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ABOUT THE JOHN JAMES FOUNDATION

The John James Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation. It built what is now the Calvary John James Hospital in 1970 and operated it until 2006 when the hospital business was sold to Calvary Private Healthcare Canberra. Following the sale of the business, the Foundation retained ownership of all of the hospital land and buildings which form the John James Healthcare Campus.

The Foundation is now an independent broad based healthcare charity providing a range of programs and assistance to the people of Canberra and beyond. The Foundation is grateful for the ongoing support of a large number of Canberra based Medical Specialists who form the membership base.

OUR MISSION

To be recognised widely as a leading charitable healthcare organisation through the provision of specialist medical facilities support and services to those in need.

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FRONT COVER

Our cover photo shows ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr MLA (left) and John James Foundation Chairman Professor Paul Smith unveiling the plaque to mark the official opening of John James Village, Garran, on 5 August 2016. Photo courtesy of Canberra Weekly. Cover photos of John James Village courtesy of Rodrigo Vargas, Architectural Photographer. Take a virtual tour of John James Village at www.rodrigovargas.com/architectural-photography/john-james-village

FROM THE CHAIRMAN PROF. PAUL SMITH

After a particularly busy period in the last few months with the opening of John James Village, it's good to reflect on what the John James Foundation has achieved during 2016.

VOLUNTEER SPECIALISTS PROGRAM

The volunteer opportunities provided by the Foundation continue to be important for many Members, both locally, elsewhere in Australia and now also in the Solomon Islands with the Pacific Health Program.

The warm welcome the Foundation team received during their second visit to the Solomons' National Referral Hospital earlier this year highlighted the assistance the Pacific Health program is already providing to both patients and medical staff. We are continuing to develop the program further by negotiating formal arrangements with the Islands' Ministry of Health and the Australian High Commission.

While much of our focus has been on the Solomons, an ophthalmology team again visited several remote Indigenous communities in the NT mid-year. It's clear this team is also providing valuable services and is likely to be invited back again in 2017.

Discussions around other assistance Members may be able to provide including through an Aboriginal health service in Canberra and at a hospital in Papua New Guinea are also continuing.

SIGNATURE PROGRAM -JOHN JAMES VILLAGE

It was good to see our active Board Members joining the large crowd at the official opening of our signature project, John James Village, in early August. The event highlighted the commitment we made when the Foundation was formed in 2006 to make a real difference to the healthcare of

people in the Canberra region. John James Village is a significant achievement which I'm confident will meet this objective. I thank all those involved.

Reflecting on John James Village shortly before the opening, I was trying to find the right way to describe what has been built at Garran over the past 16 months. Sanctuary is the word I came up with and I'm confident that this is what the Village will provide for people with blood cancer. The Village has an especially calm feeling to it - perhaps it's the sprawling, landscaped surroundings with its perimeter of established eucalypts and the scores of beautiful deciduous feature trees we have planted. The gentle slope of the block and natural, earthy colours of the single level units, all carefully sited to provide privacy, add to the sense of stillness. I'm sure the common room with fully equipped kitchen and large fireplace will quickly become a natural gathering point when people need the support and company of others.

I've seen similar facilities around Australia, though not all have been purpose designed like John James Village. I'm confident John James Village is up with the best and will provide real sanctuary, comfort and support for those who use it.

A few people asked at the opening what's next for the John James Foundation. While nothing has been decided, I can say that we're already thinking about what could be added at the higher end of the Village block as part of a longer term plan. With key infrastructure in place, there are a number of options to consider and I look forward to updating you as discussions proceed.

HOSPITAL PARTNERSHIP

Negotiations with Calvary for the new hospital lease are drawing to a close as I write this column. I'm confident the terms agreed will add considerable value to our portfolio. This positive outlook is highlighted by a lease commitment which will see master planning implemented within agreed timeframes. This in turn will allow the development of a staged program of construction works and consideration of the health service mix that will best increase business activity across the site.

MEDICAL EDUCATION

Our medical education work is continuing to provide important 'real life' opportunities for final year medical students in 2016, with the Specialist Elective (Clinical Placements) Program again underway. Foundation Members are mentoring the James Cook University students throughout their eight week stay. Arrangements are also in place for selection of students for the 2017 program.

The Foundation's Tony Ayers Prize for Excellence in Research in Translational Medicine has now been awarded for 2016 – more details are later in this report.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Community Health charitable donations the Foundation makes each year are set out later in this report. The program continues to support primarily local, grass roots organisations which often have limited funding opportunities for the vital services they provide.

The Foundation's recent Newsletter told the stories of some of the charities we supported for the first time this year. These include OzHarvest which collects excess food from local businesses for distribution to other charities and Miracle Babies which supports parents with critically ill newborns. It's always rewarding to find organisations like these which are clearly making a big impact with innovative ideas, often borne out of personal experience.

The Foundation welcomes applications for the Community Health Program from organisations undertaking health related activities that give back to our community. It was pleasing to see so many of these (usually) small organisations we have supported in the past comment in support of the Foundation's nomination as a 2016 ACT Finalist in the Telstra Australian Business Awards new charity category.

It was an honour to be a finalist in these awards, with the nomination process and feedback from judges proving to be constructive and worthwhile.

The Foundation's Constitution is, of course, central to the way we do business. A review has been underway for some time and is now being finalised. The aim is to bring the Constitution, developed when the Foundation was formed in 2006, into line with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission, the independent national regulator of charities. Amendments proposed include simplifying the Foundation's "objects", while ensuring the Foundation retains its deductible gift recipient (DGR) status and consideration of Directors' terms. Further information and an opportunity for discussion will be provided before any changes are presented to a general meeting of Members.

Please remember that there's still time for you to "plant a tree for JJV". The campaign is part of the way we are encouraging Members – and others – to continue to support this wonderful community facility. You can donate at www.jjvillage.org.au. The Foundation can assist you to personally plant the tree you select at a time that suits you.

2016 has been a year of achievement for the John James Foundation. I look forward to building on this with the support of our valued Members and stakeholders in 2017.

PROFESSOR PAUL N SMITH FRACS Chairman, John James Foundation



DONATIONS TO JOHN JAMES **VILLAGE**

The John James Foundation thanks the many generous supporters who have been part of the recently completed \$7 million signature project, John James Village at Garran. The Village provides purpose designed accommodation for patients with blood cancer and other diseases while they are treated in Canberra.



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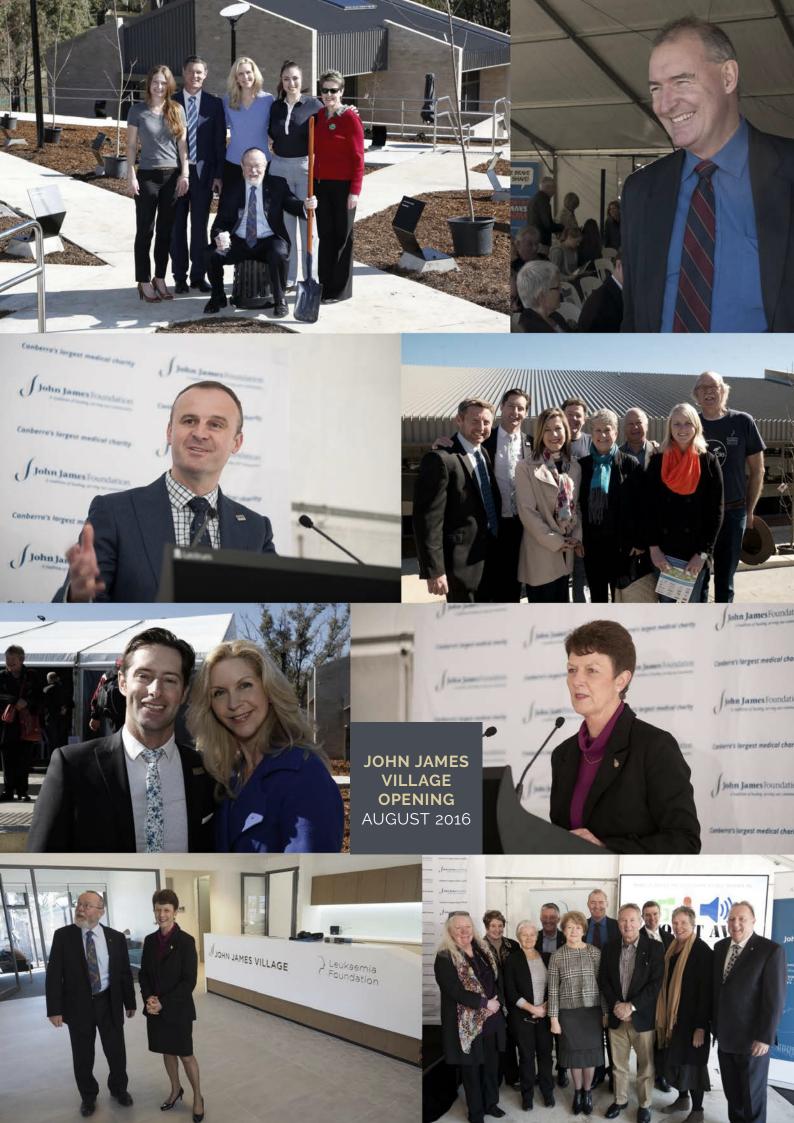
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For more information: www.jjvillage.org.au





COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

2016 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The John James Foundation will distribute approximately \$150,000 as part of its Community Health donation program in 2016. More than \$130,000 has already been provided to 10 charities. The remaining \$15,000 will be distributed during the rest of the year. The Foundation's support for John James Village, at a project cost of more than \$7 million, is a separate program.

Cerebral Palsy Alliance ACT

Equipment loan pool \$14,000

Darryl's Den

Activity program for people with disabilities \$5.000

Deafness Resource Centre ACT

Hearing Aiders Program

AIDS Garden of Reflection (National Arboretum Canberra)

Donation towards construction costs \$10,000

Make-A-Wish Australia ACT

Grant a wish for a child with a life threatening illness \$7,500

Miracle Babies Foundation

Information pack for parents of babies in neonatal intensive care \$12.500

OzHarvest

Healthy eating program \$10.000

Palliative Care ACT

Support for people with life limiting illnesses \$20,000

Pegasus Riding for the Disabled ACT

Resurfacing outdoor riding arena \$14,250

ROMAC

Rotary medical aid for children from developing countries \$5,000

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia

Specialist exercise program and facilities \$25,000

Applications from Canberra region community based organisations undertaking health related activities are welcome. Funding is usually allocated in the first half of the calendar year, but may also be made at other times. More information is available on the Foundation website www.jjf.org.au.

VOLUNTEER SPECIALISTS PROGRAM

PACIFIC HEALTH PROGRAM

The Foundation's Volunteer Specialist program is continuing to develop its Pacific Health involvement, with trips to the National Referral Hospital (NRH) in the Solomon Islands' capital, Honiara, forming a major part of activities in 2016. Work in the Northern Territory is also continuing to be supported.

A scoping trip and three medical specialist visits were undertaken in 2015. Already in 2016, two further medical teams have completed trips with a third planned for later in the year. The focus is on local staff education, although some medical and surgical care is also provided – and always welcome. The timing of trips and specialties is driven by NRH staff, availability of theatres and other medical visits.

The initial visit, a two week paediatric trip in April, included a team from the medical charity, Sophie's Gifts. The focus was a well-received three day teaching program which was integrated into a locally run course for new interns. A team led by Foundation Member Professor David Croaker also worked through an extensive surgical list.

The second team, which visited in May-June, was led by Foundation Member Dr Liz Gallagher and began a program of obstetrics and gynaecology service, education and support. Training was adapted by Dr Meiri Robertson to ensure the viability of two portable ultrasounds provided through the Foundation. The team is keen to return in 2017 if another trip is approved.

To assist in formalising and streamlining the visits, discussions are underway to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation, the Australian High Commission in Honiara and the Solomon Islands Ministry of Health.

Members interested in taking part in the Pacific Health Program should contact the Foundation as soon as possible. Arrangements for the trips are complex and require lead time of many weeks – and some form filling. A team leader, with responsibility for managing clinical aspects of the trip, is appointed for each visit and a report is requested on return. The Foundation assists in sourcing all consumables to ensure NRH supplies, already limited, are not further depleted. Freight and customs issues must also be negotiated in both Australia and the Solomons and that all takes time.

Foundation Members who have already taken part in a visit are available to provide background to those undertaking their first visit. This can be a valuable reality check given the NRH is a very different and sometimes difficult working environment compared with hospitals in Australia.

Three further trips are already under active discussion for early 2017. As well as obstetrics and gynaecology this may include paediatrics and ENT. Please let the Foundation know if you are at all interested.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Foundation's visits to the Northern Territory to assist Indigenous Australians are in less demand, but still valued. With the support of the NT Department of Health, Dr Christiane Lawin-Bruessel completed an ophthalmology trip to four remote communities in July. A further trip is likely in 2017 following the extension of Dr Lawin-Bruessel's accreditation until





GETTING A SERIOUS ILLNESS IS NOT SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE WANT TO THINK ABOUT.

In Australia, **35 people a day** - from infants to the elderly - are diagnosed with life threatening blood cancers such as leukaemia, myeloma and lymphoma. A diagnosis can mean adults must leave work and home immediately to start daily hospital treatment, often for months at a time. When children are sick, decisions can be even more complex.

For those outside capital cities, the first question is often simply – 'but where will I live while I (or my partner or child) get treated...'?

People in the Canberra region will soon have a new answer to this question.

Canberra medical charity the John James Foundation (www.jjf.org.au) is building a new home-away-from-home for blood cancer patients, John James Village, at Garran.

John James Village is being developed with the Leukaemia Foundation to provide support services from their new facilities.

The John James Foundation has funded the \$7 million John James Village project. Blood cancer patients can stay with their family at John James Village for as long as necessary without charge.

Now we need your help to make sure John James Village is Canberra's best possible home-away-from-home for blood cancer patients.

One way is to plant a tree for JJV. We want to plant more than 40 saplings to be part of a beautiful sensory garden at John James Village. You can arrange to plant the tree yourself or let the John James Foundation plant it for you.

Please donate online at www.jjvillage.org.au/plant-a-tree.

A donation of \$3,000 will fund one beautiful tree. Plant it in your name or the name of your business. Or get a group together and choose a special name. \$3,000 is a lot of money. Then again, your tree will make a lot of difference in the life of a lot of people with blood cancer. **Thank you.**

DONATIONS OF \$2 AND OVER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Visit the website www.jjvillage.org.au for more about John James Village and more ways to donate.



MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Foundation continued its support for Medical Education throughout the year.

The first student to be awarded a John James Foundation Indigenous medical scholarship at ANU has now graduated and options for further support are being discussed with the university.

The Foundation is continuing to provide scholarship support for a student who began working at ANU's John Curtin School of Medical Research in 2013. Following a request earlier this year from the university, the Foundation agreed to extend the scholarship, which was originally provided for three years, for a further year.

Four students from James Cook University's medical undergraduate degree course successfully completed their final year clinical placement through the Foundation's program last year. Two students have been selected to participate this year and will arrive in September. Next year the placement will include a two week extension in a hospital emergency department.

Students report that the placement provides valuable exposure to medical specialties they had not previously had the opportunity to experience. It also provides insights into the realities of working in a capital city which can be quite different from the regional or rural locations where many have undertaken previous placements. The program relies heavily on Foundation Members who are willing to take time out of their own busy professional life

to mentor students during their eight week stay. Members interested in taking part in the program can obtain more information by contacting the Foundation office.

The Foundation provides support, accommodation and transport in Canberra for students while they are undertaking the placement.

The Tony Ayers Prize for Excellence in Research in Translational Medicine was established by the John James Foundation in 2014 to honour the Foundation's long time former Board member, Mr Tony Ayers AC, who died in April 2016.

The Prize is awarded to an early-to mid-career researcher holding a PhD, MD, or equivalent and conducting research in any area of translational medicine within the College of Medicine, Biology & Environment at ANU. The prize is \$5,000 and an invitation to present a public lecture at an award ceremony. Previous awards have been to Dr Anneke Blackburn for research investigating use of an inexpensive drug for cancer therapy and Dr Anselm Enders for his work looking at diseases caused by mutations in more than 200 different genes.

The 2016 award has been made to Professor Robyn Lucas, Director of the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, for her work on the relationship between sun exposure, vitamin D and multiple sclerosis. The public lecture associated with the award will be held on 31 October.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

- The result from operations was an increase in equity of \$2.63m (2015: \$1.39m) prior to the application of property valuation adjustments. The impact of property valuations brought to account was an increase in equity of \$13.73m. Gross revenues including revaluations were \$19.14m (2015: \$12.17m) and operating expenses were \$2.78m (2015: \$4.59m).
- \$845,736 was applied directly to the charitable programs of the Foundation, with an additional \$3.65m (2016) invested in the construction of the John James village.
- The Foundation closed the year with net assets of \$66.53m (2015: \$50.34m) comprised of total assets of \$67.65m (2015: \$50.73m) and liabilities of \$1.12m (2015: \$0.39m).
- Cash assets at 30 June 2016 were \$2.90m (2015: \$3.67m). Total borrowings increased to \$0.49m (2015: \$0.20m). Invested funds held in tradable securities at the end of the year totalled \$3.19m.



BEQUESTS & DONATIONS

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE JOHN JAMES FOUNDATION MEANS A LOT

- The John James Foundation supports medical, educational and related philanthropic activities. Much of the Foundations' income is derived from land holdings within the John James Healthcare Campus, Deakin, ACT, but your support is important.
- The Foundation is a charity and has tax free and deductible gift recipient (DGR) status from the Australian Tax Office.
- The Foundation also welcomes individual and corporate donors and benefactors who wish to support its programs and activities.
- Donations or bequests can be applied to any purpose consistent with the Foundation's Objectives. These include the promotion, prevention and control of diseases and the relief of suffering. The scope of activity includes the practice and study of and education and training in medical and dental sciences and the provision of healthcare equipment and facilities.
- The Foundation welcomes gifts of property. If desired, donors may choose to retain use of the property during their lifetime. All gifts will be acknowledged in the Annual Report with or without an identifying name as desired. Activities supported by gifts are recorded in the Foundation's Newsletters. Substantial gifts may be associated in some conspicuous manner with the name of the benefactor, if desired.

- The Foundation can also establish a special purpose fund with any donation, or benefactors may wish to establish an independent trust specifying the Foundation as the beneficiary. Such funds can be established in instalments during the donor's lifetime. Non-testamentary payments into special purpose funds established by the Foundation are tax deductible.
- The Foundation can provide general advice about how to express a simple bequest or a bequest for a particular purpose or activity.
- Depending on the kind and size of donation, donors should consider taking advice from their solicitor, accountant or financial adviser.
- The Foundation's elected Directors and staff will be pleased to answer questions and Members with appropriate expertise can help define a useful purpose for any gift. The Chief Executive Officer can be contacted on (02) 6281 6695 or by e-mail at info@jjf.org.au
 - Another way to support the Foundation is through the 'Plant a Tree for JJV' campaign.
 - A donation of \$3,000 purchases a feature tree to plant in the Foundation's signature project, John James Village at Garran. More information is available at www.jjvillage.org.au.
 - You can purchase a tree online at www.jjvillage.org.au or by contacting the John James Foundation office on 02 6281 6695.

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