. They did this by hosting Hat Day events, collecting donations at train stations and local cafes, and setting up awareness tables at Bunnings Warehouse stores.

To be involved in 2018 keep an eye on the Lift the Lid Facebook page: www.facebook.com/liftthelidevent or visit: www.hatday.com.au
Muster for Mental Health
The Muster for Mental Health is a hop-on hop-off tour in Australia, with a quest to raise money and awareness for mental health research in Young Australians and Youth Suicide.

From **Sunday February 4 to February 25**, Muster travellers will make their way around Tasmania in cars, caravans and motorhomes for Drive 8. The trip will include spectacular scenery with the choice to select guided tours and optional activities. Community mental health forums will also be held in different regions of Tasmania.

[www.muster.org.au](http://www.muster.org.au)
Rotary Satellite e-Club of Ryde e-Quiz - February 23-25, 2018
Put your trivia skills to good use in this year’s e-quiz hosted by Rotary Satellite e-Club of Ryde. Funds raised go to ARH.  http://e-quiz.org.au

2018 Wellness Expo - March 3, 2018
The 2018 Wellness Expo is a free community event in Hobart, Tasmania, run by West Moonah Community House and ARH.  www.taswellnessexpo.com

2018 Wellness Gala Dinner - March 24, 2018

Opera in the Arboretum - March 24, 2018
The annual opera event is put on by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy at Pearl Beach on the NSW Central Coast. ARH is a beneficiary. Visit:  www.opera.pearl-beach.com to book tickets.

City2Surf (NSW) - August 12, 2018
Run with the City2Surf Legends on Sunday August 12. Money raised will go to ARH. Visit city2surf.com.au or for further details.

North Ryde Fun Run - August 2018 (TBA)
A fun run event in conjunction with Macquarie University, local businesses and the Rotary Club of North Ryde. Proceeds will go towards mental health research.  www.northrydefunrun.com.au
Golf for Research - October 11, 2018
Join us for a round of golf at Camden Lakeside Golf Course, Camden NSW. All proceeds go towards research through Australian Rotary Health.

A Night With Our Researchers - October 25, 2018
An annual ARH dinner at Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club open to Rotarians and the wider community. It’s a chance to spend time getting to know the work of our funded researchers.

Cycling events

‘Jail to Trail’ D9810
Ride to Conference
March 4-9, 2018

‘Riverina Ramble’ D9790
Ride to Conference
March 17-22, 2018

Rotary Rides Canberra Five Peaks Challenge - April 29, 2018
Rotarians will take on five peaks (and a bonus sixth peak) of Canberra on their bicycles for charity. Australian Rotary Health is a beneficiary. www.rotaryrides.org.au

Banish the Black Dog Ride - May 26-27, 2018
The Banish the Black Dog Charity Bike Ride is a relaxed cycling tour promoted by the Rotary Club of Townsville Central to raise awareness of mental health issues in the community. The ride’s major donation recipient is Australian Rotary Health. banishtheblackdog.org.au

To keep up to date with our current events, visit: www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/events
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ROTARY CLUB AND DISTRICT FUNDRAISING

Over the years a number of Rotary Clubs across Australia have shown great initiative in developing specific projects to aid Australian Rotary Health. It is our policy is to encourage such activities and promote them through newsletters and Rotary Down Under magazine.

Clubs are provided with support to develop their own fundraising projects at a time that is convenient to their members. Alternatively, they may use one or more of Australian Rotary Health’s fundraising initiatives to get the ball rolling.

Recent Fundraising Projects
Auction nights
Swimming events
Guest speaker certificates
Bicycle rides
Walking events
Flower and plant sales
Balls/Concerts
Trivia/Red Faces Nights
Golf Days
Holiday Tours
Raffles Sweeps
Sales Calendar
Sales Race Days

If your Club or District is currently conducting a particular project to aid Australian Rotary Health, please advise us as soon as possible so that we can assist with publicity.
NATIONAL SYMPOSIUMS

National health symposiums have been hosted by Australian Rotary Health over the years. Previous Symposiums have focused on Cot Death, Muscular Dystrophy, Health of the Ageing, Adolescent Health, Family Health and Mental Health.

The latest Symposium was held in May 2013 titled “Prevention of Mental Disorders across the Lifespan: Setting New Directions for Research and Implementation”. This Symposium brought together 25 of Australia’s leading mental health professionals working in “prevention”.

Outcomes from this symposium have included the establishment of The Alliance For the Prevention of Mental Disorders, the introduction of community health forums, run by Australian Rotary Health in partnership with Rotary Clubs, which will inform Australians of what they can do to prevent mental disorders, and the commitment of new funding for further research into mental health prevention.
ABOUT US

PROMOTION AND COMMUNICATION

Australian Rotary Health engages in a number of promotional activities throughout the year in an effort to raise awareness for the need for health research and educational funding.

Newsletters
Produced twice a year - in spring and autumn - newsletters inform readers about our current activities and are used to encourage clubs and individuals to contribute to Australian Rotary Health. E-newsletters are also sent out on a fortnightly basis. To sign up to receive newsletters, contact our office.

Community Service Announcements
At minimal cost, Australian Rotary Health has been able to produce Community Service Announcements, which are distributed through commercial television stations in Australia. These announcements highlight the work of Australian Rotary Health and the need for health research.

DVD
At regular intervals, a DVD about Australian Rotary Health is produced for use at District Conferences, PET seminars, District Assemblies and, for Rotary Club programs. The current professionally produced movie is available to watch and download from our website. You can also watch more of our videos on our YouTube page by searching ‘AusRotaryHealth’.

Rotary Down Under Features
Australian Rotary Health publishes a bi-annual four page spread in the Rotary Down Under magazine. These features appear in the December/January and the May issues of RDU.
Speakers at Club Meetings
District Representatives or members of their committee aim to visit every Rotary Club to provide updates on current Australian Rotary Health initiatives.

Promotional Brochures
Full colour brochures that can be used at both club level and for the general public are available for promotion and distributing information.

Display Banners
Each District has access to portable multi-purpose display material. Clubs wishing to make use of this material should contact their Australian Rotary Health District Representative.

District Conferences
Australian Rotary Health Directors, District Representatives and ARH staff can arrange an excellent district conference segment for your club, including a keynote speaker or report session with our DVD, the Perpetual Trophy presentation and more.

Special Club Awards
Where clubs have reached contributions of $250, $500, $1,000, $1,500 and $2,000, then increments of $1,000 per member, an Australian Rotary Health Director or District Representative can present a certificate of appreciation at an important function such as a District Conference, club anniversary, or similar.
ABOUT US

AWARDS

Australian Rotary Health “Medal”
The Board of Australian Rotary Health awards an annual ‘Medal’ to an individual who has made a contribution of outstanding service to Australian Rotary Health. The Medal is the second highest award of meritorious service, after Life Membership (which ARH bestows), and is awarded annually. Recipients are presented with a framed certificate and commemorative pin.

Past Recipients
2003: Loch Adams (deceased), Fred Hay (deceased), Professor Michael Sawyer OAM & Fay Jackson
2004: Noel Trevaskis OAM
2005: Philip James Francis
2006: Paul Henningham OAM
2007: Professor Anthony Jorm
2008: Dick White OAM
2009: Geoff Kennedy (deceased)
2010: Ron Beslich OAM
2011: Peter Lean
2012: Rob Henry (deceased)
2013: Geoffrey Bailey (deceased) & Joy Gillett OAM
2014: Dean Brown AO & Bob Aitken AM
2015: David and Karen Brown
2016: Keith Henning OAM

2017 Recipient
The winner of the Australian Rotary Health “Medal” in 2017 was PP Melvin Gray of the Rotary Club of Blacktown City (NSW). Mel is a strong supporter of Australian Rotary Health through a number of charity bike ride events.
Dick White District Achievement Award

This Award is bestowed in honour of Past Australian Rotary Health Director, PDG Dick White, who dedicated a long service to Australian Rotary Health, including his tireless efforts as Chairman of the Rotary Health Safari and the Great Australian Bike Ride.

The award is presented annually to the nominated District’s Governor at the ARH AGM. Selection is made by the Executive Committee of ARH, in conjunction with Dick White or his representative. Criteria includes the hosting of a major promotional event, a significant increase in donations, a significant increase in Friends of ARH or other major contribution.

Past Recipients

**2010**: District 9810 (VIC), for their annual bike ride to District Conference.

**2011**: District 9680 (NSW), for their financial contribution to Australian Rotary Health, particularly during 2011.

**2012**: District 9550 (QLD) for their major annual fundraising event, Banish the Black Dog Ride.

**2013**: District 9830 (TAS) for initiatives including Sally’s Ride, the Ulverstone Health Expo and their many Funding Partner PhD Scholarships.

**2014**: District 9675 (NSW) for introducing the ARH Golden Microscope Award and support for Indigenous Health Scholarships and Funding Partner PhD Scholarships.

**2015**: District 9650 (NSW) to acknowledge the support of District Governors and, in particular, their partners for naming ARH as the “Partner Project” in each consecutive year from 2011/12 to 2015/16 and before that in 2008/2009 and 2006/2007.

**2016**: District 9810 (VIC) to acknowledge the support of Rotarians in this district and, in particular, raising $1 million over the past 30 years through their annual 5-day bicycle ‘Ride to District Conference’ event.

**2017**: District 9830 (TAS) for their role in increasing awareness of Australian Rotary Health by introducing several Funding Partner PhD Scholarships and by hosting annual health expos.
Award for Knowledge Dissemination in Mental Health
Australian Rotary Health sponsors an annual award for knowledge dissemination through the Society for Mental Health Research (SMHR). The award is given to a person who has shown outstanding service in the promotion of evidence-based interventions, implementing them into practice or making the public more aware of their existence.

Research has produced a large body of evidence-based knowledge about effective treatments. However, many who would benefit from these treatments are often unable to access them as they are not made routinely available. Open to all clinicians, researchers, consumers and organisations, the awardee is given a plaque and expenses of attending and presenting their research at the annual SMHR meeting. The winner is available to address Rotary meetings in the 12 months after accepting the award.

Past Recipients
2008: Professors Helen Christensen & Kathy Griffiths
2009: Professor Perminder Sachdev
2010: Betty Kitchener AM
2012: Professor Jan Copeland
2013: Dr Marie Yap
2014: Dr Lexine Stapinski
2015: Professor Eoin Kennedy
2016: Dr Christina Marel

2017 Recipient
Dr Cath Chapman (pictured above) was the 2017 recipient of the Knowledge Dissemination Award, for her work on ‘Cracks in the Ice’, an online evidence-based toolkit providing information and resources on the drug, crystal methamphetamine.
RESEARCH HISTORY

Australian Rotary Health has funded over $40 million of research into a range of health and medical areas. As national health priorities have changed over time, so has our research focus.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Cot Death)
1986-1994

Environmental Health Problems of the Aged
1989-1995

Adolescent Health
1993-1996

Family Health
1996-1999

Ross River Virus
1998-2000

First Aid, Pre-hospital Treatment
1999-2001

Mental Health
2000 to present

Mental Health of Young Australians
2012 to present

Prevention of Mental Health Disorders
2013 to present
PTSD RESEARCH

National Scholarships in Veterans PTSD
On ANZAC Day 2015, Australian Rotary Health announced its PhD Scholarship initiative the ‘Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Service Personnel and their Families’.

The inaugural PTSD PhD Scholarship was awarded to Kristin Graham at the Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies, University of Adelaide. Kristin is investigating the link between common physical health symptoms and the development of mental illness.

Our second scholarship recipient, Rebecca Sheriff is investigating the link between common mental disorders and traumatic stress - to more effectively screen, monitor, treat and support those in the Australian Defence Forces. Since 2016, Rebecca has worked on her PhD at the Centre for Traumatic Stress Studies at the University of Adelaide.

In late 2017, the Rotary District 9790/RSL Clubs of Victoria & Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholarship was awarded to Fiona Henrich at the Swinburne University of Technology. Fiona will look at the distinguishing characteristics between adaptive dreams and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder nightmares.

District Scholarship: PTSD in Emergency Service Workers
In October 2015 ARH announced co-funding with District 9675 for a Funding Partner PhD Scholarship researching PTSD in Emergency Services. Research will look at in-depth ways workers experience PTSD and alleviate the mental health burden on our Emergency Services.

Police, fire and ambulance officers are regularly exposed to traumatic events, and it is estimated that 10 per cent of current emergency service workers have PTSD. The new PTSD in Emergency Services PhD Scholarship is yet to be awarded to a suitable candidate.
RESEARCH FOCUS

Overview
Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest funding bodies of mental health research in Australia. We also provide funding into a broad range of general health areas. Our current research programs include:

- Mental Health Research Project Grants
- Ian Scott PhD Research Scholarships (mental health)
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (mental health)
- Funding Partner PhD Research Scholarships (general health)
- Research Companion PhD Research Scholarships (general health)
- Special Research Grants (general health, collaborative funding)

Mental Health
Since 2000, Australian Rotary Health has directed the bulk of its funding towards mental health research. In 2010 we specified this focus to the Mental Health of Young Australians aged 0-25 years. In 2013 this also included the prevention of mental disorders.

Prevalence and Stigma
Almost 50% of Australians will experience a mental disorder during their lifetime. This includes depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, eating disorders, and more.

The annual cost of mental illness in Australia has been estimated at $20 billion, which includes the cost of lost productivity and labour force participation.

Mental illness is the leading cause of sickness absence and long-term work incapacity.
**Adopt a Scientist**

‘Adopt a Scientist’ is a new campaign initiative of Lift The Lid on Mental Illness.

Australian Rotary Health aims to raise $20 million in Australia over the next three years to fund mental health research, increasing ARH funding of research grants fivefold.

‘Adopt A Scientist’ will be the ongoing public facing campaign until at least 2020.

Supporters will have the opportunity to become a ‘friend’ of the mental health research ARH funds that are donated through Universities, other institutions and among independent researchers. They can make a one-off adoption contribution or can choose to support research on a monthly basis.

Adopting a Scientist is more than a ‘donation’. It is playing an active part in important scientific research that makes a contribution to advancing our understanding of how the world works and how our minds work within it.

The Funding Gap
According to the World Health Organisation, one of the most significant barriers to improving mental health treatments is the small focus of mental health in the public health agenda and the implications for funding.

Research funding largely depends on government or private funding which can be easily affected by political policy and the economic climate. Therefore, Australian Rotary Health established a permanent “fund” to offer funding for research on a reliable basis.

Australian Rotary Health is dedicated to continuing worthwhile contributions to community health in Australia. Through research, education and awareness, we hope to reduce the myths, misunderstandings, negative attitudes and stereotypes of mental illness that result in stigma, isolation and discrimination.

Success So Far
Australian researchers have played a crucial role in appraising and transferring new technology from overseas for the benefit of all Australians. They have found successful cures, treatments and preventative therapies which have improved the lives of many, both locally and around the world.

The success of funding from Australian Rotary Health is attributed to the donations it receives from generous supporters, particularly Rotarians and Rotary clubs in Australia.
Applications for all mental health funding opportunities are advertised in the Australian Medical Journal each year, and notified to all Australian universities and other research institutions.

**Mental Health Research Project Grants**
Since 2000, Australian Rotary Health has provided funding into Mental Illness through research project grants. In 2012 the focus narrowed to the Mental Health of Young Australians. Grants are currently awarded to projects up to $70,000 per annum.

Projects can be three years in duration but funding must be renewed each year after a progress report has been provided. Each project goes through an intensive review process with progress for the first year being a major consideration for renewal for the second and third years.

All grants are assessed by the Research Committee at an annual meeting, currently held in October.

**Mental Health Postdoctoral Fellowships**
Since 2013, these projects now focus solely on the Prevention of Mental Health Disorders. Up to four Postdoctoral Fellowships are offered at various times – the Royce Abbey Fellowship, the Geoffrey Betts Fellowship, the Colin Dodds Fellowship and the Bruce Edwards Fellowship. These fellowships are for three years and are currently valued at $75,000 per year. Again, progress reports must be provided to ensure continuing funding.

Fellowship applicants will undergo an interview and selection process by various members of the Research Committee, at the annual meeting.
Mental Health PhD Scholarships
Australian Rotary Health offers Ian Scott PhD Scholarships in the area of mental health, named after the founder of Australian Rotary Health.

The scholarships are for three years and are currently valued up to $29,000 per year and paid as a tax-free stipend. In special circumstances, the scholarship can be extended to 3.5 years. Progress reports must be provided. Applicants undergo an interview by members of the Research Committee in November.

General Health Funding Partner PhD Scholarships
The Funding Partner PhD Scholarship program was introduced in 2004 to enable Rotarians the opportunity to support research in their chosen health area. It involves a 3.5 year commitment to a donation, from the Rotary partner. All Funding Partner PhD Scholarships also include a contribution from the university at which the successful applicant conducts their research.

The co-contribution for funding is:

- **Rotary Partner**: $11,000 per year
- **University**: $11,000 per year
- **Australian Rotary Health**: $7,000 per year

All Funding Partner PhD Scholarships are managed by Australian Rotary Health and are advertised directly to universities and research institutions in the geographical area nominated by the Rotary Partner. The Rotary Partner selects the area of health – which must be kept relatively broad to enable a competitive selection.

All applications are assessed, with the final selection made by Australian Rotary Health.
## RESEARCH FUNDING HISTORY

Through research scholarships, grants, and fellowships allocated by Australian Rotary Health, Australian researchers have received over $40 million since 1985.

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**TOTAL** $43,718,893
RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS - MENTAL HEALTH OF YOUNG AUSTRALIANS (2012-2018)

Research Project Grants have been awarded annually since 2000 to a group of researchers for a one, two or three year period. In 2012 the program narrowed to a research focus on ‘The Mental Health of Young Australians’.

The relationship between alcohol use and mental disorders from adolescence to young adulthood: Longitudinal analyses from a large Australian cohort
Professor Louisa Degenhardt
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre
University of New South Wales, NSW

Impact of parental substance use on family functioning and child development in an Australian Birth Cohort of 2,000 families: Pilot study proposal for the Wave III follow up of preschoolers
Dr. Delyse Hutchinson
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre
University of New South Wales, NSW

Does treating maternal antenatal depression and anxiety prevent adverse Infant neurodevelopment outcomes?
Professor Jeannette Milgrom
Austin Hospital Medical Research Foundation, VIC

An individually randomised group treatment controlled trial of truce: An ACT based psychological intervention for young people who have a parent with cancer
Dr. Pandora Patterson
CanTeen Australia, NSW

Living with deadly thoughts: Reducing suicidal thoughts through a web based self help intervention
Professor Helen Christensen
The Black Dog Institute, NSW
MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING

The social costs of adolescent mental health problems in Australia: Educational disruption and longer term social exclusion
Associate Professor Peter Butterworth
Australian National University, ACT

Cognitive behavioural treatment for PTSD in young people with first episode psychosis: A randomised controlled trial of an intervention within the Australian Service Delivery Model
Dr. Sarah Bendall
Centre for Youth Mental Health/University of Melbourne, VIC

Helping young Australians to “Look for Good”: A school-based trial of positive attention training to increase children’s emotional well-being and prevent anxiety and depression
Associate Professor Allison Waters
Griffith University, QLD

The feasibility and outcome of internet delivery of transdiagnostic cognitive-behaviour therapy for adolescent anxiety and depression
Dr. Carolyn Schniering
Macquarie University, NSW

Identifying the earliest indicators of anxiety among toddlers and their mothers to inform effective early parenting interventions
Professor Jane Fisher
Monash University, VIC

Effective suicide prevention campaign material for young people: A randomised controlled trial
Professor Jane Pirkis
University of Melbourne, VIC
Teen mental health first aid training: A pilot cluster randomised controlled trial  
Dr. Laura Hart  
University of Melbourne, VIC  

Work family conflict, work enrichment, and their significance for children’s mental health  
Associate Professor Lyndall Strazdins  
Australian National University, ACT  

Tuning into teens: The prevention of mental health difficulties in adolescents using an emotion-focused parenting program  
Dr. Sophie Havighurst  
University of Melbourne, VIC  

The bounce project: The effectiveness of peer support training to enhance the mental health and wellbeing of young people leaving out of home care  
Professor Helen Herrman  
University of Melbourne, VIC  

Tools for resilience: A mobile phone and web-based intervention for improving mental wellbeing and reducing distress in adolescents and young adults with Type 1 diabetes  
Associate Professor Judith Proudfoot  
Black Dog Institute, NSW  

The impact of intimate partner violence on child mental health in middle childhood  
Associate Professor Stephanie Brown  
Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, VIC  

Walk the talk: Phase 2 study of an online population-based intervention to improve the mental health of young people who are unemployed  
Dr. Vanessa Rose  
Western Sydney University, NSW
Evaluating a tailored web-based parenting intervention to prevent adolescent depression and anxiety problems: A pilot randomised controlled trial
Dr. Marie Yap
Monash University, VIC

Detecting fatal and non-fatal suicide attempt clusters in young people
Dr. Matthew Spittal
University of Melbourne, VIC

Improving access to mental health services for children with anxiety
Dr. Lauren McLellan
Macquarie University, NSW

Timely intervention: Efficacy of a depression symptom monitoring smartphone app to deliver psychological intervention at a time of greatest need
Dr. Matthew Fuller-Tyszkiewicz
Deakin University, VIC

A randomised controlled trial testing the effectiveness of a fully-tailored adaptive intervention in reducing mental health symptoms among young people
Dr. Philip Batterham
Australian National University, ACT

The CoolKids Health Program: An investigation of a psychotherapy program for distressed youth with functional (medically benign) somatic syndromes
Associate Professor Maria Kangas
Macquarie University, NSW

Impacts of parental supply of alcohol on late-adolescent alcohol outcomes: Phase 2 of a longitudinal cohort study
Professor Richard Mattick
University of New South Wales, NSW
Pubertal risks for mental health disorders  
Dr. Lisa Mundy  
Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, VIC

Group mindfulness based cognitive therapy vs group support for self-injury among young people: A pilot randomised controlled trial  
Professor Clare Rees  
Curtin University, WA

Tuning into Toddlers (TOTS): A randomised controlled trial of a program for parents of toddlers  
Dr. Sophie Havighurst  
University of Melbourne, VIC

A randomised controlled trial of an efficacious school-based eating disorder risk reduction program: A comparison of 2, 4 and 8 lessons  
Associate Professor Susan Byrne  
University of Western Australia, WA

Reducing body dissatisfaction and internalised weight stigma in young women with obesity. The everyBODY study  
Dr. Helen O’Connor  
University of Sydney, NSW

Preventing suicide in young Australians with mood disorders: Adjunctive Lithium for Acute Suicidality (ALiAS) study  
Professor Gin Malhi  
University of Sydney, NSW

Employment outcomes following adolescent-onset mental illness in a longitudinal study cohort of young Victorians  
Associate Professor Anthony LaMontague  
Deakin University, VIC
Evaluating a personalised online parenting program to reduce children’s risk of depression and anxiety: 12 and 24 month follow up of a pilot randomised trial
Dr. Marie Yap
Monash University, VIC

Making InROADS: Trial of an innovative early intervention to interrupt the cycle of anxiety and drinking in young Australians
Dr. Lexine Stapinski
University of New South Wales, NSW

Enhancing treatment decision-making in bipolar 2 disorder: Evaluation of an online decision aid for young adults
Associate Professor Ilona Juraskova
University of Sydney, NSW

Using social norms to engage parents in interventions for their child’s behaviour problems
Dr. Jeneva Ohan
University of Western Australia, WA

Psychological stepped care for anxious adolescents in community health services: An effectiveness trial
Associate Professor Viviana Wuthrich
Macquarie University, NSW

Silence is deadly: A cluster-randomised controlled trial of a mental health help-seeking intervention for young men
Dr. Alison Clear
Australian National University, ACT

Determinants of risk and resilience in maltreated children using multi-agency administrative records: A population record-linkage study
Associate Professor Melissa Green
University of New South Wales, NSW
The long-term effectiveness of a combined prevention model for anxiety, depression and substance use in adolescents  
Dr. Louise Mewton  
University of New South Wales, NSW  

Breaking the intergenerational cycle of mental disorder: a longitudinal study of the social determinants of childhood psychosocial adjustment problems  
Dr. Delyse Hutchinson  
Deakin University, VIC  

Improving efficiency of online cognitive behaviour therapy for childhood anxiety through videoconferencing and stepped care  
Dr. Sonja March  
University of Queensland, QLD  

Improving pre-schoolers’ transition to school: targeting sleep problems  
Dr. Caroline Donovan  
Griffith University, QLD  

Longitudinal study of wellbeing and quality of life in remote Indigenous youth: the Biswun kid* project  
Dr. Elizabeth Elliot  
University of Sydney, NSW  

Effectiveness trial of the CARE screen-and-treat early intervention for improving physical and mental health outcomes in young injured children and their parents  
Dr. Justin Kenardy  
University of Queensland, QLD  

Enhancing social media literacy to decrease body dissatisfaction: A randomised controlled trial  
Dr. Sian McLean  
Victoria University, VIC
Pilot randomised controlled trial of a telephone delivered intervention for comorbid mental health disorders and hazardous alcohol misuse among young people  
Dr. Amanda Baker  
University of Newcastle, NSW  

Reducing the impact of bullying victimisation on children’s mental health outcomes  
Dr. Sally Fitzpatrick  
Macquarie University, NSW  

Groups 4 health: Can a social identity intervention reduce social isolation in young adults more effectively than traditional cognitive behaviour therapy?  
Dr. Tegan Cruwys  
University of Queensland, QLD  

Promoting mental health in children with dyslexia: Piloting the ‘clever kids’ programme  
Dr. Mark Boyes  
Curtin University, WA  
Project supported by the Stan Perron Foundation
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Postdoctoral Fellowships have been available to early career researchers since 2003 to facilitate research into the field of mental health. They provide researchers with an annual salary of $75,000 for up to three years while they complete their projects.

Four fellowships have been named in honour of the first four Chairmen of Australian Rotary Health; Royce Abbey, Geoffrey Betts, Colin Dodds and Bruce Edwards.

**Royce Abbey Postdoctoral Fellowship**

*Assessing the effectiveness of mindfulness training in the treatment of Generalised Anxiety Disorder*  
Dr. Maree Abbott  
Macquarie University, NSW  

*The role of family and child processes in the Treatment of conduct problems in children with callous-unemotional traits*  
Dr. David Hawes  
University of New South Wales, NSW  

*Biochemical basis of cognitive deficits in Schizophrenia*  
Dr. Elizabeth Scarr  
Mental Health Research Institute/University of Melbourne, VIC  

*Neurocognitive deficits in young heavy drinkers*  
Dr. Janette Louise Smith  
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre/University of New South Wales, NSW  

*Lifestyle modification to prevent common mental illness among young Australians: a community-based systems approach*  
Dr. Erin Hoare  
Deakin University, VIC
Geoffrey Betts Postdoctoral Fellowship

A cognitive neuropsychological model of social processing: Identification and treatment of social processing deficits
Dr. Melanie Porter
Macquarie University, NSW

Determinants of poor psychological outcomes of fetal anti-epileptic drug exposure
Dr. Amanda Wood
Monash University, VIC

Multi-tiered approach to suicide prevention in young Australians
Dr. Tonelle Handley
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre/University of New South Wales, NSW

Prevention and early intervention for maternal mental illness: a research program that will inform policy and clinical practice
Dr. Nicole Reilly
University of Newcastle, NSW

Colin Dodds Postdoctoral Fellowship

A combination of universal and targeted, versus a targeted approach to prevention of early childhood mental health problems: a population-based cluster randomised trial
Dr. Jordana Bayer
Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, VIC

Early life influences of child and adolescent mental health problems: A life-course approach to prevention and intervention
Dr. Monique Robinson
Telethon Institute for Child Health Research/University of Western Australia, WA
**Confident body, confident child: Effectiveness trial community-based dissemination of a resource to support parents of preschoolers in preventing body dissatisfaction, eating disorders and obesity in their children**
Dr. Laura Hart
La Trobe University, VIC

**Bruce Edwards Postdoctoral Fellowship**

**Preventing adolescent mental illness through brain training**
Dr. Louise Mewton
National Drug and Alcohol Centre/University of New South Wales, NSW
In 2000, the Ian Scott PhD Scholarship was created to honour and recognise the founder of Australian Rotary Health. The late Ian Scott (1933-2001) had a broad vision to improve the health of all Australians, beginning with the cause and prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Ian Scott PhD Scholarships are awarded annually for up to 3.5 years, to the value up to $29,000, for scholars researching a chosen area of mental health.

**Developing a risk screening tool for vulnerable families**  
Caroline De Paola  
University of Melbourne, VIC  
2000-2002

**Mental health promotion for a community based program for the prevention of mental health problems in Aboriginal young people**  
Melinda Andrews  
Curtin University, WA  
2002-2004

**Brain mechanisms of attention problems in people with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder**  
Nathan Clunas  
University of New South Wales/Liverpool Hospital, NSW  
2002-2005

**The effects of estrogen of neurocognition in healthy pre and post-menopausal women and women with Schizophrenia**  
Cali Bartholomeusz  
Swinburne University of Technology, VIC  
2003-2004

**Williams Syndrome, Autism, Asperger’s Syndrome and Down Syndrome: Are there genes for social and emotional functioning?**  
Melanie Porter  
Macquarie University, NSW  
2003-2004
Identifying the toxic principle in Alzheimer’s Disease 2004-2007
Christine Mavros
University of Melbourne, VIC

Using genetics to increase smoking cessation 2004-2007
Katherine Morley
University of Queensland, QLD

The relationship between mood and anxiety disorders and nutrition 2005-2008
Felice Jacka
University of Melbourne, VIC

School interaction study: bullying in high schools 2005-2007
Kirstin Barchia
Macquarie University, NSW

Nicotinic neuroreceptor imaging with PET in normal ageing and Alzheimer’s Disease 2005-2007
Julia Ellis
Monash University, VIC

The neural basis of emotion processing deficits in conduct disorder 2006-2008
Donna Palmer
University of Sydney, NSW

Kwok Ho (Christopher) Choy
Mental Health Research Institute/University of Melbourne, VIC

Investigations into understanding the role of PP2C-delta in psychiatric illness 2006-2007
Simon Boer
Mental Health Research Institute/University of Melbourne, VIC
MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING

An fMRI investigation into the fronto-parietal brain function in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder 2006
Timothy Silk
Monash University, VIC

Consumer priorities for depression and bipolar disorder 2007-2010
Michelle Banfield
Australian National University, ACT

The role of Muscarinic receptors in the pathology of Schizophrenia 2007-2010
Tammie Money
Mental Health Research Institute, VIC

Improving the management of acute agitation in the Emergency Department- A multicentre randomised controlled trial 2008-2011
Esther Chan
Monash University, VIC

Does early development disruption make the brain more vulnerable to the effects of cannabis? 2008-2011
Amy Dawson
University of Wollongong, NSW

The importance of insight into negative mood, stressful experiences, and coping strategies in the prevention and early intervention of adolescent mood disorders 2008-2011
Sylvia Kauer
Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, VIC

Suicide in countries of the Western Pacific Region: The impact of globalisation on trends of fatal suicidal behaviour 2008-2010
Allison Milner
Griffith University, QLD

Shared decision making for young people with depressive disorders: Development and feasibility testing of a decision aid 2008-2011
Magenta Simmons
University of Melbourne, VIC
Mental health first aid for eating disorders: Development of first aid guidelines and an intervention for the public
Laura Hart
Orygen Youth Health Research Centre/University of Melbourne, VIC

Attention and mental health outcomes in extremely low birth weight/very premature infants: An fMRI study of adolescents
Karissa Searle
University of Melbourne, VIC

Gamma frequency oscillations and the NMDA receptor hypofunction hypothesis of Schizophrenia: Exploring functional disconnections in psychosis
Paul Anderson
Royal Melbourne Hospital/University of Melbourne, VIC

The role of metabotropic glutamate 5 and adenosine 2A receptors in methamphetamine addiction
Rose Chesworth
Florey Neuroscience Institutes/University of Melbourne, VIC

Environmental and biological factors influencing every day social intervention impairments in young children with autism and children with traumatic developmental experiences
Carmel Sivaratnam
Monash University, VIC

Can adjunctive treatment with raloxifene reverse Schizophrenia-related deficits in the brain?
Ashley Skilleter
University of New South Wales, NSW

Understanding the psychosocial impact of surviving testicular cancer
Allan (Ben) Smith
University of Sydney, NSW
MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING

Redox biology and Autism
Kristi-Ann Villagonzalo
University of Melbourne, VIC
2011-2013

Lingo-1 signaling pathway: An emergent role in Schizophrenia pathophysiology
Jessica Andrews
University of Wollongong, NSW
2013-2015

Investigating the impact of dietary improvement as a treatment strategy in mental health
Siobhan Housden
Deakin University, VIC
2013

Managing depression within low vision rehabilitation services: The effectiveness of integrating an evidence-based therapy ‘Problem-Solving Therapy for Primary Care’ on depression, quality of life and service utilisation in those with low vision
Edith Holloway
University of Melbourne, VIC
2013-2016

Metabotropic Glutamate Receptor 5 in the pathology and treatment of Schizophrenia
Natalie Matosin
University of Wollongong, NSW
2013-2014

Impacts of prenatal alcohol and drug exposure on infant cognitive development
Clare McCormack
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre/University of New South Wales, NSW
2013-2015

The development of an effective response for the management of suicidality in primary care for patients with depressive symptoms
Aves Middleton
University of Melbourne, VIC
2013-2016
Do depression and anxiety complicate the risks and treatment outcomes for individuals living with chronic pain?  
Anika Martin  
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre/University of New South Wales, NSW  
2013

Cognition in first episode psychosis: Mapping relationships between task performance, brain changes and symptoms  
Annie Brennan  
Brain Dynamics Centre/University of Sydney, NSW  
2013-2015

Mapping whole-brain connectivity networks in Schizophrenia  
Maria Di Biase  
University of Melbourne, VIC  
2014-2017

The relationship between social phobia, depression and substance use disorders. The impact on treatment outcomes  
Katrina Prior  
University of New South Wales, NSW  
2014-2017

The development and evaluation of a combined parent and student internet-based substance use prevention program for Australian adolescents  
Zoe Tonks  
University of New South Wales, NSW  
2014-2015

Endometriosis and women’s mental health  
Kate Young  
Monash University, VIC  
2014-2017

Neurobiological investigation of interstitial white matter neurons in a maternal immune activation model of Schizophrenia  
Ryan Duchatel  
University of Newcastle, NSW  
2014-2017

Positive allosteric modulation of metabotropic glutamate receptor 5 in the treatment of Schizophrenia  
Jeremy Lum  
University of Wollongong, NSW  
2014-2016
MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING

Effects of antipsychotic drug treatment in young rats on dopamine receptors  
Michael De Santis  
University of Wollongong, NSW  
2014-2016

The experience of loneliness in the Australian homeless population  
Marlee Bower  
Western Sydney University, NSW  
2014-2016

The development and trail of a training program to optimise telephone crisis-line outcomes with suicidal men  
Tara Hunt  
University of Wollongong, NSW  
2014-2017

Reward sensitivity theory in trichotillomania  
Reneta Slikboer  
Swinburne University of Technology, VIC  
2015-2017

Depression management for individuals with comorbid alcohol dependence  
Breanne Hobden  
University of Newcastle, NSW  
2015-2017

Development and evaluation of a novel community-based intervention to reduce cannabis use and associated harms among high risk adolescents  
Lisa Gibson  
University of New South Wales, NSW  
2015-2017

Building a suicide prevention campaign targeted at family members and friends of those at risk of suicide  
Angela Nicholas  
University of Melbourne, VIC  
2018

Perinatal mental health in women of refugee backgrounds  
Rebecca Blackmore  
Monash University, VIC  
2018
Preventing mental health problems following motor vehicle crash, by early detection of high risk survivors (the IMPRINT study)
Illaria Pozzato
University of Sydney, NSW

Personality disorders as a moderator of psychiatric clinical outcomes
Bianca Kavanagh
Deakin University, VIC

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH PTSD SCHOLARSHIP
(2015-2018)
The ARH PTSD Scholarship in service personnel and their families was offered to applicants undertaking research within Post-Traumatic Effects from War Related Stress. This scholarship is valued up to $35,000 per annum for 3.5 years maximum.

The relationship between combat exposure, the effects of post-traumatic stress and non-specific somatic symptoms
Kristin Graham
University of Adelaide, SA

An investigation of the relationship between serving in the Australian Defence Force and common mental disorders
Rebecca Sheriff
University of Adelaide, SA

RESEARCH COMPANION PHD SCHOLARSHIPS
(2007-2018)
Australian Rotary Health offers Research Companion Scholarships to PhD students completing their research in any health area over a 3.5 year period. They are named after the sponsors who choose and fund the project.

Terry Beslich PhD Scholarship
Children’s Mental Health
Through the eyes of a child: The impact of parenting programs on young children
Kelly Baird
Macquarie University, NSW
**GENERAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING**

**Bartolina Peluso Scholarship**  
*(Rotary Club of Strathmore, VIC D9790)*

**Dementia**

*A mouse to man approach to studying early structural & cognitive changes in pre symptomatic Huntington’s Disease*

India Bohanna  
Howard Florey Institute, VIC

**2007-2010**

**Dementia**

*Investigating fitness to drive in older drivers with cognitive impairment*

Anna Devlin  
Deakin University, VIC

**2010-2013**

**Dementia**

*Cognitive rehabilitation in early dementia and mild cognitive impairment: is it helpful?*

Dr. Bridget Regan  
La Trobe University, VIC

**2015-2017**

**Judith Annette Thompson Scholarship/Rotary Club of Keilor, VIC D9800**

**Bowel Cancer**

*Local and circulating chemokines/growth factors following tumour therapy impact on the composition of tumour infiltrating host cells and treatment outcome*

Madeleine Tancock  
University of Melbourne, VIC

**2017-2018**

**Whitcroft Family PhD Scholarship**

**Mental Health**

*Parental modelling & supply of alcohol: Does this improve or worsen drinking outcomes in young Australians?*

Monika Wadolowski  
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre/University of New South Wales, NSW

**2011-2013**
The Kaiyu Scholarship
Mental Health
Developing a mental health resilience program with Australian Aboriginal communities  
Leonard Kanowski  
University of Newcastle, NSW

The Lorraine and Bruce McKenzie Scholarship
Mental Health of Young Australians  
Sociocultural and peer related factors in body image in adolescent girls: Implications for prevention  
Sian McLean  
La Trobe University, VIC

Mental Health of Young Australians  
Sleep problems in young people: Assessing impact on mental health, behaviour and educational outcomes  
Ali Kodsi  
Swinburne University of Technology, VIC

York Family PhD Scholarship
Neurological and Auto-immune Disorders  
P75NTR as a biomarker for disease progression in the Motor Neuron Disease mouse model SOD1 G93A  
Stephanie Shepheard  
Flinders University, SA
FUNDING PARTNER PHD SCHOLARSHIPS (2004-2018)
Funding Partner PhD Scholarships are funded by three parties: a Rotary Club or District, a University, and Australian Rotary Health. They provide funding partners, particularly Rotarians, with an opportunity to contribute to research in an area that is of particular or personal interest to them. Scholars receive a tax free stipend of up to $29,000 per year while completing a research project relevant to their area of expertise.

**Adolescent Health**

Social media and Adolescent Development
Rotary District 9690
Larissa Lewis
University of Sydney, NSW

*A randomised controlled trial to examine the effectiveness of oxytocin to improve treatment for Anorexia Nervosa*
Rotary District 9690 Funding Partner Scholarship
Rachel Brownlow
University of Sydney, NSW

**Adult Leukaemia**

Assessment of the importance of the tubulin targeting ability of arsenic compounds for developing arsenic and anti-leukaemia drugs
Ian and Jean Simpson Family Scholarship/Rotary Club of Orange North, NSW D9700
Kristie Munro
University of Wollongong, NSW

**Alzheimer’s Disease**

The role of Vesicular Glutamate and GABA transporters in Alzheimer’s Disease
Chris and Gerry Ellis
Rotary Club of Samford Valley, QLD D9600
Crystal Higgs
University of Queensland, QLD
Structure, function and interactions of Hsp20 with Hsp27 and alphaB-Crystallin: Potential implications in Neurodegenerative disease
The Henning Family
Blagojce Jovcevski
University of Wollongong, NSW

Risk factors of for Alzheimer’s Disease—does lysosomal dysfunction play a role?
Rotary Club of Adelaide, SA D9500
Lauren Whyte
University of Adelaide, SA

Arthritis
The role of activated protein C in the activation of collagenolytic matrix metalloproteinases in normal and pathological cartilage turnover
Melvin Gray Arthritis Scholarship
Rotary Club of Bankstown City, NSW D9690
Miriam Jackson
Royal North Shore Hospital/University of Sydney, NSW

Autism
The underpinnings of social dysfunction in Autism and Williams Syndrome: From genes to brain to hormones
Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise, NSW D9675
Kelsie Boulton
Macquarie University, NSW

Active kids: A comprehensive biopsychosocial understanding of factors that enhance and hinder physical activity, social engagement and motor development in children with ASD
Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise, NSW D9675
Simone Thomas
Deakin University, VIC
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Screening for psychological distress amongst people with bowel cancer: application of a new screening tool
Districts 9640 & 9650 Bowelscan
Deepa Chauhan
University of Sydney, NSW

The effect of Vascular Targeting Agents on a Murine Model of Colorectal Liver metastases
The Rotary District 9780 Bowelscan Scholarship
Lisa Chan
University of Melbourne, VIC

The effect of ACE inhibitors and angiotensin II receptor antagonists in a mouse model of colorectal cancer liver metastases
District 9650 Bowelscan
Jaclyn Huiman
University of Melbourne, VIC

Literature mining for published DNA variants of genes predisposing to Bowel Cancer
District 9780 Bowelscan
Timothy Smith
Howard Florey Institute/University of Melbourne, VIC

Limitations of vascular disrupting agent (VDA) Oxi4503 in treatment of tumours
District 9650 Bowelscan
Linh Nguyen
Austin Health/University of Melbourne, VIC

Characterising the role of activating transcription factor 3 in the progression of Colorectal Cancer
District 9650 Bowelscan
Matthew Thompson
Monash University, VIC
The renin-angiotensin system and kupffer cells in Colorectal Liver Metastases
Districts 9640 and 9650 Bowelscan
Shu Wen Wen
University of Melbourne, VIC

Assessing the value and usefulness of a cancer-registry based systematic approach to advising first degree relatives of colorectal cancer patients about their risks and need for screening
District 9650 Bowelscan
Ryan Courtney
University of Newcastle, NSW

The expression and the role of renin-angiotensin system in liver regeneration and tumor stimulation
District 9640 Bowelscan
Shir Lin Koh
University of Melbourne, VIC

Elucidating genetic predispositions to Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC)
Districts 9650 Bowelscan
Amy Masson
Hunter Medical Research Institute/University of Newcastle, NSW

Inflammatory determinants for colorectal cancer treatment
Districts 9640 Bowelscan
Phuoc Huynh
University of Sydney, NSW

Understanding oncogenic P13K signaling in colorectal cancer - from function to therapy
District 9780 Bowelscan
Michelle Palmieri
Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, VIC
Investigation of carcinogenesis pathways in colitis-associated colorectal cancer
District 9830 Bowelscan
Sarron Randall-Demllo
University of Tasmania, TAS

Improving uptake of colorectal screening among primary care attendees
District 9650 Bowelscan
Natalie Dodd
University of Newcastle, NSW

Renin Angiotensin System (RAS) inhibitors combined with tumour resection in the treatment of colorectal cancer liver metastasis (CRCLM)
Rotary District 9675, NSW
Georgios Kastrappis
University of Melbourne, VIC

Brain
Targeting pro-invasive signaling network to overcome resistance to standard therapy in glioblastoma
Ann Henderson Scholarship
Rotary Club of Templestowe, VIC D9810 and Dine for a Cure
Thomas Ware
University of Melbourne, VIC

Proton radiotherapy for brain tumours
Rotary Riverside Clubs, NSW D9680
Stephen Dowdell
University of Wollongong, NSW

Unravelling the complexity of glioblastoma relapse and drug resistance
Ian McNair Scholarship
Rotary Club of North Sydney, NSW D9680
Dan Lu
University of Sydney/University of New South Wales, NSW
**GENERAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING**

**Modulation of microglial function by glioblastoma stem cell-derived exosomes**
Rotary Club of Caringbah, NSW D9680
Susannah Hallal
University of Sydney, NSW

2015-2017

**Breast Cancer**

**Identification of the mechanisms of hormone-mediated sphingosine kinase activation in Breast Cancer**
Rotary Club of Parramatta City, NSW D9690
Elise Jackson
Centenary Institute, NSW

2008-2011

**Role of androgens via AR in PTEN inactivation induced female reproductive pathology**
David Henning Foundation
Rotary Clubs of Parramatta City, NSW D9675 & Dural, NSW D9685
Jaesung (Peter) Choi
ANZAC Research Institute/University of Sydney, NSW

2012-2015

**Cancer**

**Investigating novel genes and mutations in haematological malignancies**
District 9650 All Stars Funding Partner PhD Scholarship
Erin Lawrence
University of Melbourne/Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, VIC

2017-2018

**Cerebral Palsy**

**A randomised controlled trial of progression resistance training and functional training on muscle properties and mechanical gait deficiencies in youth with spastic type cerebral palsy**
Rotary Club of St Ives, NSW D9685
Jarred Gillett
University of Queensland, QLD

2014-2016

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**Childhood Cancer**

**Biomarker analysis in paediatric tumours diagnosed within a single institution**
Rotary Club of Adelaide, SA D9500
Le Myo Thwe
Children’s Hospital at Westmead, NSW

2010-2013

**A novel mechanism for sustained proliferation of neuroblastoma cells**
Harry Banks Sutherland Rotary Scholarship, NSW D9675
Rebecca Dagg
Children’s Hospital at Westmead, NSW

2013-2016

**Genetically-modified neural stem cell lines as pre-clinical models of paediatric brainstem tumors**
Rotary Club of Sunbury, VIC D9790 & the Isabella and Marcus Paediatric Brainstem Tumour Fund ‘Miette Skiller PhD Scholarship’
Richa Kohli
Monash University, VIC

2015-2017

**Children’s Health**

**Bullying, mental health and help seeking in high school students: Predictors over time and an evaluation of an intervention designed to address bullying**
Rotary Clubs of Hamilton, Brisbane Highrise, QLD D9600 & Stones Corner, QLD D9630
Erin Wolfe
University of Queensland, QLD

2007-2010

**Integrative data mining and visualisation of genome-wide SNP profiles in childhood acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia**
Rotary Club of Dural, NSW D9680
Ahmad Ali Aloqaly
University of Technology Sydney, NSW

2007-2010

**Changing the face of craniosynostosis**
Hansen Yuncken Scholarship
Victoria Leitch
Child Health Research Institute/University of Adelaide, SA

2007-2010
Detection and prevention of early atherosclerosis in children with fetal growth restriction
Rotary Club of Blacktown City, NSW D9675
Yang Kong
University of Sydney, NSW

Development of RNAi therapeutics for Epidermolysis Bullosa Simplex
Kerry Anderson District 9650 Scholarship
District 9650
Blake Smith
Murdoch's Children’s Research Institute, VIC

Dementia
Characterisation of episodic memory deficits in frontotemporal dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease
The Ron Nichol Scholarship
Rotary Club of Glenhaven, NSW D9680
Marshall Dalton
Neuroscience Research Australia/University of New South Wales, NSW

Towards a decision-making framework for behavioural problems in residential dementia care facilities
Rotary Club of West Wollongong, NSW D9675
Catherine Kubel
University of Wollongong, NSW

Depression
Understanding the ‘in-vivo’ mechanisms underpinning the anti-inflammatory and neuroprotective effects of omega-3 fatty acids: a Magnetic Resonance
Rotary Club of Parkes, NSW D9700
Shantel Duffy
Brain and Mind Research Institution/University of Sydney, NSW
Developing science-based guidelines to overcome barriers which impede university students’ help-seeking & engagement in existing initiatives, for low intensity depression symptoms
David Henning Memorial Foundation Scholarship
Rotary Club of Parramatta City, NSW D9690
Ann Badger
University of Wollongong, NSW

An online cognitive behavioural therapy program for women with depression in the perinatal period: A randomised controlled trial
David Henning Memorial Foundation Scholarship
Rotary Club of Parramatta City, NSW D9690
Siobhan Loughnan
University of New South Wales, NSW

The effects of treated and untreated depression during pregnancy on offspring behaviour and brain development
Rotary Club of Liverpool West, NSW D9675
Noor Saleem Mohammed Jarbou
University of Wollongong, NSW

Diabetes
The differentiation of human embryonic stem cells to insulin producing beta cells on 3D biodegradable scaffolds
Diane Erskine/Rotary District 9680 Scholarship
Steven Gao
University of Sydney, NSW

Investigating the adverse effects of matrix metalloproteinases in diabetic wound healing
Diane Erskine/Rotary District 9680 Scholarship
Taria Ng
University of Sydney, NSW
The effect of different dietary fatty acids and weight loss on endocannabinoid and adiponectin signaling in the skeletal muscle
Rotary Club of Ballarat South, VIC D9780
Anna Roy
University of Victoria, VIC

Epilepsy
PMX53 as a potential antiepileptic drug with both anti-convulsant and neuroprotective properties
Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang, VIC D9820
Melissa Benson
University of Queensland, QLD

Gastro Intestinal Cancer
Developing an assay to determine inherited risks in colorectal cancer for population screening
Esme Harris Gastro Intestinal Research Scholarship
Rotary Club of Melbourne South, VIC D9800
Justine Marum
Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, VIC

Gastroparesis
A study to alleviate the symptoms of gastroparesis using dietary modification
Rotary Club of Devonport, TAS
Harsha Suresh
Western Sydney University, NSW

Characterising the role of interstitial cells Cajal (ICC) in human stem cell-derived gut organoids
Rotary Club of Devonport, TAS D9830
Daphne Foong
Western Sydney University, NSW
Gene Studies
Genomics and Nutrigenomics and its effect on Neonatal Methylation and Subsequent Child Neurodevelopment 2016-2018
Terry Orr Memorial Fund
Elizabeth Senn
Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, VIC

Epigenetic Mechanisms of Maternal Immune Activation 2016-2018
Terry Orr Memorial Fund
Jay Nakamura
Monash University, VIC

Gynaecological Oncology
Rotary Club of Liverpool West, NSW D9675
Joseph Po
Western Sydney University, NSW

Hearing Health
Development of an audiologist-administered psychologically informed intervention to improve mental health and wellbeing in adults with hearing loss 2017-2018
Rotary Club of Terrigal District 9685 Hearing Health PhD Scholarship
Emma Laird
University of Melbourne, VIC

Heart Disease
Familial cardiomyopathy and severe heart failure caused by multiple gene mutations: from molecular pathogenesis to disease prevention 2009-2012
Rotary Club of Parramatta City, NSW D9690
Rhian Shephard
Centenary Institute, NSW
HIV/AIDS

Novel approaches to HIV testing for men who have sex with men
Rotary Club of Sydney CBD, NSW D9675
Dr. Damian Conway
Kirby Institute/University of New South Wales, NSW 2012-2014

Kidney Disease

The molecular roles of Kruppel-like transcription factors in regulating endothelial activation in diabetic nephropathy
The Rodney Tilden, Ted Atkinson, & Bob McCullum Kidney Disease Scholarship
Rotary Clubs of Kellyville, Dural, Kurrajong & Gladesville, NSW D9680
Owen Tang
University of Sydney/Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW 2009-2012

Defining the role of kidney dendritic cells in kidney disease for potential therapies
The Rotary Club of Blacktown City, NSW D9675
Titi Chen
University of Sydney, NSW 2016

Improving the outcomes of children with end stage kidney disease
Jack Wilson Kidney Research Scholarship D9650
Dr. Anna Francis
University of Sydney, NSW 2016-2017

Liver Metastases

The influence of BORIS on tumour development liver metastases
Fred Barbagallo Scholarship
Rotary Club of Dural, NSW D9680
Jessamy Tiffen
Centenary Institute/University of Sydney, NSW 2007-2010
Malaria

Identification of mechanisms that cause the lung complications in severe malaria
Rotary District 9650
Leia Hee
University of Sydney, NSW

Melanoma

Determining the molecular mechanisms of B-RAF/MEK inhibitor resistance to Melanoma
The Gordon Braid Melanoma Research Scholarship
Rotary Club of Wollundry Wagga Wagga, NSW D9700
Dr. Matteo Carlino
University of Sydney, NSW

Pharmacological impacts to development of keratinocyte cancers: Qskin and Health study
Rotary Club of Toowong, QLD D9600
Chiho Maranushi
University of Queensland, QLD

Identify the mechanism of the G2 phase UV checkpoint and repair response commonly defective in melanoma
Rotary Club of Toowong, QLD D9600
Mareike Dahmer-Heath
University of Queensland, QLD

Deciphering the role of Microphthalmia-associated Transcription Factor (MITF) in cell cycle phase-specific drug resistance of melanoma
Rotary Clubs of Kiama, NSW D9675 and Rotary Club of Gerringong D9675
Sheena Daignault
University of Queensland, QLD

Mental Health

The relationship between childhood adversities, childhood mental health problems and learning behaviours
Rotary Club of Adelaide, SA D9500
Amelia Searle
University of Adelaide, SA
An investigation into the mental health needs of adolescents in rural areas of South Australia
Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay, SA D9520
Marijeta Kurtin
University of Adelaide, SA

Impact of depression, substance abuse and its treatment using oxytocin: An animal and human research study
The Hooton Family Scholarship
Rotary Club of Crows Nest, NSW D9685
Daniel Quintana
University of Sydney, NSW

Untangling comorbidity: substance use and mental health in young Australians
The David Henning Memorial PhD Scholarship - The Henning Family D9675
Louise Birrell
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre/University of New South Wales, NSW

MICRO-SCOPE: A study of diet, gut microbiota and mental health in community-dwelling adults
Ten Islands Tassie Tag Along Tour 2016 PhD Scholarship
Amelia McGuinness
Deakin University, VIC

Cannabidiol: a new preventative treatment for schizophrenia?
The David Henning Memorial Foundation PhD Scholarship
Rotary Club of Parramatta, D9690, NSW
Gabriela Visini
Western Sydney University, NSW

Evaluating the effectiveness of a trauma informed parenting intervention for Indigenous parents’ mental health and attachment quality
Rotary Club of Sydney, D9675, NSW
Michelle Kenny
University of New South Wales, NSW
Motor Neurone Disease (MND)
Understanding excitotoxicity and neuron death in MND with focus on the axonal cytoskeleton
Rotary Club of Deloraine, TAS D9830
Anna King
University of Tasmania, TAS

The role of the unfolded protein response in MND
Rotary Clubs of Carlingford and Belvoir-Wodonga, VIC D9790
Jennica Winhammar
University of Sydney, NSW

The role of the unfolded protein response in MND
Margaret Roberts Motor Neurone Disease Scholarship
Rotary Club of Bendigo South, VIC D9800
Adam Walker
University of Melbourne, VIC

Astrocytic glutamate transporters: An unexpected target for the management of MND
Margaret Roberts Motor Neurone Disease Scholarship
Rotary Club of Bendigo South, VIC D9800
Rebecca Sheean
University of Melbourne, VIC

Kinase control of FUS and TDP-43 accumulation in MND
Margaret Roberts Motor Neurone Disease Scholarship
Rotary Club of Bendigo South, VIC D9800
Janine James
University of Melbourne, VIC

Elucidating the role of extracellular mutant SOD1 in activation of glial cells and motor neurone cell death in ALS
Rotary District 9685
Kate Roberts
University of Wollongong, NSW

The role of protein aggregation and inclusions in MND pathology
Lloyd Binet PhD Scholarship
Rotary Club of Hunters Hill, NSW D9685
Rebecca Brown
University of Wollongong, NSW
Are proteostasis defects responsible for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis  
Rotary Club of Dural, NSW D9685  
Isabella Lambert-Smith  
University of Wollongong, NSW  
2013-2016

Modelling sporadic Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) using induced pluripotent stem cells from ALS patients  
Rotary Club of Cronulla, NSW D9675  
Monique Bax  
University of Wollongong, NSW  
2014-2016

Motor Neuron Disease: Site of origin and patterns of disease spread  
Rotary Club of Cronulla, NSW D9675  
Thanuja Dharmadasa  
University of Sydney, NSW  
2016-2018

Multiple Sclerosis  
Investigating brain repair in people with Multiple Sclerosis  
District 9800 MS Awareness Committee  
Vilija Jokubaitis  
University of Melbourne, VIC  
2004-2008

Characterising the roles of gp130 receptors and SOCS3 upon neural precursor mediated remyelination of the demyelinated central nervous system  
The Fenwick Scholarship  
Rotary Club of Whyalla, SA D9500  
Jo Anne Schinke Stratton  
University of Melbourne, VIC  
2009-2012

Characterising the genetic regulation of cellular repair responses following oligodendrocyte apoptosis & dysfunction in mouse models of central nervous system demyelination  
Rotary Club of Pakenham, VIC D9820  
Laura-Jane Oluich  
University of Melbourne, VIC  
2006-2008
Neuro Degenerative Disease

An exploration of possible functional redundancy between APP and APLP2 in neuronal development
The Patricia Hooton Scholarship. NSW D9500
Judith Allen-Graham
Alfred Hospital/Monash University, VIC

Oncology

Targeting metabolism in RAS driven Malignancies
Rotary Club of Cheltenham, VIC D9810 & The John Richardson Fund
Aparna Rao
University of Melbourne, VIC

Development of novel anti-tumor agents and investigating the role of metals for treatment of cancer
Rotary Club of Liverpool West, NSW D9675
Rayan Moussa
University of Sydney, NSW

The role of secreted frizzled protein 4 and DEAD-Box Helicase DP103 on breast and brain cancer stem cells
Rotary Club of Belmont, WA D9465
Sebastian Pohl
Curtin University, WA

Engaging differentiation of immature leukaemic cells in acute myeloid leukaemia
Rotary Club of Richmond, VIC D9800
Steven Ngo
Monash University, VIC

Ovarian Cancer

Molecular mechanisms underlying cellular transformation by D52 over expression in Ovarian Cancer
The Suzanne Moss-White Scholarship/Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise, NSW D9680
Austin Della-Franca
Children’s Hospital at Westmead, NSW
Investigations into genetic aberrations underlying recurrent ovarian cancer  
The Gudrun Delarue Ovarian Cancer Funding & Rotary Club of Dural, NSW D9685  
Samantha Cosh  
Mater Medical Research Institute, QLD

Parkinson’s Disease

Biomarkers in Parkinson’s Disease  
Rotary Club of Parkes, NSW D9700 & Burwood, NSW D9690  
Shoshanah Longmuir  
Howard Florey Institute, VIC

Identifying the pathophysiology and neural correlates of Freezing of Gait in Parkinson’s Disease  
Rotary Club of Parkes, NSW D9700  
James Shine  
University of Sydney, NSW

Conserved genetic modifiers of Parkinson’s Disease  
Rotary Club of Dural, NSW D9685  
Lisa Oyston  
Garvan Institute of Medical Research, NSW

The role of type-1 interferons in Parkinson’s Disease  
Ron Fallaw Memorial PhD Scholarship  
Rotary Club of Mornington Inc, VIC D9820  
Bevan Main  
University of Melbourne, VIC

Recruiting the Immune System to Fight Parkinson’s Disease  
Rotary District 9650  
Jasmina Markulic  
St Vincent’s Medical Research Institute
Pancreatic Cancer
The molecular functions of the metastasis suppressor Ndrg-1 and its potential role in the treatment of pancreatic cancer
Fred Barbagallo Scholarship/Rotary Club of Dural, NSW D9680
Zaklina Kovacevic
University of Sydney, NSW

Role of p21-activated kinases in pancreatic cancer
The Ian Loxton Pancreatic Cancer Research PhD Scholarship
Dannel Yeo
University of Melbourne, VIC

Investigation of novel biomarkers for pancreatic cancer
The Ian Loxton Pancreatic Cancer Research PhD Scholarship
Norbaini Abdol Razak
Curtin Health Innovation Research Institute, WA

Phenylketonuria (PKU)
Evaluation of a novel treatment strategy for PKU
Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, NSW D9685
Naz Al Hafid
Children’s Hospital at Westmead, NSW

Preterm Infant Nutrition
Fitting the pieces to the nutritional puzzle of the preterm infant
Rotary Club of Thornlie, WA D9470
Gemma McLeod
University of Western Australia, WA

Primary Lymphoedema
The use of High Frequency Ultrasound to describe dermal depth and composition and its correlation with other physical measures in people with and without primary lymphoedema and to describe the impact of physical interventions
Rotary Club of Dural, NSW D9685
Jane Philips
Flinders University, SA
### Prostate Cancer

**Improvement of prostate cancer radiation treatment through innovation in vitro dosimetry for HDR branchtherapy and IMRT**
- **District 9650**
- Ian Kwan
- University of Wollongong, NSW

**Dose adaptive radiation therapy for prostate cancer**
- **Rotary District 9650**
- Nick Hardcastle
- University of Wollongong, NSW

**Interlukin-18 therapy alone or in combination with other immunotherapeutic strategies for prevention and treatment of advanced prostate cancer**
- Rotary Clubs of Pennant Hills, Winston Hills & Dural, NSW D9680
- Brian Tse
- University of New South Wales, NSW

**In body imaging BrachyVision: Improved Brachytherapy of prostate cancer treatment**
- Mark Gibbens/Rotary Club of Parramatta City, NSW D9690
- Kevin Loo
- University of Wollongong, NSW

**BrachyPix: advanced QA in prostate cancer treatment by high dose rate brachytherapy**
- Rotary Clubs of Dural and Penrith Valley, NSW D9685
- Anthony Espinoza
- University of Wollongong, NSW

**The role of inflammatory cytokines in prostate cancer risk**
- **District 9680**
- Elizabeth Tindall
- University of New South Wales, NSW

### PTSD

**The relationship between traumatic stress, problematic substance use and disordered eating behaviours among Australian adolescents**
- District 9685 Funding Partner PhD Scholarship for PTSD in Australia
- Ivana Kihas
- University of New South Wales

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**General Health Research Funding**

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An investigation of the psychological, neuropsychological and phenomenological distinguishing characteristics between adaptive dreamers and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Nightmares; an empirical study to inform evidence based treatment models of PTSD
District 9790, NSW and RSL Clubs of Victoria
Fiona Henrich
Swinburne University of Technology, VIC

**Spinal Injury**
The influence of neural factors on secondary conditions such as pain and fatigue in persons living with Spinal Cord Injury
Rotary Club of Parkes, NSW D9700
Dianah Rodrigues
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Derivation of skeletal myocytes from human embryonic stem cells
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Homeless, young and accompanied: Identifying the diverse issues young people with families face when homeless in Adelaide
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Youth Mental Health
Development and evaluation for BEST-Foundations: A preventative family-based intervention for Children at risk of developing depression in adolescence
Motto Fashions & Rotary Club of Richmond, VIC D9800
Michelle Benstead
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Youth Suicide
Developmental pathways to mental health, suicidal behaviour and suicide for Western Australian youth
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Kristine Northey
Curtin University, WA

Suicide in Australia: Determinants, moderators and treatment options for suicidal thoughts and behaviours
Rotary Club of Parramatta City, NSW D9690
Tonelle Handley
University of Newcastle, WA

Suicide and self-harm hospitalisation among young people in Tasmania: An epidemiological study of suicide risk and the provision of care in the acute settings
Australian Rotary Health/Rotary Club of Smithton PhD Scholarship
Nicole Hill
University of Melbourne, NSW

Translation and replication of a successful Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth suicide prevention and wellbeing intervention
Rotary Club of Toowong/Basil Shaw
Mandy Gibson
Griffith University, VIC

RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS IN MENTAL HEALTH (2000-2011)
The year 2000 was the first time Australian Rotary Health provided grants to researchers to study a broad variety of mental health areas. Australian Rotary Health was one of the first organisations to fund this kind of research and awarded grants annually for a one, two or three year period. This continued until 2012, where the focus switched to the mental health of young Australians, which remains a strong focus today.

2015-2018
2008-2010
2010-2013
2017-2018
2018
**PILOT PROJECTS (2010)**
In 2010, Australian Rotary Health funded 10 pilot research projects, which focussed on the mental health of young Australians aged up to 17 years. Most projects went on to receive further funding from government funding bodies.

**FUNDING PARTNER RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS (2004-2010)**
From 2004 to 2010, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts, and other funding partners had the opportunity to contribute to ‘Funding Partner Research Grants’ in a nominated health research area.

During this period, 32 Funding Partner Research Grants were awarded, until the program focussed on supporting PhD Scholarships.

**EVALUATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION (2007-2010)**
Mental health services require frequent evaluation to ensure their treatment programs remain relevant and effective. From 2007 to 2010, Australian Rotary Health provided 20 Grants so research teams could evaluate these services in both rural and urban settings.

**RURAL HEALTH SERVICE EVALUATION GRANTS (2007-2010)**
This 3 year program was a means of funding service evaluations to assess the effectiveness of rural health systems and improve services. A total of 5 projects were funded by Australian Rotary Health from 2007 to 2010.

**SPECIAL RESEARCH GRANTS (2007-2013)**
Australian Rotary Health has on occasion partnered with a number of funding organisations for collaborative research projects.

The most recent special research grant was the ‘Beyond Bushfires: Community Resilience and Recovery Study’ led by the University of Melbourne between 2011 and 2013.
Indigenous Australians are faced with challenges across a range of socio-economic measures which can impact the health and wellbeing of Indigenous populations, both in a rural and urban setting. Through Indigenous Health Scholarships, Australian Rotary Health is supporting the next generation of Indigenous health care providers to achieve an education that will help them assist their communities. Each student enrolled in the program is provided with a $5,000 scholarship.

First established in 2002 by PP Geoff Bailey and the South Australian Rotary Club of Mitcham, the program has expanded to all States and Territories, supporting students in a range of health areas including nursing, social work, physiotherapy, psychology and dentistry.

The Indigenous Health Scholarship program is a collaborative project between Australian Rotary Health, participating Rotary Clubs, and the State and Commonwealth Governments. Administration costs are covered by the Commonwealth Government to assist in the ongoing success of this program.

2017 Recipients
New South Wales
Elvera Brown - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by PDG Joe Scorer and Rotary Club of Batemans Bay
Denika Thomas - Flinders University, NT - Graduate Certificate in Loss, Grief, and Trauma Counselling. Sponsored by Rotary Club of e-Club One
Allira Cutmore - University of New England, NSW - Bachelor of Social Work. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Orange Calare
Destiny Powell - University of New England, NSW - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Kerang
Savannah Abbott - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Sutherland
Gary Wallace - University of New England, NSW - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Ian and Claire Graham
Robyn Wattam - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Marrickville
Rory Vocale - Australian Catholic University, NSW - Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Turramurra
Andrea Torresan - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy). Sponsored by David Henning Memorial Foundation

Taylor-Jai McAlister - Macquarie University, NSW - Bachelor of Psychology. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Parramatta City

Harley Donoghue - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Parramatta

Stephen Bell - University of Wollongong, NSW - Master of Indigenous Health. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Sydney Inner West

Lucas Booth - University of Newcastle, NSW - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary District 9650

Shanice Griffen - University of Newcastle, NSW - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary District 9650

Nathan Taylor - Macquarie University, NSW - Bachelor of Human Science (Public Health). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Maroubra

Kym Bowman - Western Sydney University, NSW - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Quality Occupational Health, Merrylands

Cameron Edwards - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Parramatta Daybreak

Blake Badman - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Randwick

Thomas Hatch - Western Sydney University, NSW - Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery. Sponsored by Learnmed Group

Russell Thompson - University of New South Wales, NSW - Bachelor of Medicine Scholarship. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Junee

Sarah Large - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Holroyd & Dr King Gan

Julieann Hall - University of Wollongong, NSW - Master of Indigenous Health. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Wetherill Park

Kristy-Lee Wickey - Charles Sturt University, NSW - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Orange

Madeline Parsons - Charles Sturt University, NSW - Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging). Sponsored by Rotary District 9650

Kasarina Mann - University of Sydney, NSW - Bachelor of Health Science (Psychology). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Parramatta

Victoria

Jessica Ping - Charles Darwin University, NT - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Dr King Gan
**Shannon Drake** - University of Melbourne, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing.
Sponsored by Poche Foundation

**Kathryn Sullivan** - University of Melbourne, VIC - Master of Social Work.
Sponsored by Poche Foundation

**Chana Orloff** - University of Melbourne, VIC - Master of Public Health.
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**Shahnaz Rind** - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ivanhoe

**Nicole Bingham** - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing.
Sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Swan Hill and Swan Hill Sunrise

**Sally Hood** - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ivanhoe

**Laura Alsop** - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Medicine.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Glen Waverley

**Natasha Bahrs** - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Geelong East

**Michael Lawler** - LaTrobe University, VIC - Bachelor of Dentistry.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Bright

**Queensland**

**Nathanial Motlap** - University of New England, NSW - Bachelor of Psychological Science. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Cairns

**Sherice Ansell** - University of Queensland, QLD - Bachelor of Medicine.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Gympie Cooloola

**Megan Kaden** - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Sandgate

**Raylene Hodges** - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Social Work.
University of Wollongong, NSW - Master of Indigenous Health.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Cairns Mulgrave

**Tayla Emmerson** - Griffith University, QLD - Bachelor of Oral Health in Dental Technology. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Murwillumbah Central

**Monique Saunders** - Griffith University, QLD - Bachelor of Biomedical Science.
Sponsored by Rotary District 9640

**Hannah Tilling** - University of Queensland, QLD - Bachelor of Medicine.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of South Brisbane

**Bobby Hagan** - James Cook University, QLD - Master of Social Work (Mental Health). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Cleveland

**Shani Lavender** - James Cook University, QLD - Bachelor of Medicine.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Townsville Daybreak

**Nickalus Saveka** - James Cook University, QLD - Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Mareeba
Samantha O’Connor - University of Queensland, QLD - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary District 9600 and Dr King Gan

Tayna Munro - Australian Catholic University, QLD - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Port of Brisbane

Northern Territory
Belinda Washington - Flinders University, NT - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Darwin South and Dr King Gan
Kate Postans - Flinders University, NT - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary District 9790

Western Australia
Naomi Lloyd - University of Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Matilda Bay
Phoebe Strickland - University Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Melville & Lindsay Cozens Aboriginal Education Trust.
Monique Lucas - University of Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Applecross and Dr King Gan
Veronica Dolman - University of Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Mundaring
Shauna Hill - University of Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Ascot
Marika Hayden - University of Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Booragoon
Emma-Jane Hunt - University of Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Balcatta
Patricia Johnstone - University of Western Australia, WA - Bachelor of Dental Medicine. Sponsored by Lindsay Cozens Aboriginal Education Trust
Corey Dalton - University of Notre Dame, WA - Bachelor of Medicine. Sponsored by Lindsay Cozens Aboriginal Education Trust
Kerry Franklin - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Arts (Psychology). Sponsored by Rotary Club of Port Hedland

South Australia
Emily Sparrow - University of South Australia, SA - Bachelor of Midwifery. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Morialta
Kerri Coulthard - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Rotary Clubs in Group 7
Rehanna Coulthard - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Social Work. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Salisbury
Rhianon Lock - University of South Australia, SA - Bachelor of Midwifery. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Norwood
Georgia Turner - University of South Australia, SA - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Adelaide
Casey Cameron - University of Adelaide, SA - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Campbelltown
Ebony Warren - University of South Australia, SA - Bachelor of Medical Radiation. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Stirling
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Rosemary MacLaine - Flinders University, SA - Bachelor of Midwifery. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Elizabeth
Danielle Lovegrove - University of South Australia, SA - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Ralf Goll Indigenous Health Scholarship
Talisha King - University of Adelaide, SA - Master of Public Health. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Mitcham
Patricia Lawson - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Coopers Foundation
Gemma Warner - University of Adelaide, SA - Bachelor of Psychological Science. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Playford
Sandra Lawrie - Deakin University, VIC - Bachelor of Social Work. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Blackwood
Shanameae Davis - Flinders University, SA - Bachelor of Health Science. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Yankalilla
Nicolas Reid - University of Adelaide, SA - Bachelor of Dental Surgery. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley
Kali Graham - Flinders University, SA - Bachelor of Paramedic Science. Sponsored by Margaret Mayo
Damian Rigney - University of South Australia, SA - Bachelor of Nursing. Sponsored by Marge Gibson
RURAL MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Rural medical facilities face a number of challenges including staff shortages, lack of funding and large geographical service areas. Since 2007, Australian Rotary Health has run a Rural Medical Scholarship program.

Medical students are funded by a sponsoring Rotary Club or private donor to undertake a year-long rural placement and experience what these facilities have to offer. Rural Scholarships provide students with an opportunity to pursue a career in rural Australia when they graduate.

Sponsored in 2018
Ellie McEwen (University of Newcastle, NSW)
Armidale Clinical School
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Lachlan Jackson (University of Newcastle, NSW)
Tamworth Clinical School
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RURAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

In response to the need for more nurses in rural and remote areas, Australian Rotary Health launched a Rural Nursing Scholarship program in 2007.

Using donations from Rotary Clubs and other donors, these scholarships are providing incentives for nursing students to complete their third year major clinical placement and graduating year in a rural or remote area. These scholarships also provide an incentive for nursing students to pursue a nursing career in rural or remote Australia upon graduation.
Rotary Club of Sales Rural Nursing Scholarship 2017-2018
Emma Foster (Federation University, VIC)
Final Rural Placement - Central Gippsland Health (Sale)
Post Grad Placement - Central Gippsland Health (Sale)

Melinda Cordell (Federation University, VIC)
Final Rural Placement - LaTrobe Regional Hospital
Post Grad Placement - Central Gippsland Health (Sale)

Alisha Tainton (Federation University, VIC)
Final Rural Placement - Central Gippsland Health (Sale)
Post Grad Placement - Central Gippsland Health (Sale)

Carmelo Baker (Federation University, VIC)
Final Rural Placement - Bairnsdale Regional Health Service
Post Grad Placement - Bairnsdale Regional Health Service
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