

A Lasting Legacy



Marian Smith

Marian Smith has left a legacy at Burnside Hospital in honour of the treatment she received at the Brian Fricker Oncology Centre while living with ovarian cancer.

"Right across Mum's treatment over the years, she always thought highly of the care and attention she received at Burnside. She trusted and respected the medical and nursing staff, often asking them about their families, and spoke fondly of them to us all. She wanted to contribute to the continuation of the tradition of high quality care that she had experienced during her treatment," said Marian's son Ian.

Marian chose to leave a gift in her Will to the Burnside Hospital Foundation, which has also been used to purchase a new Oncology Chair. This gift will provide ongoing comfort and care for patients and is a very meaningful way for Marian's family to see her legacy live on at the Hospital.

This is the second chair received this year due to the generous support of oncology patients who wanted to give back to the Hospital and improve the lives of other patients.

Gifts in wills are a powerful way to make a difference to causes and organisations that are important to you. The Hospital is honoured by Marian's gift and she will be remembered every time someone undergoes treatment in her chair.

Just 1% of your estate can have a significant impact over time, growing in the Burnside Hospital Foundation Investment Fund and providing permanent income for generations to come.

Please get in touch with our Foundation Manager Alexandra Bassett if you would like further information about leaving a gift in your Will to the Hospital.

NSQHS Standards Organisation-Wide Assessment

In August this year, Burnside Hospital underwent the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards Second Edition Organisation-Wide Assessment. All health service organisations are required to undergo this assessment against eight NSQHS Standards: Clinical Governance, Partnering with Consumers, Preventing and Controlling Healthcare-Associated Infection, Medication Safety, Comprehensive

Care, Communicating for Safety, Blood Management, and Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration.

Burnside Hospital achieved a successful result and received accreditation until the next assessment in 2025, affirming our commitment to patient care and positive outcomes and the high standards of governance and management within the Hospital.

Support Your Hospital



If any of the stories in this newsletter have inspired you, we invite you to consider making a gift to support the Burnside Hospital Foundation.

We are a not-for-profit community hospital and the Foundation is key to helping us ensure every patient experience is a positive one. Your support is vital to our success.

You can scan the QR code with the camera on your phone to make a donation online, or complete and return the enclosed donation form.

We greatly appreciate your support and thank you for your consideration.

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BURNSIDE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



From the desk of Heather Messenger

Chief Executive Officer, Burnside War Memorial Hospital Inc



On behalf of everyone at Burnside Hospital, I want to say a big thank you for your continued support of our Foundation. We began the year with some trepidation, facing ongoing uncertainty due to COVID-19. I am happy to announce that thanks to the generous support of our community, we have had one of our most successful years in fundraising. I sincerely thank you for playing your part in our success.

It was with sadness that we farewelled Martin Carolan, who has been our Foundation Manager for over three years. Having worked in the not for-profit sector in Adelaide, interstate and overseas, Martin brought fresh ideas and new approaches to fundraising and made a significant difference to our fundraising programs. I have really enjoyed working with Martin and thank him for his hard work and dedication to our community.

We are however pleased to welcome our new Foundation Manager Alexandra Bassett who commenced in the role in October. We are also very pleased to announce that Board Director Rod Buchecker has been appointed to the position of Foundation Committee Chair, and Kate Thiele has also joined the Foundation Committee. I hope you will join me in welcoming Rod, Kate and Alex to their new positions.

In other news, The Emergency Management (Healthcare Setting Workers Vaccination) (COVID-19) Direction 2021 came into effect as of 1 November. This mandate requires every person who works in a healthcare setting to be vaccinated against COVID-19 (unless they have a formal medical exemption). We have fully complied with

this directive and you can rest assured that the health and safety of our community is our top priority.

The Hospital has also introduced additional health screening measures and visitor policies for all elective patient admissions following the decision by the SA Government to open the borders. These measures are designed to protect our patients, staff and our doctors, as well as our business, by providing the safest healthcare environment for everyone associated with the Hospital as we learn to live with COVID-19.

There have been a number of new pieces of medical equipment the Foundation has purchased this year through wonderful philanthropic support. Some of these very meaningful gifts are from current or former patients, and we are honoured that they have chosen to give back to the Hospital following their experiences here. This new equipment assists us to continue to provide our patients with the very best and safest of care, and on behalf of all of us at the Hospital – thank you.

As the weather warms up, please keep abreast of all public health alerts and messaging to ensure you and your families remain safe and well. I wish you all an enjoyable festive season and very best wishes for the start of the New Year.

Heather Messenger

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Welcome



Rod Buchecker, Foundation Committee Chair

It is with much enthusiasm that the Hospital announces the appointment of Mr Rod Buchecker as the new Foundation Committee Chair.

Rod has been a member of the Board of Directors since January 2019. His consultancy practice, Future Focus Asia Pacific, works throughout Australia with CEOs, business owners and senior executives on a wide range of business and leadership challenges. Rod is also a Director of the Royal Zoological Society of SA, a CEO Mentor through The Executive

Connection and an Advisory Board Member of Think180 Pty Ltd.

“It’s with great honour that as a Board Director of the Burnside Hospital I’ve recently taken on the role of Chair of Burnside Hospital Foundation, working with some of the finest minds in SA and an outstanding executive team. With a fabulous committee, I look forward to furthering the wonderful work delivered by previous Chair, David Parkin, and long term Chair John Gerard, and their respective committee members,” says Rod.



Kate Thiele, Foundation Committee Member

Our newest Foundation Committee member is Kate Thiele, bringing significant board, corporate and not-for-profit experience.

Kate is the principal of Klarity, a consulting business that leads business transformation, development and innovation. She is currently Chair of the Adelaide Crows Foundation, Chair of Skylight Mental Health, Deputy Chair of the UniSA MBA Advisory Board, and on the Board of the Royal Zoological Society of SA.

In 2015 Kate was recognised with the SA Business Woman of the Year and the Australian

Business Women of the Year’s ‘For Purpose and Social Enterprise’ category.

“The Burnside Hospital provides a valuable service to our community, delivering excellence in healthcare with a strong commitment to people during these turbulent times. Founded through Otto von Rieben’s great legacy and with no government funding, philanthropic support provided through the Foundation is vitally important. I’m honoured to be joining the Foundation Committee and contributing towards this worthy cause,” says Kate.



Alexandra Bassett, Foundation Manager

Alexandra Bassett has been appointed to the position of Foundation Manager at the Burnside Hospital.

Alex has held fundraising roles at the University of Adelaide, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and the Biennale of Sydney, delivering creative campaigns and building strong relationships with donors, alumni, volunteers, sponsors and the community.

“There is a fantastic energy around the Burnside Hospital with everyone working towards a shared purpose – improving patient outcomes and delivering the very best, most sophisticated health care possible. I’m so pleased to join the team,” says Alex.

Green Light Laser Appeal



Dr Mark Lloyd with the Green Light Laser

Many of you contributed to our recent campaign to purchase a Green Light Laser, supporting men with an enlarged prostate or benign prostatic hyperplasia. In particular, we were humbled by men who shared their own experiences of prostate issues when making a gift, acknowledging the importance of this equipment.

It is with pleasure that we announce our campaign was successful and the Hospital, with significant support from the Foundation, has purchased the Green Light Laser which has been in use since October.

We especially want to thank The Lang Foundation who generously contributed \$100,000 towards this project.

“Benign enlargement of the prostate can cause painful urinary retention, urine infections and blood in the urine,” said Dr Mark Lloyd, Senior Urological Surgeon. “In more serious cases it can result in kidney damage. Treatment of prostate disease is an important health issue, and so this is a great addition to supporting men with urinary issues. On behalf of all the urologists and their patients who will benefit from this new addition to the Urology Theatre, I am most grateful to the Lang Foundation, all other donors and the Hospital.”

New Support for Pregnant Women



Clinical Midwife Karen Briggs (L), Lorena Bazzica (centre) and Alex Bassett (R)

Many of our loyal donors, and some new ones, have helped us purchase individual pieces of equipment.

Lorena Bazzica underwent treatment at the Hospital in March this year and following that experience, wanted to give back to the community.

Lorena generously donated a new PHILIPS Avalon FM30 fetal and maternal monitor. The new monitor allows continuous fetal monitoring of a single or twin pregnancy whilst giving the mother freedom to move about her room, the Hospital or surrounding Attunga Gardens.

The system monitors fetal movement, heart rate and uterine activity, and

simultaneously measures maternal heart rate, blood pressure and oxygen saturation. The data can be viewed on a central monitor in the Labour Ward, with obstetricians also able to access information remotely.

“I decided to donate this monitor to the Hospital because I wanted to support the wellbeing of pregnant women and their unborn child,” says Lorena.

Regularly adding to our suite of monitors ensures that our equipment is contemporary, more user friendly for our staff and with the ultimate outcome of better care for the mother and child.

A Generous Gift From the Heart



Clinical Nurse Alison Stangewitz (L) with Lisa and Mark Charlesworth

Lisa and Mark Charlesworth have made a very generous donation to the Brian Fricker Oncology Centre through the purchase of a new oncology treatment chair.

“When we received notification that Lisa and Mark were buying a new chair we were overwhelmed,” says Alison Stangewitz, Clinical Nurse in Brian Fricker Oncology Centre.

“The new chair provides greater comfort for patients who have to sit all day and gives better support for nurses and our own backs, thanks to the ability to adjust them to the safest and most appropriate height. Lisa is an absolute pleasure to care for, and we are so grateful that she has given this wonderful gift to others which will benefit on their treatment journeys too.”

“When I received a diagnosis of stage three peritoneal cancer it was a great shock and very distressing. My GP referred me to Professor Martin Oehler at the Burnside Hospital.

We are very happy that we’ve been able to make a positive contribution, and that other patients will be more comfortable at a time of great stress in their lives.

Chemotherapy involves long hours in the treatment chair, and one day I noticed a young patient across from me, distressed on her first day and being comforted by one of the wonderful nurses. I was also aware that two of the treatment chairs were older and not as comfortable as the newer ones. It took Mark and me about ten seconds to decide to donate a new treatment chair to the Centre.

My treatment at Burnside Hospital has been ongoing for nearly two years. From the start, the caring, friendly and professional staff in the Hospital community have helped make a very tough time much better. For that we are truly grateful and happy we have been able to contribute back.”

Lisa Charlesworth