



CANBERRA
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Canberra Hospitals Foundation

Annual Report 2024 - 2025

Acknowledgement of Country

Canberra Hospitals Foundation acknowledges the Ngunnawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the ACT, recognising their enduring cultural contributions. We respect their traditional healthcare methods, valuing the wisdom embedded in their practices for centuries.

Canberra Hospitals Foundation strives for equitable healthcare outcomes and is dedicated to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, incorporating their insights to enhance healthcare practices and promote reconciliation.

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Front cover image: Big Wig Omar Muscat, and top fundraiser upped the ante when he decended face first for his challenge



Introduction WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

Creating exceptional health care together.

We share Canberra Health Services' vision because we work tirelessly to provide them support so they can create exceptional health care every day. Exceptional health care for us is when every person (patients, families, carers and staff) experiences the highest quality health care that is advanced by research, innovation and knowledge - delivered with comfort, hope and understanding.

Our Role

To develop a community that cultivates gratitude, connection, innovation, and healing, we bridge the generosity of our community with a shared vision of creating exceptional healthcare experiences together.

Contributions take various forms, with innovation through research being a significant way people can enhance patient care. A health service driven by research and best practices improves the environment, upgrades equipment and facilities, and empowers healthcare teams to achieve higher standards of care, ultimately enhancing the health and well-being of our community.

Those who give often do so out of deep gratitude for our healthcare workforce and service. It's also a part of their healing process after the loss of a loved one or a challenging experience with illness.

We instil confidence in our community of donors, assuring them that their gifts support patients in receiving the highest quality care, offering comfort and relief from distress. Everyone in our community plays a vital role, whether large or small, in providing our healthcare workforce with the time, knowledge, and resources they need to create exceptional care.

Working together to create outstanding care helps our community lead healthier and more productive lives.

Our Values

What underpins our work.

Honesty

Act honestly and truthfully.

Respect

Act with respect for the dignity of our profession and our organisation, and with respect for the dignity of donors and beneficiaries.

Integrity

Act openly and with regard to our responsibility for public trust. We will disclose all actual and potential conflicts of interest and avoid any appearance of personal or professional misconduct.

Empathy

Work in a way that promotes our purpose and encourages others to use the same professional standards and engagement. We shall value individual privacy, freedom of choice and diversity in all forms.

Transparency

Provide clear reports about the work we do and the way donations are managed and disbursed, including costs and expenses. We will do this in an accurate, timely and comprehensible manner.



Chair and CEO Report

Our purpose and partnership

Canberra Hospitals Foundation (CHF) exists to connect community generosity with exceptional public healthcare across Canberra Health Services (CHS). Our purpose is simple and enduring - to enhance the experiences of patients, families and staff by investing in what sits beyond core health budgets. At the heart of every decision is integrity, transparency and impact - and above all, people.

Stewardship and Governance

In partnership with CHS, we continued to strengthen governance, grants assurance, and data privacy controls to ensure every dollar makes a meaningful difference. Our Healthy Data program is helping us see the people behind the numbers - building better insight, cyber resilience and confidence in how we protect, understand and serve our community of supporters.

Strategic Progress

Throughout the year we advanced CHF's strategy in public healthcare to:

→ Elevate patient and family experience

→ Empower and support healthcare teams

→ Enable research, innovation and wellbeing

Each project, grant and partnership featured in this report reflects our belief that compassion and innovation belong together. Our approach remains needs-led, evidence-informed and co-designed with clinicians and consumers to ensure real change where it matters most - at the bedside, in the clinic, and within the community.



Susan Proctor and Helen Falla launch CAN GIVE DAY 2024

Partnership with Canberra Health Services

Our close alignment with CHS priorities ensures philanthropy complements, rather than replaces, core funding. Through both structured funding rounds and rapid-response support, we have helped meet immediate clinical needs while investing in long-term improvements in safety, quality and experience.

Leadership and Recognition

Due to the expanding and ever growing need for public healthcare the Board resolved to amend our name to reflect our broad remit across all public healthcare and hospitals. We are now known as, the Canberra Hospitals Foundation.

Her Excellency the Honourable Samantha Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, graciously accepted the role of Patron of our Foundation.

Every step forward helps us to deliver more effectively on our strategy, with the exceptional stewardship from our Board and with the support of our Patron and partners,

We recognise that the collective spirit of donors, volunteers, clinicians and our team are all united by a commitment to exceptional care.

Our Governance

CHF is guided by a volunteer Board of dedicated and passionate professionals who bring a wealth of expertise and commitment to our mission.



Susan Proctor
BOARD CHAIR



Nadia Gabellone
DEPUTY BOARD CHAIR



Peter Munday
OAM



Dion Bisa



Prof. Robin Stuart-Harris



Kerri Hartland



Matthew Whittaker



Cathie O'Neill

Risk, Integrity and Sustainability

Our focus on sustainability through our programs ensures CHF remains a trusted and enduring partner for generations to come.

Key risks, including cyber security, workforce capacity, project delivery and donor confidence, were actively managed through strengthened controls, independent audit, conservative reserves settings and clear grants acquittal processes.

Looking Ahead

In 2025-26 we will build on this strong foundation. Our focus will centre on scaling up the Out of the Blue campaign, fostering philanthropy for major health initiatives, and expanding on our collaboration with CHS to support emerging patient priorities across hospitals and community health services.

We will continue to modernise our systems and reporting to provide clear line-of-sight from gift to impact ensuring every donor can see the change their generosity creates.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors, volunteers, partners, and the entire CHS community. Every act of generosity leaves a mark on someone's story - a patient comforted, a family supported, a team encouraged.

This year has shown once again that the heart of our community is as strong as its spirit. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for what we've built together and optimism for what lies ahead - a future where exceptional care, innovation and humanity continue to thrive side by side.

Susan Proctor
Chair

Helen Falla
Chief Executive Officer



Our Patron

Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley

The Canberra Hospitals Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to Mrs Linda Hurley for her dedicated service and support as Patron of the Foundation. Throughout her tenure, Mrs Hurley has been a passionate advocate for kindness, compassion, and community connection within our hospitals and health services. Her generosity of spirit, warmth, and encouragement have touched countless lives and inspired many to give back to their community. We thank Mrs Hurley wholeheartedly for her commitment and contribution to the Foundation's mission of giving hope and strengthening care, and we wish her every happiness for the future.



Our Ambassadors

Deborah (Debbie) Rolfe, AM

A driving force behind the Canberra Hospitals Foundation's success, Deborah (Debbie) Rolfe AM continues to champion CHF's mission in her role as Ambassador, following 13 years of exemplary leadership as Chair of the Board from 2010 to 2023.



Debbie Rolfe with MasterCook 2024 contestants
Tashi and Cathie O'Neill

In 2024-25, Debbie remained a visible and passionate advocate for community philanthropy, taking part in major fundraising events including CAN GIVE Day and the Big Wig Challenge. Her presence at these events reflected her ongoing commitment to building a community that stands beside patients, families, and healthcare workers when it matters most.

Throughout her ambassadorial role, Debbie has continued to share her wisdom and generosity of spirit, inspiring others to support the work of CHF through advocacy, volunteering, and giving.

"It continues to be a privilege to serve a cause that uplifts lives and strengthens healthcare in our community. Every act of giving brings hope, healing and connection." Debbie Rolfe AM

Debbie's contribution to CHF's growth and to healthcare philanthropy in Canberra is enduring. Her leadership has helped to establish a legacy of compassion and excellence that will continue to shape CHF's work for years to come.



Leo is a regular visitor to Canberra Region Cancer Centre and is always ready to lead sing a long

Leo Sayer

International music legend Leo Sayer has been a beloved Canberra Hospitals Foundation Ambassador since 2020, sharing his time, voice, and creativity to bring joy to patients and staff alike.

In 2024-25, Leo's connection with CHF grew even stronger. He attended the Building 5 Opening at Canberra Hospital, delighting guests singing on the fun video produced to celebrate the opening of Building 5 "Staying Alive in Building 5", a light-hearted and heartfelt performance that perfectly captured the spirit of optimism and community that defines CHF.

Leo also continued his tradition of visiting patients and participating in key fundraising campaigns, spreading warmth and humour through music and conversation. His belief in the therapeutic power of music continues to shape CHF's approach to wellbeing and connection in healthcare.

"Music can't replace medicine, but it can make people feel better about their healing - and that's something truly powerful."
Leo Sayer

Through his tireless advocacy and performances, Leo brings visibility to CHF's work and embodies the joy and compassion that music can bring to healthcare environments.

Mahalia Barnes

Powerhouse vocalist Mahalia Barnes continues to make her mark as one of CHF's Ambassadors, blending her musical talent with a deep sense of empathy and gratitude for the healthcare community.

Drawing from personal experience of having a loved one in hospital, Mahalia has embraced her ambassadorial role as an opportunity to give back, to support patients, families, and the healthcare teams who care for them.

Known for her soulful sound and authenticity, Mahalia's involvement helps amplify CHF's message of compassion, connection, and courage. Her voice, both on and off the stage, champions the everyday heroes of healthcare and highlights the transformative impact of community generosity.

"This is my way of saying thank you - to help others feel seen, supported, and surrounded by care when they need it most."

Mahalia Barnes



Mahalia has experienced first hand what it is like to have a loved one in hospital

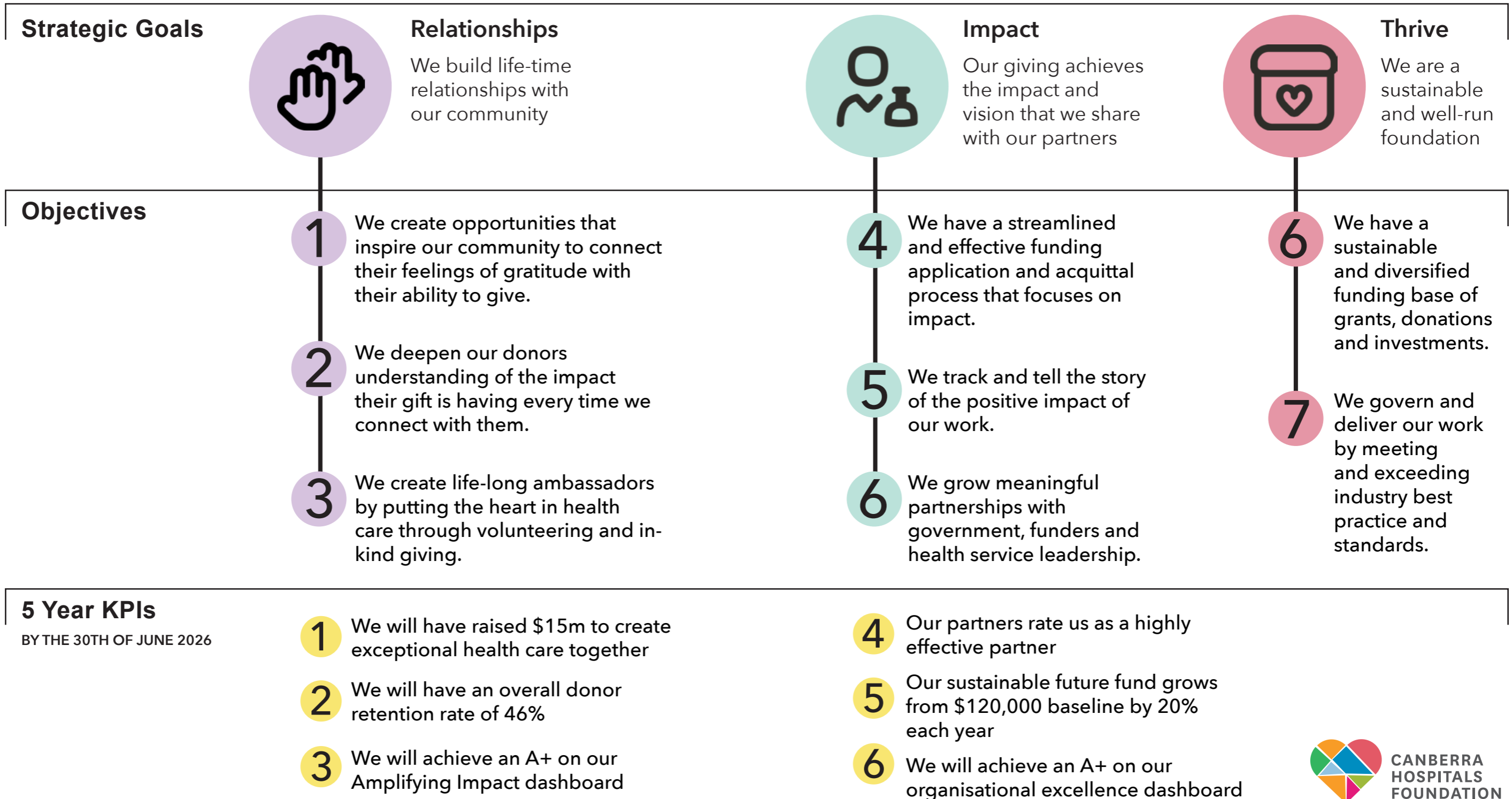
Canberra Hospitals Foundation Strategic Plan

Our Vision

Creating exceptional healthcare together

Our Role

To inspire community giving that creates gratitude, connection, innovation and healing



2024 - 2025 THE YEAR THAT WAS

Impact

Thanks to our donors in 2024-2025, CHF supported:



1 MILLION
IN DONATIONS ALLOCATED
TO SUPPORT PATIENTS

Provided through funding rounds that ensure money goes to patients where it's most needed

72+
HEALTHCARE
TEAMS
Impacted by
the generosity
of our
community



38
THERAPEUTIC
PROGRAMS
Enhancing
patients' health
journeys through
innovative care



36
PIECES OF
ADVANCED
MEDICAL
EQUIPMENT
Providing
cutting-
edge tools
for elevated
patient care



9
REFURBISHED
SPACES
Creating more
comfortable
environments
for patients and
families



Canberra Hospitals
Foundation digital
engagement by
numbers

WEBSITE

29k active users → 34.9% increase

42,122 sessions **115k** views

Active users by gender

62.3% female **37.8%** male

Most active users by age

25-34 → 24.5% increase

Increase of mobile users by **8.5%**

→ **2,339** donations

SOCIAL MEDIA

INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

Reach 196.8k → 216.5% increase

5k content interactions → 71.7% increase

45.9% increase in followers

LINKEDIN:

57,977 impressions

ELECTRONIC DIRECT MAIL

40 campaigns sent

64,257 individual emails sent

40.9% open rate → 8.5% increase





“Each donation that supports funding a program carries with it the compassion of our community. It’s through these collective acts of generosity that we bring comfort to patients, strength to families, and support to the people who deliver care when it’s needed most.” Helen Falla - CHF CEO



Funding Rounds - Turning Compassion into Care

Across 2024-25, CHF continued to support innovation, research, patient experience initiatives, and enhancements that sit beyond core health funding.

Through our formal funding rounds we supported applications from every division across Canberra Health Services demonstrating our commitment to enabling initiatives that complement and strengthen public healthcare.

Our funding rounds continued to draw strong engagement from staff across all hospitals, with applications focused on enhancing care, patient experience, and enhancing the hospital environment.

Alongside our planned rounds, CHF also assessed out-of-round requests where opportunities aligned with our purpose and donor intent.

Gifts in wills and donor-directed contributions further enabled several significant projects funded through gifts in wills and donor-directed contributions.

Collectively, these funding pathways ensure CHF can respond to opportunities across every hospital and division, enabling enhancements that make a tangible difference to care and experience.



Kate Vassallo's "Bloom 17, 19 and 30" bring comfort to patients and families in the Neurosurgery interview room

Programs

Where Compassion Meets Action

Thanks to the heartfelt generosity of donors, partners, and our wider Canberra community, the CHF continues to support a wide range of initiatives that put people at the centre of care.

Each project represents our commitment to improving the experience of patients, families, and healthcare teams, extending care beyond clinical walls into spaces of connection, compassion, and healing.

THERAPY SUPPORT HEALING BEYOND MEDICINE

Therapy programs bring calm and comfort into the hospital environment, enriching clinical care with humanity and heart. Working alongside healthcare teams and volunteers, these initiatives complement clinical care, helping patients and families navigate their journey with confidence and compassion.

Therapeutic Harp Program

Live therapeutic music at bedside and in waiting areas reduces anxiety, eases tension, improves mood regulation, and supports pain management. The gentle notes create an atmosphere of peace, helping patients and families pause, breathe, and find stillness in the midst of treatment. Sessions are scheduled with clinical teams to minimise disruption and maximise therapeutic benefits for patients, families and staff.

Arts in Health Program

Artist-led creative engagement in wards and waiting spaces reduce stress, enhance wayfinding and create a sense of welcome. Art brings colour, creativity, joy, and a calming atmosphere to spaces where people often face uncertainty.

Therapy Dog Program and Paws the Pressure

Therapy dogs have an extraordinary gift: they make people smile again. Each visit brings calm and comfort to patients, families, and staff, creating moments of lightness to busy wards. The presence of a friendly dog can ease fear, lift spirits, improve communication and provide a positive distraction, making a hospital feel just a little more like home.

DEMENTIA CARE ENHANCEMENTS

For people living with dementia, small details make a big difference. Visual prompts, familiar fabrics, and comforting music help patients stay oriented and at ease. Family-friendly lounges offer a place to rest, connect, and recharge to assist carer respite and connection; a quiet reminder that compassionate design supports everyone.

SPICE (Specialist Palliative & Integrated Care Enhancements)

SPICE, therapeutic program, provides post-diagnostic support for those with dementia and their caregivers. With roughly 80% of the

6,600 people with dementia in the ACT living in the community, timely access to emotional and practical support is essential.

SPICE is a 12-week evidence-based multicomponent program tailored to meet the needs of people with dementia and their carers, including physical activity, social engagement, nutrition assessment and, carer education and capacity building.

Ongoing funding has supported the delivery of more group sessions enabling more participants each year. The program which provides positive outcomes for the participants ability to care for their person at home, helps to give the person living with dementia more freedom and the ability to live independently.

The aim of the SPICE program is to slow down disease progression, give carers strategies and support, reduce the use of health services and hospitalisation, enable people to remain in their homes longer and to maximise the quality of life of the person with dementia and their carer.

CULTURAL SAFETY AND INCLUSION

In 2024-25, CHF deepened its commitment to programs that celebrate and honour cultural identity heritage, and connection to Country to promote belonging and help ensure care reflects the people it serves.

Beautiful Shawls Program

Co-designed with community, these culturally meaningful shawls and textiles are offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and families to provide warmth, identity, and comfort. Each shawl is given with choice and respect; a simple but powerful gesture.

Since its introduction, screenings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients have increased by 30%, showing the profound impact of culturally safe care.



Artworks by LaToya Kennedy bring a sense of calm and connection in the First Nations Birthing Suite at Centenary Hospital for Women and Children





Beautiful scarves are making healthcare accessible, inclusive, and supportive for everyone, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation

Rainbow Threads Program

These LGBTIQ+ affirming comfort items and visual symbols of inclusion help ensure everyone feels welcome and respected in their healthcare journey. Co-developed with community and staff, Rainbow Threads signals safety, pride, and understanding for all identities.

Sacred Waters, Sacred Land

Where a person cannot return to Country in their final days, water and soil from their Country are brought to them, guided by cultural protocol and family consent. This simple act supports families, clinicians and cultural leaders to honour lore and country-based identity within hospital pathways.

Proudly supporting CHS's Together Forward program, we work to enable practices that uphold connection to Country, from birth to end of life. This initiative ensures care remains respectful, healing, and inclusive at every stage of the health journey.

CANCER AUSTRALIA INITIATIVE

Pathways to Wellbeing - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Care

This year marked the completion of the Pathways to Wellbeing initiative, a three-year partnership between Cancer Australia, CHF, and Canberra Health Services.

The project was conceived from consumer feedback and clinical insight identifying the need for improved support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people navigating cancer treatment.

Over its life, Pathways to Wellbeing delivered significant milestones:

- Establishment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Support Group at the Canberra Region Cancer Centre (CRCC).

- Facilitation of "Yarning About Cancer" sessions providing safe, culturally grounded supportive discussion spaces for patients and families.

- Early integration of Aboriginal Liaison Officers in cancer care pathways, ensuring culturally responsive treatment experiences.

- Development of a culturally appropriate cancer care brochure to guide and inform patients and families.

- Delivery of Dreaming Quilts in partnership with community members, bringing comfort and cultural expression into the healing environment.

- Increased access to and participation in cancer screening workshops for breast, prostate, and lung cancer, supporting prevention and early detection.

- Enhanced cultural awareness training for healthcare staff, building confidence and capacity to provide respectful care.

While the project formally concluded this year, its legacy endures through sustained partnerships, resources, and practices now embedded in Canberra Health Services.

SAMARITAN FUND SUPPORT - IMMEDIATE HELP WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST

Samaritan funding continues to provide practical assistance to patients and families in need through the social work departments across the hospitals. Support includes backpack beds, personal care items, and warm clothing for our most vulnerable patients and families, including support for those who travel long distances to remain close to loved ones.

Refurbishments

Spaces That Heal the Heart as Well as the Body

GIFT SHOP REFURBISHMENT - A HUB OF KINDNESS AND CONNECTION

The newly refurbished CHF Gift Shop opened in April 2025, marking a significant milestone in enhancing hospital amenities for patients, families, staff, and volunteers.

Thoughtfully redesigned with comfort and accessibility in mind, the Gift Shop offers a calm, welcoming retreat within the hospital environment, a place where connection and kindness are at the heart of every interaction.

Beyond a retail space providing thoughtful gifts, newspapers, magazines and books as well as personal items, the Gift Shop serves as a hub for volunteer engagement and patient connection.

Volunteers are at the heart of this space, welcoming and helping customers, and preparing and selling more than 20,000 Red Frogs each month; the new shop is specifically designed to support their work.

Looking ahead, CHF plans to reintroduce the much-loved mobile trolley service, delivering the joy of the Gift Shop directly to patients unable to leave their wards.

An online ordering and volunteer delivery system is also under development, ensuring all patients can experience the warmth and normalcy these small moments of care bring.



A spacious shop interior offers customers a welcoming and comfortable experience



The CHF Gift Shop now stocking local handmade items



CHF Gift Shop volunteer Neta, tagging Donation Station beanies that are sure to ward off the winter chill

"The feedback I've been getting is so positive. Patients, staff and visitors all just love it! Red frogs are always a hit." Neta - Gift Shop Volunteer



Equipment

Tools That Transform Care

FIBROENDOSCOPIC EVALUATION OF SWALLOWING (FEES) EQUIPMENT

Funding supported the purchase of new endoscopic equipment to enhance assessment and management of swallowing disorders for patients at the University of Canberra Hospital. The technology enables bedside and outpatient evaluation without radiation exposure, reducing transfer delays and improving the safety, comfort, and dignity of patients undergoing rehabilitation or speech pathology care.

SENSORY TROLLEYS - COMFORT FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN

Funded through the Hospitals United for Sick Kids initiative, sensory trolleys and adaptive treatment rooms are transforming hospital visits for neurodivergent children. With tools like Smilescopes that turn medical procedures into playful experiences, children feel calmer and more in control.

Interventions like an adaptive treatment room and portable sensory tools reduce stress for neurodivergent children visiting the Emergency Department and help make the experience less overwhelming.



Converting treatment rooms make all the difference for neurodivergent children visiting ED

"Thank you, I am so overwhelmed with the support and generosity. We are so thankful and these items are really helping with improving the care and experience for our children" Dr Alison Lally



Soft furnishings, calming artwork and distraction items make the Cosy Room a warm, and welcoming environment for young patients



"My client absolutely loved our new room today! We sooo appreciate the generous donations that made this happen" Robyn Wall - Social Worker/Counsellor

PATIENT CHAT ROOM FOR RADIATION THERAPY PATIENTS

A dedicated confidential space is being created within the Radiation Oncology Department to support sensitive patient conversations and improve wellbeing during treatment. The refurbishment will convert an unused dark room into a private, welcoming environment, fitted with safety features, new flooring, and furniture. The project enhances patient privacy, comfort, and emotional support during a stressful phase of care, reinforcing CHF's commitment to person-centred cancer care.

Comfort Care

Where Kindness is Delivered

In every corner of Canberra's public hospitals, small gestures of kindness have a big impact. The Donation Station is one of those quiet forces for good - a program that doesn't generate revenue, yet delivers immeasurable value every day.

Entirely driven by community generosity, the Donation Station provides comfort, dignity, and distraction for patients and families during some of life's most difficult moments. From toiletry kits and sleep packs for people admitted unexpectedly, to soft quilts and twiddle muffs that soothe anxious hands or provide warmth in palliative care, each item tells a story of compassion.

The program also helps healthcare teams in their work, giving them a simple way to offer comfort, a sense of calm and practical support when it's needed most. For a nurse, having a ready supply of donated items on the ward can mean the difference between offering basic care and providing a truly human touch.

Among the most meaningful items are the palliative care packs created in partnership with local volunteers and cultural advisors. Each pack includes thoughtfully chosen items such as soft textiles, calming scents, handmade cards, and culturally sensitive materials that bring comfort, peace and connection at the end of life. As one family shared, "Nan could rest easy, surrounded by her culture."



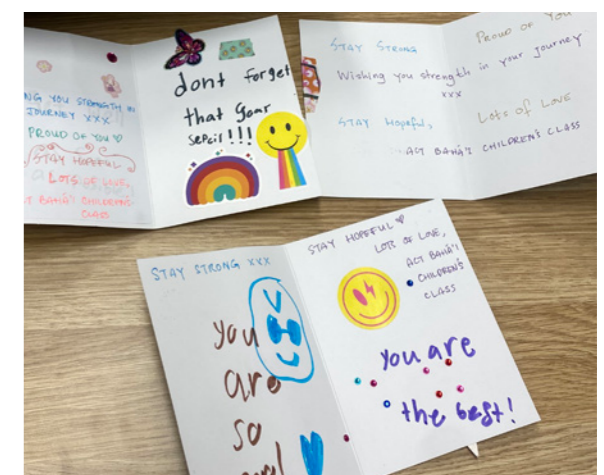
Now a treasured possession, Nan's dreaming quilt with her great grandchildren's hands layed upon it



The ACT Bahá'í children's classes made and delivered handmade cards for the geriatric's wards, 11A and 11B.

For children and families, distraction and educational packs provide creative outlets and a sense of normalcy. Art kits, storybooks and sensory aids help turn long hospital stays into moments of joy and calm.

Beyond what's given, the Donation Station connects the community to care. Volunteers, craft groups, schools and local businesses contribute time, skill and generosity, transforming their goodwill into something tangible for people they may never meet. The program offers meaningful volunteering opportunities and a visible way for the public to stay involved with their hospitals, extending the circle of care beyond the hospital walls.



Precious messages from the hearts of the children from ACT Bahá'í



Camille's cushion creatures are more than fabric and stuffing - they're comfort, joy, and legacy all wrapped up in soft, silly form.

209
IN-KIND DONORS
AND CRAFTING
GROUPS PROVIDED
LOVINGLY CRAFTED
COMFORT ITEMS

OVER 12,153
BEAUTIFUL COMFORT
ITEMS WERE
DONATED

Whether it's a freshly packed toiletry bag, a quilt stitched with love, or a comfort pillow made by hand, the Donation Station continues to remind us that healing isn't just about medicine – it's about humanity.

RADIATION THERAPY GOWNS AND PANTS - PRESERVING DIGNITY IN CARE

Patients undergoing radiation therapy at the Canberra Region Cancer Centre shared feelings of vulnerability and discomfort with the existing gowns, particularly when walking through shared waiting areas. To address these concerns, CHF funded the purchase of 260 purpose-designed gowns and pants created specifically for radiation therapy.

The new garments offer improved fit, thicker quality materials, and modest designs in multiple sizes and patterns, ensuring every patient can feel secure, respected and comfortable throughout treatment.

Developed in direct response to patient feedback, this initiative restores a sense of



School students Claire and Naba delivering a swag of boredom busters to the Donation Station

dignity during what is often an emotionally and physically challenging experience.

"These gowns and pants will benefit our patients physically and emotionally during a stressful, vulnerable and emotional chapter in their lives"
Alex Gooley - Radiation Therapist

It also reflects CHF's commitment to enhancing both the physical and emotional wellbeing of patients through small, meaningful changes that make a big difference.

Volunteers

Canberra Hospitals Foundation's volunteer programs continue to grow, fostering meaningful connections between the Canberra community and Canberra Health Services. From weekly BBQs and the Gift Shop to fundraising campaigns and event support, volunteers play an essential role in extending care, gratitude, and generosity across every hospital campus.

This year, hundreds of volunteers, including individuals and corporate teams from Canberra Health Services, KPMG, Workday, SHAPE, Sparke Helmore Lawyers and Lennox Motors, gave their time to support events like CAN GIVE DAY, CAN GOLF DAY and the BBQs, helping bring joy, energy, and essential funds to patient care initiatives.



5,543
TRIPS MADE TO
SUPPORT PATIENTS IN
THE CANCER PATIENT
TRANSPORT PROGRAM

CRCC PATIENT TRANSPORT PROGRAM - DRIVING COMFORT AND CARE

For patients undergoing regular cancer treatment, transport challenges can create barriers to care. The Canberra Region Cancer Centre (CRCC) Patient Transport Program, supported by donations to CHF and Community Partner, Lennox Motors, continues to be a lifeline for patients who would otherwise struggle to attend appointments.

Trained volunteer drivers provide safe, compassionate transport to and from the Cancer Centre in a dedicated vehicle maintained by Lennox Motors. Their kindness ensures that patients can focus on their treatment, not logistics or financial strain.

"Just knowing it's one less thing I have to worry about each day is a real support." CRCC patient.

Since its launch, the program has delivered thousands of trips, providing not only practical assistance but also emotional connection and reassurance during what can be one of the most difficult journeys of a person's life.



Canberra Health Services lending a hand at the inaugural Can Golf Day



Sparke and Helmore Lawyers step up to the grill at Canberra Hospitals Foundation Charity BBQ





Singing up a storm at the official opening of Building 5 at Canberra Hospital

Canberra Hospitals Foundation Choir - Voices of Healing

Music has an extraordinary ability to lift spirits, and the Canberra Hospitals Foundation Choir continues to do just that. Made possible through donor support, the choir brings warmth, comfort, and connection to patients, families, and healthcare staff across Canberra's hospitals.

Led by passionate volunteer singers, many of whom are CHS staff, the choir performs regularly in hospital foyers and wards, as well as at special events such as Christmas and Givemas celebrations. Their performances create moments of calm in the bustle of hospital life, reminding everyone that healing is not only physical but emotional too.

"The joy on faces as we sing reminds us that even small acts of kindness can make a huge difference." Anne Folger-Pleuger, Choir Volunteer and CHS Staff Member



The CHF Choir practice on campus to keep their vocals tight

Volunteer Spotlight - Crafting Comfort and Connection

For long-time volunteer Ian, supporting patients begins in his workshop, one handcrafted piece of timber at a time. Each year, Ian donates hundreds of wooden cars and hearts to CHF's Donation Station, where they bring smiles and solace to patients and families across Canberra's hospitals.

When Bunnings generously donated timber to support his efforts, Ian was overwhelmed by the community's response.

"It was more than I had expected. Enough to make all the cars and hearts you'll need for months," he shared.

The wooden hearts, distributed by Spiritual Support Services, provide gentle comfort to patients nearing the end of life - small tokens of care that embody love, compassion, and connection.

Through volunteers like Ian and the partners who support them, Canberra Hospitals Foundation continues to bring humanity and warmth into hospital care, proving that even the simplest acts of kindness can make the deepest impact.



Thank you

From driving patients to treatment to filling hospital corridors with song, Canberra Hospitals Foundation volunteers embody compassion in action. Their time, talent, and heart remind us that community spirit is at the core of health and wellbeing.



Ian accepting an appreciation award from Chris Duffield and Spiritual Services team members



Every wooden car and heart is unique and made with love



CHF Board member Kerrie Hartland joined Cat-woman and Superman on the Big Wig wall



Events AND COMMUNITY

Bringing Community and Generosity to Life

The 2024-25 year was one of connection, courage, and community spirit. Across Canberra and the region, people of all ages came together through events, campaigns and creative fundraisers to support the work of Canberra Hospitals Foundation, turning generosity into real impact for patients, families and healthcare teams.

Each event on CHF's growing annual calendar reflected what makes our community special: compassion, collaboration and the belief that together, we can make hospital care even better.

CAN GIVE DAY 2024 - Canberra's Day of Giving

The heartbeat of our fundraising calendar, CAN GIVE DAY 2024 once again united the Canberra community for a day of celebration and generosity. Held in September, the event raised \$355,212 to help fund patient care, staff wellbeing initiatives and equipment across Canberra Health Services.

The day saw incredible participation from staff, corporate partners, community groups and families, all coming together to show what's possible when Canberra gives.



\$355,212
RAISED TO HELP
FUND PATIENT CARE,
STAFF WELLBEING
INITIATIVES AND
EQUIPMENT



CAN GIVE DAY brings out the super hero in everyone



Women Youth and Children's CAN GIVE DAY Side Show was bright, colourful and tasty



Canberra Health Services senior executives line up for the CAN GIVE DAY Sponge Throw





The Southern Cross Club team making their final descent to complete their Big Wig Challenge

The Big Wig Challenge

Returning with even greater energy, the Big Wig Challenge saw business and community leaders scale the walls of Canberra Hospital in support of CHF's work.

Leaders including Omar Muscat, Susan Proctor, Stephen Byron, Kerri Hartland, and others led the charge - with Omar crowned Top Fundraiser after raising an impressive \$61,714 towards his daring leap. Stephen Byron was close behind at \$44,765.



Omar Muscat and Stephen Byron sealed the bromance deal as they absailed down building 8 side by side



Michelle Markov from Eastake Group is all smiles during her Big Wig Challenge



Ginseng Head Chef Rockie Cheung had a loyal fan club in tow come competition night



Mark Gaukroger, Tashi, Cathie O'Neill and Rockie wowed the crowd's tastebuds at the sold out event

MasterCook Challenge - Stirring Up Support

Returning for another lively year, the MasterCook Challenge brought together healthcare professionals, business partners and community members in a friendly competition that blended creativity, care and cuisine.

Participants teamed up to cook and serve dishes in a spirited showcase of creativity, collaboration, and community with proceeds supporting CHF initiatives for patient comfort and staff wellbeing.

It was a delicious reminder that compassion is always on the menu in Canberra's healthcare community.

Mighty Guts Walkathon

A new addition to CHF's community event calendar, the Mighty Guts Walkathon brought together Canberra Health Services teams, patients, and supporters to raise funds for children and young adults living with Irritable Bowel Disease (IBD).

The event featured a dedicated fundraising page and awareness campaign, successfully raising funds for IBD care programs and increasing community understanding of chronic conditions affecting young patients. This resulted in 60 comfort care packs being made available for children and young adults living with IBD, a wonderful outcome.



Mighty Guts Ambassador Madi Grooby celebrates with her mates post walk











A great event for the whole family, including those on wheels and four legs

RETURN GIVING

RETURN GIVING - CHF Recycling Program

Canberra Hospitals Foundation proudly manages this program across Canberra Hospital in partnership with Recollect. For every bottle collected, Recollect donates 10 cents to CHF, turning everyday recycling into real support for patients and families. This initiative not only benefits our hospital community but also helps care for the environment proving that small actions can make a big difference.

-  **\$8,933.60**
Total revenue
-  **145**
Total donations
-  **123,833**
Total containers
-  **0**
Total electronics
-  **18,000 kg**
Carbon Emissions A
-  **8,670 kg**
Spared from landfill
-  **192,000 Megajou**
Energy saved
-  **828,000 Liters**
Water saved

GIVEMAS 2024 - The Spirit of Care at Christmas

Each December, CHF's GIVEMAS campaign brightens the hospital experience for patients and families during the festive season.

In 2024, more than 10,000 gifts were donated by individuals, schools, workplaces and families, from children's toys and books to beautiful care packs including hand creams and comforting essentials, clothing, and festive hampers- each gift carried a message of hope and kindness.

GIVEMAS reflects the heart of CHF, reminding everyone that even small acts of kindness can make hospital stays brighter and more humane.

"I was so surprised to receive a gift hamper while receiving my chemo treatment today. It literally brought a tear to my eye. Thank you all so much for giving so generously, and helping bring a spark of joy to my Christmas"
Mum of three




A gift from the community put a smile on Mario's face and gave him something to keep him occupied during his hospital stay over Christmas





The Australian Girls Choir filled the Welcome Hall at Canberra Hospital with song and dance

Givemas by the Numbers

 **10,000 GIFTS DONATED**
by individuals, schools, community groups, and local businesses to support patients and families across all CHS campuses, from wards to outpatient clinics

16  **WARDS ADOPTED**
across Canberra Health Services campuses

 **43** **MUSIC PERFORMANCES**
featuring 19 choirs and musical acts

4  **VIP VISITS**
from the Brumbies, U.S. Marines, Capital Football and Toy Truck

 **6** **CANBERRA HEALTH SERVICES VOLUNTEERS**
supported the Givemas Station and gift sorting space



Thanks to Truck Express who delivered a literal truck load of gifts



Club Lime are heavy lifters when it comes to gift giving





Marcelle Little and mum Elise join the Give Me Five launch in the WYC playground. Bright and colourful book cover illustrations. Kristen and Nige meeting patients and families at the CHF Gift Shop for a special book signing.



Hospitals United for Sick Kids

Canberra Hospitals Foundation is proud to partner with Hospitals United for Sick Kids, a national initiative improving care for children and families in hospitals across Australia.

Through HUSK and its partners - including Coles, Lowes and Swisse - vital funds are raised to support young patients at the Centenary Hospital for Women, Youth and Children. These funds help provide medical equipment, therapeutic programs and comfort items that make hospital stays brighter and less daunting.

Together, Hospitals United for Sick Kids and Canberra Hospitals Foundation are helping kids heal happier, one jar, one card and one heartfelt act of kindness at a time.



Canberra Raiders Velda the Valkyrie making special deliveries of Blip plush toys



Give Me 5 - Supporting Canberra's Youngest Patients

In June 2025, Canberra Hospitals Foundation once again proudly partnered with MIX 106.3 for the annual Give Me Five campaign, raising funds to support children receiving care across Canberra Health Services.

Since mid 1990's, the campaign has become one of the city's most beloved community traditions - a month-long celebration of generosity that demonstrates how small donations can make an extraordinary impact when a community unites for a shared cause.

This year's campaign raised over \$57,000, continuing the steady growth of community engagement seen in recent years. Proceeds were dedicated to purchasing paediatric medical and therapeutic equipment, as well as comfort and distraction items designed to reduce anxiety and pain during treatment. These items, from sensory kits and play therapy resources to virtual reality headsets and child-friendly furnishings, help young patients feel safe, supported and empowered during hospital stays.

The month featured a lively on-air appeal and radiothon hosted by MIX 106.3, and the publication of a children's book "A Hospital Hero's Guide to Canberra", written by breakfast announcers Kristen and Nige, in aid of the appeal. The book was signed for families and kids as a thank you from Kristen and Nige and is available for sale at the Canberra Hospitals Foundation's Gift Shop.

On the morning of the Radiothon, these co-hosts fundraised by collaborating with the Emergency Services Agency Training Centre in Hume, undertaking the Fire Fighter's Fitness test once they reached their fundraising milestone.

Give Me Five continues to embody CHF's mission, bringing comfort, hope and joy to children in healthcare through the power of community. Each year, thanks to the compassion of Canberra's people and businesses, more children and families experience a hospital stay that feels brighter, kinder and full of hope and possibility. A huge and heartfelt thank you to Mix 106.3 and Amplify CBR for their ongoing support over so many years.



Hearty high fiving with students at Ngunnawal Primary School



An early start for Hearty who joined Kristen and Nige at Emergency Services Agency Training Centre



Miles Franklin Primary School know how to throw a colourful party



WORKDAY

At Canberra Hospitals Foundation, we are continually inspired by the generosity of organisations that choose to stand alongside us in supporting exceptional public healthcare.

One such partner is Workday, who joined us as new partners supporting 'CAN GOLF DAY - Supported by Workday' event. An exciting day of golf at Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

The Canberra team put up their hands to volunteer at a day filled with purpose, teamwork, and genuine community spirit. Their enthusiasm helped raise vital funds that support patients, families, and staff across Canberra Health Services when they need it most.

Following the event, the Workday team shared a heartfelt message that reflects the depth of this partnership:

"Thank you so much for today. It is fantastic working with you and we really appreciate the opportunity to be part of days like this and to contribute a little bit towards the differences you and the CHF make in our community. Giving back is always a whole lot nicer than taking for so many reasons. We look forward to rolling our sleeves up and assisting where required over the months ahead."

We are genuinely grateful for the commitment, energy, and kindness the Workday team brings to our shared mission.

Their support is not only practical, it is deeply encouraging. We look forward to continuing this meaningful partnership and creating more opportunities to make a difference together.



Complete Constructions had an on course sugar hit for those in need



Hearty doesn't mind the limelight and they had an enthusiastic welcome at Googfest

GOOGFEST 2025 - CHARITABLE PARTNER

As the recognised Googfest Charitable Partner for 2025, CHF reached new audiences and expanded community engagement, showcasing the regional support provided through Canberra Health Services and raising awareness of CHF's mission to enhance care through philanthropy.



Dinkum Dinosaurs puppet show were an added bonus and the QBN Show showbag drop off

QUEANBEYAN SHOW

As a charity partner of the Queanbeyan Show we handed out showbags and engaged with the Queanbeyan community to further support around 200,000 regional patients requiring assistance from local trauma related health services.

Each of these initiatives reflected the many ways people choose to give to make a lasting difference in public healthcare.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our partners who stand with us throughout the year. Together, we are building a stronger, kinder, and more connected community.



Partnerships

Throughout the year, countless community events and partnerships brought people together for a shared purpose.

Everything we've achieved is thanks in great part to CHF's generous partners - GIO, Workday, Capital Chemist, Tall Foundation, Lennox Motors and the Health and Community Services Directorate, Region Media, WIN TV, Canberra Weekly, Mix106.3FM, Clubs ACT, EAST Hotel and Canberra Airport.

CHF events, fundraising days and BBQ would not be as successful without the volunteers from Lennox Motors, KPMG, and Workday.

Thanks also to probono lawfirm, Aldermane for the continued support of CHF's contractual and governance requirements and Bunnings for their ongoing in kind donations.

Highlights included:

CLUBSACT'S "COMPETE FOR OUR HEART"

A spirited challenge to win "Best Burger" and "Top Fundraiser" titles, all while raising funds to support the work of CHF.

Best Burger

→ **Small Club Winner**
Canberra Racing Club
- Fee the Seoul Burger

→ **Highly Commended**
Irish Club
- Soft Shell Crab Burger

→ **Large Club Winner**
Eastlake
- CHF Chicken Burger

→ **Highly Commended**
Vikings Group
- The Ham Burger

Top Fundraiser

→ **Small Club**
Harmonie German Club

→ **Large Club**
Southern Cross Club



CHF Board Chair Susan Proctor with Harmonie German Club Venue Manager Kat at the Clubs ACT Awards Night

Philanthropy AND RESEARCH

Research and Innovation

Every gift, large or small, builds CHF for a healthier future.

DEBORAH ROLFE, AM, PERPETUAL GRANT FOR RESEARCH

The Deborah Rolfe AM Perpetual Grant for Research was established to empower Canberra Health Services staff to lead research projects focused on improving consumer experiences and outcomes.

Administered by the CHS Office of Research and overseen by CHF, the grant this year provided funding of up to \$20,000 per project to foster innovation and empower staff to lead projects that improve patient experience and care outcomes.

In the 2024-25 reporting period, three research projects from 14 applications were awarded grants:

→ **Dr Elizabeth Webb, PhD - COARCT: Evaluation of Compression Therapy in Addition to Regular Cellulitis Therapy**

→ **Dr Margaret Broom, PhD - Improving Neonatal Outcomes Through the Implementation of Evidence-Based Nursing Care**

→ **Angela Sonter - Step into Remission: Co-Design of a Telehealth Program for People with Diabetic Foot Complications in Remission**

Additional funding supported the **ITCH Research Project**, assisting patients diagnosed with the rare blood cancer Multiple Myeloma through access to vital testing enhancing the bone marrow transplant/stem cell harvest. Funds will support approx. 100 tests over 12-24 months.

These projects represent CHF's growing investment in research capacity across CHS, enabling staff to explore innovative approaches to treatment, recovery, and patient experience - research that changes lives.

The next grant round, with an expanded commitment, will open in early 2026.

Another funded study, **GeneScreen 5-FU Genotype-Guided Dosing for Cancer Patients** is helping protect cancer patients from severe chemotherapy side effects by personalising treatment doses through genetic testing.

This collaborative research project supports personalised chemotherapy dosing for cancer patients treated with fluoropyrimidine (5-FU) drugs. Around 30% of patients experience severe or life-threatening toxicity from standard doses. Through genetic testing, the study identifies individuals at risk, improving patient safety, reducing hospital admissions, and enhancing treatment outcomes. The project also contributes data to support national advocacy for Medicare inclusion of DPYD testing, helping make precision dosing a standard of care across Australia.



Grant recipients celebrate with CHF Board Chair Susan Proctor, CHF Ambassador Deb Rolfe AM and Minister for Health Rachel Stephen-Smith

2024 - 2025 CANBERRA HOSPITALS
FOUNDATION LIMITED
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

ABN 59 634 785 345

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Your directors submit this report for the financial period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Directors

The names of each person who has been a director throughout the period and at the date of this report are:

Ms Susan Proctor	Chairperson	01/10/2017
Peter Munday	Director	01/10/2017
Kerri Hartland	Director	01/04/2020
Dion Bisa	Director	01/04/2020
Matthew Whittaker	Director	01/06/2020
Robin Stuart-Harris	Director	01/04/2022
Nadia Gabellone	Director	01/08/2023
Cathie O'Neill	Director	01/04/2024

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial period to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.


Principal Activities

The principal activities of the organisation during the financial period were to provide additional support to Canberra Health Services and its patients. The organisation allocated the funds it's receives through donations, fundraisers and grants across the hospital to help finance equipment purchases, refurbishments, research and patient dedicated programs.

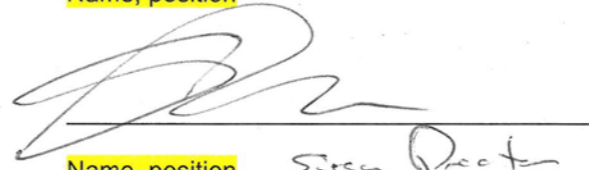
Operating Result

The deficit from ordinary activities amounted to \$235,026 (2024: \$293,192).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.


MATTHEW WHITTAKER, DIRECTOR

Name, position


Name, position Susan Proctor


Dated this 25 day of November 2025

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION


In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Canberra Hospitals Foundation Limited, the Directors of the registered entity declare that, in the Directors' opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 to 18, satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures applicable to the entity; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the registered entity as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the period ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.


MATTHEW WHITTAKER, DIRECTOR

Name, position


Susa Procter, Director

Dated this Tuesday 25th of November 2025

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
PLACEHOLDER

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue	2	3,114,621	3,589,859
Allocated funds		(1,682,594)	(1,993,876)
Operating expenses		(685,348)	(742,598)
Employee expenses		(981,705)	(1,146,577)
Current period surplus / (deficit) before income tax		(235,026)	(293,192)
Income tax expense	1(i)	-	-
Net current period surplus / (deficit)		(235,026)	(293,192)
Net current period surplus / (deficit) attributable to members		(235,026)	(293,192)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	4,767,131	5,497,326
Trade and other receivables	5	139,639	104,475
Inventory	6	36,599	54,647
Financial assets	8	2,492,887	2,331,614
Prepaid expenses		51,432	9,838
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		7,487,688	7,997,900
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & equipment	7	214,528	22,259
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		214,528	22,259
TOTAL ASSETS		7,702,216	8,020,159
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	88,325	131,068
Employee provisions	10	38,889	44,968
Other current liabilities	11	3,464,460	3,498,555
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,591,674	3,674,591
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,591,674	3,674,591
NET ASSETS		4,110,542	4,345,568
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		4,110,542	4,345,568
TOTAL EQUITY		4,110,542	4,345,568

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Retained Surplus \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	4,638,760
Comprehensive income	
Net surplus / (deficit) for the period	<u>(293,192)</u>
Balance at 1 July 2024	4,345,568
Comprehensive income	
Net surplus / (deficit) for the period	<u>(235,026)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2025	<u>4,110,542</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from grants and customers		2,990,999	3,829,737
Interest received		141,150	132,726
GST paid to the ATO		41,943	(51,877)
Payments to suppliers, employees and hospitals		<u>(3,543,014)</u>	<u>(2,977,295)</u>
Net cash receipts from operating activities		<u>(368,922)</u>	<u>933,291</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for investments		(161,273)	(72,701)
Payments for shop fit-out		<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash disbursements from investing activities		<u>(361,273)</u>	<u>(72,701)</u>
Net cash increase in cash held		<u>(730,195)</u>	<u>860,590</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial period		<u>5,497,326</u>	<u>4,636,736</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial period	4	<u>4,767,131</u>	<u>5,497,326</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Foundation Details

Canberra Hospitals Foundation Limited (the Foundation) applies Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures as set out in AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards.

The Foundation previously operated under Canberra Hospital Services (CHS) but was established as a separate entity as at 1 February 2020. Funds were transferred from CHS upon commencement representing the funds controlled by the Foundation at this time.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Foundation is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 25th November 2025 by the Directors of Canberra Hospitals Foundation Limited.

Accounting Policies

a. Revenue

Canberra Hospitals Foundation has applied AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) and AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058).

Contributed Assets

The Foundation receives assets from the government and other parties for nil or nominal consideration in order to further its objectives. These assets are recognised in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (for example AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138.)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Revenue (continued)

On initial recognition of an asset, the Foundation recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer). The Foundation recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

When the Foundation receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the Foundation:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant;
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement; and
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Foundation:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (for example AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138)
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer)
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the Foundation recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

b. Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value, when contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Fair value represents the price that would be received to sell an asset in an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Classification and subsequent measurement

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Foundation's business model for managing them. All of the Foundation's other financial instruments are classified and subsequently measured at amortised cost. The Foundation applies a simplified approach to calculating expected credit losses (ECL's) for financial assets held at amortised cost by recognising a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL's at each reporting date.

Amortised cost is calculated as:

- i. the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition;
- ii. less principal repayments;
- iii. plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and
- iv. less any reduction for impairment.
- v. fair value through profit or loss.
- vi. By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Foundation no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset.

All the following criteria need to be satisfied for the derecognition of a financial asset:

- The right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or been transferred.
- All risk and reward of ownership of the asset have been substantially transferred; and
- The foundation no longer controls the asset (i.e. has no practical ability to make unilateral decision to sell to a third party)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

c. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Foundation reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Where the assets are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash inflows – that is, they are specialised assets held for continuing use of their service capacity – the recoverable amounts are expected to be materially the same as fair value.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Foundation estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued individual asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

d. Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Foundation's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages and salaries. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The Foundation classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long-term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Provision is made for the Foundation's obligation for other long-term employee benefits, which are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss classified under employee benefits expense.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

d. **Employee Benefits (continued)**

The Foundation's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where the Foundation does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

Retirement benefit obligations

Defined contribution superannuation benefits

All employees of the Foundation receive defined contribution superannuation entitlements, for which the Foundation pays the fixed superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 12% of the employee's average ordinary salary) to the employee's superannuation fund of choice. All contributions in respect of employees' defined contribution entitlements are recognised as an expense when they become payable. The Foundation's obligation with respect to employees' defined contribution entitlements is limited to its obligation for any unpaid superannuation guarantee contributions at the end of the reporting period. All obligations for unpaid superannuation guarantee contributions are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled and are presented as current liabilities in the Foundation's statement of financial position.

e. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

f. **Trade and Other Receivables**

Trade and other debtors include amounts due in relation to funding agreements. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(c) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

g. **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

h. **Goods and Services Tax (GST) (continued)**

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

i. **Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Foundation is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

j. **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Foundation has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

k. **Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When the Foundation retrospectively applies an accounting policy, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a third statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding period, in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements, must be disclosed.

l. **Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the Foundation during the reporting period that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

m. **Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(c) for details of impairment).

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

n. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Foundation.

Key judgements

(i) Recognition of allocated but unpaid funding

The Foundation allocates funds it receives through donations, fundraisers and grants across the public health services to help finance nonfunded equipment purchases, refurbishments, research and patient dedicated programs. This includes entering into agreements with different areas of Canberra Hospital to help finance specific refurbishment projects. Once an agreement is entered into, the Foundation records a liability and monitors funding which has been allocated and unpaid on a regular basis. There is judgement involved in determining the likelihood of a project commencing and estimating the projected future costs requirements.

(ii) Performance obligations under AASB 15

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the agreement must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the agreement is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/ type, cost/ value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services agreed.

(iii) Employee benefits

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. The Foundation expects that most employees will not use all of their annual leave entitlements in the same year in which they are earned or during the 12-month period that follows (despite an informal internal policy that requires annual leave to be used within 18 months), the Directors believe that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of other long-term employee benefits and, therefore, are required to be measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees.

o. Acquisition of The Canberra Hospital Auxiliary Inc (CHA)

The Foundation acquired CHA in February 2023 after CHA went into liquidation. CHA was responsible for running the gift shop within Canberra Hospital with this responsibility now part of the Foundation's operations. This acquisition occurred at no cost to the Foundation.

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NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	Note	2025	2024
		\$	\$
Donations		1,458,264	1,234,939
Fundraising		141,368	215,013
Shop		344,323	424,860
Grant income		619,770	1,170,168
Bank interest		141,150	132,726
Agent fees		195,560	34,854
Recovered adjustment	(a)	(525)	130,168
Dividend received		151,402	136,810
Unrealised gain on investments		63,309	110,321
		3,114,621	3,589,859

(a) The revenue adjustment displayed above relates to funds which were allocated to projects across the hospital in prior financial years which were subsequently reversed. The reversals are due to a number of factors including that the funds allocated related to a project that did not proceed.

NOTE 3: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the Foundation during the period are as follows:

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
KMP – short term benefits	437,427	570,447
	437,427	570,447

NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	4,765,442	5,495,237
Petty cash	1,689	2,089
Total cash on hand as stated in the statement of financial position and statement of cash flows	4,767,131	5,497,326

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NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

		2025	2024
		\$	\$
Trade receivables		123,542	93,384
Amount due from liquidators in relation to CHA acquisition	1(o)	820	820
Donations due from merchant bank facility	1(a)	1,955	(502)
GST receivable		13,322	10,773
		139,639	104,475

NOTE 6: INVENTORY

As part of its operations, the Foundation receives donations of books, toys and other inventory that are gifted to different areas of the hospital when required. This inventory is received and given away for no consideration and is not recorded in the financial statements.

The amounts recorded as inventory on the balance sheet represent items which have been purchased for distribution.

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Inventory	36,599	54,647
	36,599	54,647

NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Buildings		
Cost	200,000	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,507)	-
	198,493	-
Motor Vehicles		
Cost	31,657	31,657
Accumulated Depreciation	(15,622)	(9,398)
	16,035	22,259
	214,528	22,259

	Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2024	-	22,259	22,259
Additions	200,000	-	200,000
Depreciation expense	(1,507)	(6,224)	(7,731)
Balance at 1 July 2025	198,493	16,035	214,528

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NOTE 8: FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Investment with The Greater Good	67,163	62,026
Investment with Shaw and Partners	2,425,724	2,269,588
	2,492,887	2,331,614

The financial assets balance is made up of an investment fund set up with 'The Greater Good'. This gives members of the public the opportunity to bequest or donate to Canberra Hospitals Foundation. Any gains or losses in the investment are reflected through the statement of profit or loss.

NOTE 9: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade payables and accruals	73,401	120,654
PAYG payable	14,924	10,414
	88,325	131,068

NOTE 10: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Provision for annual leave, long-service leave and personal leave	38,889	44,968
	38,889	44,968

The provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave. Canberra Hospitals Foundation expects the full amount of the annual leave balance to be settled within the next 12 months. Further, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the Foundation does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlements.

Long service leave entitlements are provided for within the Statement of Financial Position based on the estimated probability of an employee reaching the minimum vesting period (i.e. 7 years).

NOTE 11: OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Allocated and unspent funds	3,163,226	2,903,010
Income in advance	300,722	320,205
CHS / ACT Government Operational Grant unearned income	512	275,340
	3,464,460	3,498,555

Allocated and unspent funds at period end represent amounts committed to different areas of the hospital which have not yet been paid.

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NOTE 12: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As at balance date the Foundation has no known related party transactions.

NOTE 13: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

As at balance date the Foundation has no known contingent liabilities or contingent assets.

NOTE 14: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Foundation's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks accounts receivable and payable.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9: Financial Instruments as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Financial assets</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	4,767,131	5,497,326
Trade and other receivables	5	139,639	104,475
		<u>4,906,770</u>	<u>5,601,801</u>
<i>Financial liabilities</i>			
Trade payables and accruals at amortised cost	8	88,325	131,068
		<u>88,325</u>	<u>131,068</u>

NOTE 15: ENTITY DETAILS

The Foundation is registered and domiciled within Australia. The principal place of business and registered office is:

Canberra Hospitals Foundation
 Level 2, Building 3, Canberra Hospital
 Yamba Drive, Garran ACT 2605

NOTE 16: AUDITOR REMUNERATION

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Remuneration of the auditor:		
- auditing or reviewing the financial statements	15,700	15,225
- other	2,700	2,625
	<u>18,400</u>	<u>17,850</u>

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