

# Spinnaker Health Research Foundation

# 25 Year Anniversary

Pioneering excellence for better health, together

## SPINNAKER CELEBRATES TURNING 25

In 1996 our Founder, Warren Jones, had an ambitious vision: to create a charitable Foundation to fund world-leading medical research and to serve the community by investing in excellence in public health.

Warren believed that everyone had the right to access the very best health care and that investing in our public hospitals was the responsibility of the whole community.

Warren was tenacious in spirit, in business and in his commitment to his community. He turned to his community of like-minded business leaders, many with their roots firmly embedded in Fremantle, to help him achieve his ambition.

Our community rose to the occasion, underpinning the establishment of the Fremantle Hospital Medical Research Foundation with a corpus of \$3million. A commitment was made to preserve this capital to endow perpetual research investment and the sustainability of the Foundation.

The Trustees of the Foundation have steadfastly upheld that commitment and that capital, plus some remains under investment, allowing the Foundation to continue to fund research, grow its scope and enhance its mission.

**Over the last 25 years, the Foundation has grown from strength to strength and the impact of the research we have invested in has**



*Warren Jones, Chairman Spinnaker 1996*

**changed the way we do medicine here in Western Australia and globally.** Importantly, it has provided the impetus and opportunity for our passionate doctors and nurses to continue to aspire for excellence in the care of patients and treatment of disease. The investment we have made has been entirely funded by philanthropic donations and has led to breakthroughs in diabetes, cancer, dementia, maternal health, mental health, inflammatory disease and rare diseases.

**It's all about you...**

Our 25 year anniversary has been

the perfect opportunity for us to reflect on the people who make it all possible, our wonderful donors. Every cent of our income is from generous people who dive deep into their pockets to invest in our vision, a vision they share. That vision is for our loved ones to receive the very best medical care at a time when they are most vulnerable; to invest in research that answers critical questions and solve real-life problems; a vision to save lives through better diagnosis, treatment and care.

**25 years of life-changing, life-saving research is well worth celebrating!**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



What a moment to be the CEO of this great Foundation! Our 25 year milestone has provided the team and me with the opportunity to really dig-deep into the archives of our Foundation and remind ourselves of our origins and our

past. It has been a process I have thoroughly enjoyed and a great reminder to me of our important legacy. It has also been a wonderful opportunity to catch up with so many of our Founders, the men and women who shared in Warren Jones' vision and dedicated themselves to building something so great. We were able to reunite many of our founding board members, Patron and donors at an exceptional dinner recently which included a trip down memory lane with archives of the past, gathered

from the many dusty boxes found throughout Fremantle Hospital. The event was also an opportunity for us to look to the future and featured a showcase of some of the inspiring and aspirational projects currently awaiting funding in our hospitals. There are many stories for us to share over the course of the year and the team and I very much look forward to bringing them to you.

**Dana Henderson, CEO**

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25 YEARS

25 STORIES

Len and Fran Mihaljevich - Donors



"We are really proud to be supporting research. We wanted to be part of the research community back then, so we gave what we could, knowing that when we retired we could support the Foundation at a higher level."

When founding Chair Warren Jones first established the Foundation at Fremantle Hospital he knew there was one group of people he could count on - his old school friends. This included both Len and Fran and with both a willingness to be more involved in medical research and an understanding of the importance for their own community, they gave generously and regularly. Since their very first gift in 1998 Len and Fran's

generosity has continued to grow and they now fund a grant each year that directly supports research at our hospitals.

Len said that one of the most special moments for him was seeing the important discoveries that Prof Barry Marshall made, particularly as one of his good friends had passed away as a result of a stomach ulcer. Thank you, Len and Fran, your gift each year means the world to us all.

## GRANT UPDATE

We are very pleased to announce a record amount of grant funding available in 2022 due to unprecedented support from our donors. **This year, because of the generosity of donors and partners, there are also new grant categories in addition to our traditional competitive Seed and Early Career Research Grants.**

Earlier this year, the Chalwell family formed a committee dedicated to raising funds specifically for melanoma research and cancers of unmet need in memory of their beloved wife and mother, Janine. The \$50,000 Janine Chalwell Gift and \$25,000 Janine Chalwell Innovation Grant are currently the only dedicated grants specifically for melanoma research in WA and

have been entirely funded by friends and family of Janine Chalwell who passed away in September 2020, and members of the community who want to ensure better outcomes for people with melanoma.

Additionally, the Edith Cowan University Spinnaker Explorers Grant was also launched this year. The grant is to support innovative medical research via a collaborative partnership between South Metropolitan Health Service (SMHS) campuses and Edith Cowan University (ECU) that has the potential to translate to clinical practice for the improvement of the health and well-being of the community. This grant initiative encourages development of preliminary data for a subsequent

collaborative application by the investigators to a national or international competitive granting body.

We have received excellent submissions from the doctors, nurses and allied healthcare professionals at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Fremantle Hospital for research in many important areas. The peer review process undertaken by our Scientific Advisory Committee is now complete and we look forward to announcing these awards at our Annual Awards Ceremony on 24 November. We look forward to celebrating the success of grant recipients and sharing news with you of the important work they are undertaking.

# REMEMBERING: WARREN JONES

**Warren is credited as the motivating force behind the establishment of the Fremantle Hospital Medical Research Foundation.** He believed Fremantle Hospital deserved a medical research facility that would be the equal to any other teaching hospital in Australia and be of direct benefit to the Fremantle community by improving quality of life and saving lives.

Through his exceptional vision and leadership, the Foundation was created, and with his guidance, enthusiasm and commitment it flourished.

**Warren Jones held an enormous personal commitment to the health and wellbeing of our community.**

During his time as honorary Chairman of the Board of Fremantle Hospital and Health Service, Warren

oversaw an incredible period of growth in the development of new facilities. With his vibrant energy and formidable skills, he oversaw the building of a new psychiatric unit and a modern children's ward, in addition to a multitude of other less visible but equally important changes. A hands-on leader, Warren could often be seen walking the hospital corridors and wards and knew by name or sight many of the hospital's volunteers and staff.

Warren's contributions to the Foundation included significant personal donations including a block of land on which the Foundation's 2000 Charity Home was built, and of even more value, his investment of time and boundless enthusiasm.

Warren was also a keen yachtsman, and the manager of both America's Cup challenges which included the

success of Australia II. But perhaps most importantly, it was Warren who is credited with creating the Boxing Kangaroo!

Warren served as a Trustee from the Foundation's inception in 1996 through to his untimely death in 2002 and shall forever be remembered for his incredible contributions to Western Australia.

**“We have the opportunity to give something back. Continuing and expanding research in tertiary teaching hospitals is the only way we will ever win the war against the diseases which claim so many lives each year. I urge you to support to the Fremantle Hospital Research appeal and help our medical professionals build a healthy tomorrow for all of us.”**

- Warren Jones, 1996



## THE LEGACY OF OUR FOUNDERS

**It was wonderful to celebrate the 25th Year Gala with so many of our founding members** including our first Chairman Mr Len Hitchen and original members of the board and committees Victor Paino, Lloyd Marchesi and Tony van Merwyk as well as a coterie of founding donors who have continued to donate every year since 1996! We reflected on the founding mission to establish

a capital fund of \$3,000,000 to sustain a program of exceptional research and ensure a world-class hospital in Fremantle that offers best care to patients. We are pleased to say that the initial capital continues to grow and the program of research that is supported has also grown in value each and every year. Since the first grant awarded in 1999, we have now directly funded more than

\$5 100 000 in grants and awards and that has gone on to achieve more than \$20million in research funding from other national and international bodies. That means more than \$20million invested in research at Fremantle and now Fiona Stanley Hospital that has improved medicine and the health of our loved ones. What a legacy!

## 25 STORIES FROM 25 YEARS

# NEW PRESTIGIOUS PRIZE ANNOUNCED

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, Spinnaker Health Research Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of **The Spinnaker Prize**. This prestigious prize of \$100,000 will be awarded on an annual basis to a project by a South Metropolitan Health Service employee with an innovative and trailblazing solution that pioneers better health outcomes in our hospitals, the community and beyond.

The annual prize will fund a project at Fiona Stanley Hospital, Fremantle Hospital or Rockingham General Hospital that has the potential to change the way we do medicine; innovate diagnosis, treatment and care; and improve health for all West Australians.

**Through research and innovation, we know we can make our hospitals the best in Australia.**

You are invited to help to support a \$1,000,000 fund that will be a game-changer in public health care

In the lead up to our 25th Year Gala, we released a story a day from our collection "25 stories from 25 years." These included stories from researchers, donors and patients and through these reflections, we are proud to celebrate the immense growth of the Foundation and the fascinating research and outcomes achieved by recipients of grants over the last 25 years. You can find all of our stories on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



and save the lives of our loved ones. Spinnaker has committed \$250,000 to the prize and we are now calling on the community to be generous in supporting our million-dollar target.

**As our community grows, our community health needs grow.**

Making a commitment to **support early-stage research, transformational equipment and trailblazing projects** helps ensure that our hospitals can continue to foster innovations that improve the

health of our loved ones.

We understand that Christmas can be a difficult time for many, but if you are in the position to make a donation this year, we would be incredibly grateful. Every gift has a valuable impact.

To find out more or to make a donation, visit: **Spinnaker-Health Research Foundation**

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**Incredible findings cannot continue without research funding. Visit <https://www.spinnakerhealth.org.au/support/donate/> to see how you can support researchers to support the next great success story.**

## DONATION FORM

Donate online at: [www.spinnakerhealth.org.au/donate](http://www.spinnakerhealth.org.au/donate)

**THANK YOU. Your donation will support research that helps our community the most.** Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

### I would like to make a:

- Single donation  
 Recurring donation every: \_\_\_\_\_ (ie week/month)

### I would like to give a gift of:

- \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  
 \$500  \$1,000  
 Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please direct my donation to:

- Where it's needed  Janine Chalwell Grant  
 COVID-19 research  Spinnaker Prize

### Personal details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to remain anonymous My gift is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please find enclosed my cash/cheque payable to Spinnaker Health Research Foundation or;

- Please debit my donation to the approved credit card:  M/card  Visa  Cardholder name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I would not like to receive regular new, updates and invitations from Spinnaker

I would like to receive information on how to make a gift in my Will to support Spinnaker

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