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His Excellency General,
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Mr Joe Roff, CEO

Mrs Stephanie Burgess, Finance Manager

Mr Andrew Blencowe, Project and Asset Development Manager

Ms Nathalie Maconachie, Grants and Relationship Manager

Vision

The John James Foundation is Canberra's leading medical philanthropic charity.

Our vision is to strengthen health outcomes in our community, striving to improve the patient and doctor experience in Canberra.

We achieve our mission by providing:

- **Education and vocation opportunities**
- **Infrastructure for charitable use, and**
- **Support for community organisations in the health sector**

The Foundation was established in 2006 and comprises 165 of Canberra's leading private medical specialists. We remain committed to the Foundation's mission through the legacy of Dr John James.

Chairman's Message

I am pleased to present the Foundations 2022 Annual Report to our Members; our partners; and our community. A year of swings and roundabouts presented both challenges and opportunities in equal measure as we remained steadfastly focused on achieving our vision.

Celebrating and farewelling our members

We celebrated exceptional achievements of our members in winning prestigious awards and displaying their leadership qualities in our vocation throughout the year. At the same time, we were saddened by the sudden passing of Dr David Leong and Dr Peter Scott. Both were highly respected members, colleagues, and friends of the Foundation. Their absence within Canberra's medical fraternity will be sorely felt and our thoughts remain with their families.

Value of collaboration

In a sometimes-saturated charity sector, this year we pursued opportunities to leverage our impact through collaboration. We provided almost \$1.8M in grants in 2022, and partnered with two other leading Canberra charities with each granting \$500K to local projects and organisations through a single Canberra grants round; a streamlined process that resulted in \$1.5M distributed to grateful beneficiaries in the community. This is just the beginning of deeper partnerships and scaling up our support for Canberra's most vulnerable sectors.



Our capacity to deliver on mission

It was extremely pleasing to achieve a surplus result during a year in which most organisations saw write downs of their equity investments across all markets. Fortunately, diversification through property investment gains offset these losses, resulting in a net positive position. We thank the Chair, Mr Brian Acworth AM, and Finance Committee for their expertise in taking on the significant responsibility of managing the Foundation corpus and achieving a positive result.

The engine of the Foundation

The Foundation relies on the passion of its people. I take this opportunity to thank our staff and Directors for driving the Foundation forward with their goodwill and dedication. Having brought her energy and passion to the Foundation Board since 2016 we extend thanks and best wishes to outgoing Director Dr Vida Viliunas AM.

This year we have been reminded of the importance of connections and relationships across the Foundation, community, and in our lives; we move forward nurturing these and with a sense of pride in the valuable work we continue doing together.

I commend this report to you and look forward to another rewarding year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Paul Smith, OAM, Chair



CEO's Message

We have never been as active in the community during a year in which borders re-opened and relationships were renewed.

The pursuit of positive impact

This year we supported the Tongan Recovery Appeal and Northern NSW flood appeal; provided grants to 23 community organisations; provided more than \$800K in grants to support our partners who work out of Foundation owned facilities; managed the return of international volunteering; supported fundraising efforts of members; and increased the number of scholarships and our commitment to existing prizes and awards. It was a busy and rewarding year of giving.

The Foundation also established the Muder Ignacia Hospital in West Timor as our Charity of Choice. Fundraising has been ably led by Dr David O'Rourke and the Scott family, and we have collectively raised more than \$500,000 in a short amount of time to build a hospital for some of the poorest people in the world.

Thriving partnership commitments

It was wonderful to see our Chairman join the Governor General in opening the \$5M AEIOU Autism Centre. Through our partnership with the AEIOU Foundation the Centre is now operating with a waiting list and is changing lives on a daily basis.



As happened for many organisations this year, changing circumstances tested our agility as an organisation and I am pleased to report we came through with flying colours. Planning toward building a disability wellbeing hub ended abruptly, however we pivoted and are now well down the road in establishing new partnerships and planning our next exciting community infrastructure project. Our goal to build world class facilities for the benefit of Canberra is well on track as we move into next year.

People and performance

We have a small and dedicated staff at the Foundation. In addition to Andrew Blencowe winning building awards and Steph Burgess achieving the 10-year milestone as Finance Manager, we welcomed new staff member Ms Nathalie Maconachie who is bringing fresh eyes and fresh ideas to the table.

Along with the guidance of an excellent Board of Directors, I am thankful for the calibre of our team and the passion our people bring to the Foundation. I am grateful for the ongoing mandate to lead the Foundation, working with purpose and together making a positive impact in the lives of others.

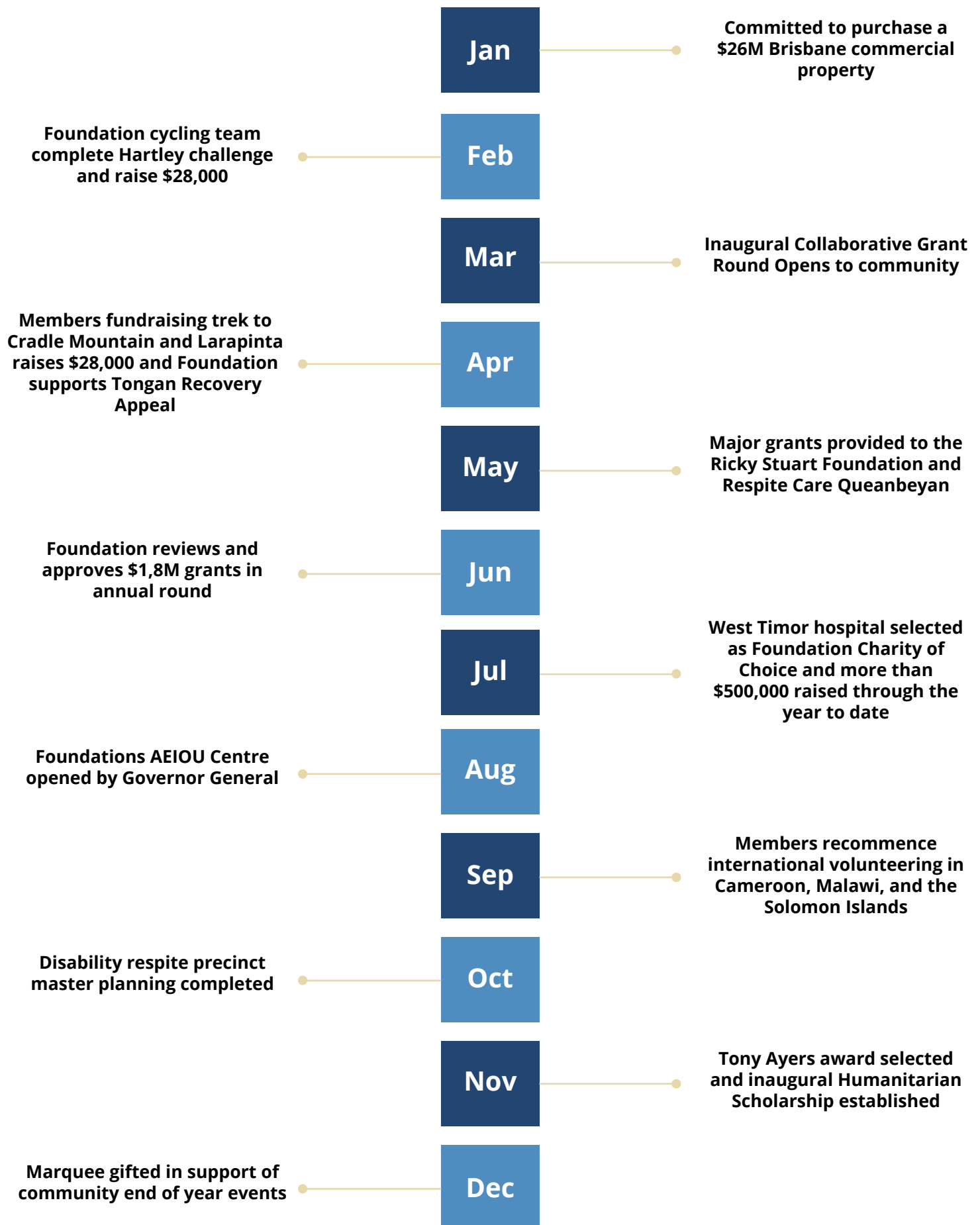
I look forward to continuing that journey in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Roff, Chief Executive Officer



2022 milestones



Member engagement

The Foundation is comprised of 165 of Canberra's leading medical specialists, people who are committed to their vocation and busy professionals. An important element of the Foundations work is creating opportunities that build connection and wellbeing within our membership.

Charity of Choice

For the first time the Foundation selected a 'Charity of Choice' and directed funds raised by members to a single cause, a hospital in one of the poorest regions in the world.

The Muder Ignacia Hospital is in West Timor. The hospital is run completely on donations and voluntary payments for medical services, treating some of the poorest people in the world. Several of our members have volunteered at the Hospital and are committed to supporting improvements in the facilities and level of care there.

Inspired by the outstanding contribution of Member Dr David O'Rourke and his family, and in memory of colleague Dr Peter Scott, the goal is to raise \$1.2 million by the end of 2023 to build the Hospital a central unit building including emergency rooms and operating theatres.

The initiative has raised more than \$500,000 to date.



Sr Bernadette from the Muder Ignacia Hospital, West Timor, visits the Foundation office in Canberra

Fundraising in support of our local partners and good causes

Some of our members trekked the Larapinta Trail and Cradle Mountain throughout the year, raising funds for local community organisation Project Independence.

The treks were unique in that residents with disability participated in and were supported by members in completing the treks. Members raised \$28,000 for Project Independence which will go toward independent living projects for people with disability in Canberra.

Members raised \$28,000



Foundation Members Dr John Tharion and Dr Jane Twin trek for a good cause

Member engagement

Foundation cycle team brave the elements

Despite cold temperatures, driving rain and strong winds for the first two of the three-day cycle challenge, the Foundation cycle team showed grit and determination as they completed nearly 300km of mountainous cycling.

Their efforts were made in support of community partner Hartley Lifecare and the important work they do for people living with severe disability.

More than \$28,000 was raised!



Members Dr Sarah Latham and Dr Martin Dempsey cycling in the Snowy Mountains.

Colleagues connecting through the foundation

Following a hiatus of 12 months due to Covid our Members Dinners provided a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and enjoy an evening out together. The first event gave Members a chance to hear the insights of Professor Nikolai Petrovsky on immunology and the Covid pandemic, prompting an excellent evening of conversations and varying opinions.

As the world re-opened and during what was a busy year professionally for our members, the opportunities to connect through Foundation activities was welcomed and appreciated.



Members Dr David and Sue Anne O'Rourke with Dr Dylan Hyam at the Member Speaker Series Dinner

Awards and recognition

A snapshot of our people doing exceptional work in the community as leaders in their field:

Professor Steve Robson

Steve recently became the first Canberra doctor elected to lead the Australian Medical Association (AMA), Australia's peak professional body for doctors in Australia. The AMA speaks directly with Government and to community as the authority on improving health outcomes in Australia.

Professor Paul Smith OAM

Paul was awarded the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) Award for Excellence in Surgery, presented for exhibiting the highest level of surgical achievements by world standards, leadership in the field, innovation and/or advancement in the field, and the highest standards of surgical ethics.

Dr David O'Rourke OAM

David was an ACT nominee for Australian of the Year in 2022. David has spent the last 8 years contributing \$1.2M of his own patient fees to open a hospital in poverty stricken West Timor. David continues this work.

Dr Jennifer Green

Jennifer won the inaugural AMA Diversity in Medicine Award for her outstanding contribution to promoting and implementing equity, inclusion, and diversity initiatives within the medical profession and workplace. Jennifer established a collaborative not-for-profit of more than 800 members worldwide focused on positive change.

Mr Andrew Blencowe

As the Foundations Project and Asset Development Manager Andrew was awarded the Australian Institute of Building (AIB) award for '2022 Building Professional of the Year' for his work on the Foundations AEIOU autism centre. This is the top individual prize for building professionals in the ACT.

Professor Phil Batterham

Phil was awarded the Tony Ayers prize for world leading translational research into the delivery of mental health treatment and the prevention of suicide. His work to define and measure the stigma of suicide has been adopted worldwide.

Sad farewells to Foundation Members

Through the year we lost significant contributors to the Foundation. Our thoughts and wishes are with the families of both men and any other members who are no longer with us.

Dr Peter Scott

Peter was a family man, colleague, and friend to many. A leading Obstetrician and Gynaecologist here in Canberra, his passing saddened the whole community in 2022.

Peter truly had a vocation for helping others. Over the past 15 years he spent significant amounts of his own time volunteering in some of the poorest communities in the world. As a result, the Foundation established the Dr Peter Scott Legacy Campaign to support and continue his important work.

Building on the philanthropic endeavours of good friend Dr David O'Rourke, the Foundation has adopted Peter's cause as its 'Charity of Choice'. Together we have raised more than \$500,000 this year and will be building the Peter Scott Educational Centre in Soe, West Timor, with the funds raised. An enduring legacy in memory of Peter.

Dr David Leong

Dr David Leong was a former Board Member of the John James Foundation (2002-2003) and sadly passed away suddenly toward the end of 2021.

David began as a Registered Medical Officer and later as an Advanced Trainee in Medical Oncology in 1989 at the Royal Canberra and Woden Valley Hospitals. David spent more than 30 years as a leading oncologist in the Canberra medical sector.

David was a senior lecturer and mentor to many Members of the Foundation through an illustrious career within his vocation. He played a significant role in the training of registrars in medical oncology and influenced many of them with his very philosophical view on life and the practice of medicine.

David exhibited great generosity, kindness and empathy in his interactions with colleagues and patients and is greatly missed.

Vale Dr Peter Scott and Dr David Leong.

Community Infrastructure Projects (CIPs)

Packing a punch in building new facilities for Canberra

The John James Foundation continues to deliver on its commitment to strengthening health outcomes in our community by providing purpose-built health facilities and infrastructure.

The Foundation was excited to officially open the AEIOU Autism Centre in Garran this year. Foundation Patron, His Excellency, the Hon David Hurley AC Governor General of Australia and Her Excellency Lady Hurley joined Foundation Directors, Staff and volunteers, in leading the opening ceremony, touring the building and meeting children in their new learning environment.

The Foundation has partnered with the highly reputed AEIOU Foundation to introduce the inaugural early intervention autism education, development, and support program to the Canberra region. The AEIOU services focus on supporting children aged 2-6years and their families living with autism.

The \$5M AEIOU Centre is designed to support up to 50 children across the 4 large purpose designed activity rooms which seamlessly articulate to outdoor spaces. A feature of the outdoor play area is the magnificent 30mtr long interactive mural containing relatable iconic Canberra-centric landmarks the children are excited to engage with.

70% of children who graduate from the AEIOU program articulate to mainstream education, with minimal ongoing support required, due to the proven impacts of the early intervention.

Not only is the AEIOU Autism Centre kicking goals for the children and families now calling the facility home, the building itself has attracted National recognition as the new benchmark for Australia's early education facilities including mainstream educational environments.

The John James Foundation's Board and CEO, Mr Joe Roff placed considerable trust in Andrew Blencowe the Foundations' Project & Asset Development Manager to lead the design, construction, and stakeholder management for the AEIOU Autism Centre project.

The AEIOU project was recently awarded 4 Professional Excellence in Building Awards at Australian Institute of Building Awards (ACT) including Andrew Blencowe being presented Building Professional of the year honours. The project also collected a further 2 Master Builders Awards with construction partner, Project Coordination.

The Foundations' 2 major Community Infrastructure Projects, have collected no less than 12 Building Industry Awards, highlighting its dedication to providing high quality, purpose designed health facilities for our community partners.

The Foundation is currently planning a significant respite accommodation precinct, committed to working in partnership with the community and ACT Government to realise our next exciting philanthropic project.



Canberra AEIOU centre official opening

Community Infrastructure Projects (CIPs)

John James Village continues to support our community in times of need

John James Village still looks amazing and continues to provide life-changing respite accommodation for those in need.

Operated by the Foundation's inaugural Community Infrastructure Partner, the Leukaemia Foundation (LF), the Village continues to provide valuable accommodation for patients and their families undergoing treatment for Blood Cancers at the Canberra Hospital.

Recording greater than 85% utilisation of units at the Village, the Leukaemia Foundation is currently in discussions with the Foundation to expand the John James Village respite facilities, with the potential addition of a further 10 self-contained, 2 Bedroom units under consideration for future development.



Mr Andrew Blencowe providing a tour of the facility to Her Excellency Lady Hurley



Foundation Patron, His Excellency, the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) Governor General of Australia

Education and Vocation

The prestigious Tony Ayers Award

Established in 2014, the Tony Ayers Prize has become recognised as a highly prestigious award within the research community supporting scientists who have made a significant contribution to translational research, moving scientific breakthroughs from 'bench to bedside'.

Professor Phil Batterham was awarded the 2021 John James Foundation Tony Ayers Prize for Translational Medicine for his world-leading research in mental health and suicide prevention.

In 2022, the Foundation reviewed the prize, increasing its value to \$15,000, making it a flagship researcher award at the ANU and elevating it from a prize to an award, honouring the legacy of Tony Ayers AC.



(left to right): Professor Paul Smith, Tony Ayers Award recipient Professor Phil Batterham, Professor Russell Gruen, and Mr Joe Roff.

New Indigenous Medical Scholar commence

The John James Foundation ANU Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship is valued at \$100,000, supporting the successful student for their four-year degree with a \$25,000 per year award.

The Foundation was proud to announce the 2022 recipient, Shannon Sage.

Inspired by his General Practitioner (GP) at a very young age, Shannon dreamed of becoming a doctor. Along with the encouragement of his GP, his family and friends have supported the young Gureng Gureng man from Ipswich in Queensland to pursue his dream of studying medicine. Receiving the Foundations Indigenous Medical Scholarship was key to enabling Shannon to pack-up his life in Ipswich and leave his community to start his medical studies at ANU in Canberra.

"Scholarships like the one offered by the John James Foundation support Indigenous students so they can focus on studying. It can be the difference between an Indigenous student completing post-graduate education or not, as often family funds have been exhausted during their undergraduate studies."

(Dr Stewart Sutherland, Senior Lecturer in Indigenous Health at the ANU Medical School)



Shannon Sage and Nathalie Maconachie

Education and Vocation

Humanitarian Scholarship established

The Foundation is proud to announce the inaugural John James Foundation Humanitarian Scholarship. Valued at \$100,000 the scholarship will support an asylum seeker or refugee student for the duration of their four-year Medicine degree. With a lack of access to Government support the Foundation is pleased to be partnering with the ANU to provide opportunities and pathways for some of the most disadvantaged and motivated individuals in our society.

International Volunteering Grants

With borders reopening our members are renewing their desire to volunteer internationally in support of our pacific friends and beyond.

As this occurs the Foundation is shifting its focus to be in a position to support as many individual members volunteering interests as possible, with the establishment of International Volunteering Grants (IVG). Rather than manage a single mission destination Members are able to identify a volunteering opportunity within their vocation and area of interest and pursue this through an IVG application.

Already this year the Foundation has supported Members leading surgical, clinical and teaching missions to the Solomon Islands, Malawi, and Cameroon. We hope the revised framework for volunteering will lead to more volunteering missions providing medical care to impoverished regions around the globe.

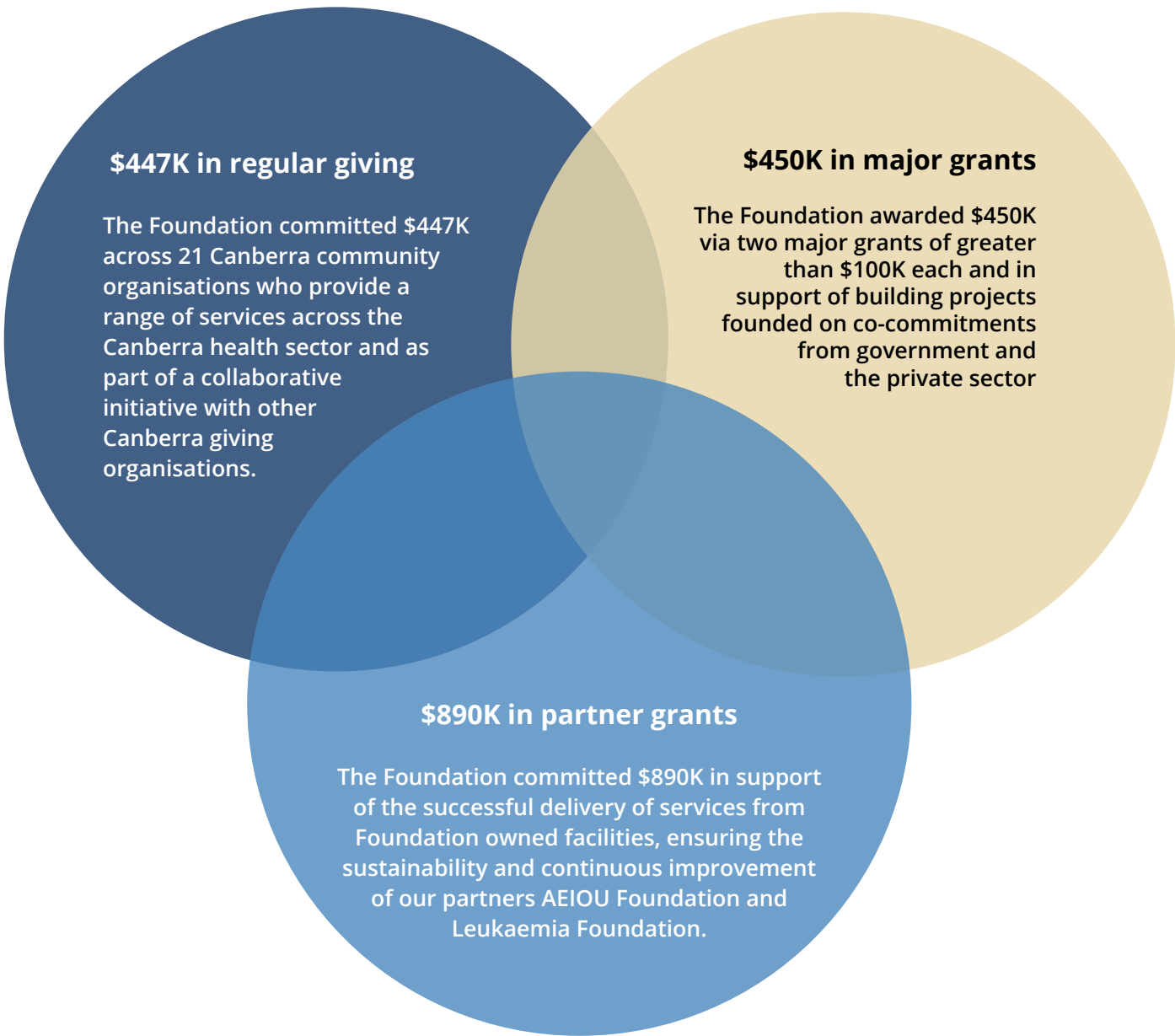


Member Dr John Tharion donates medical equipment on a teaching mission to Mbingo Hospital, Cameroon.

Community Health Program (CHP) 2022

Foundation grant funding continues to be allocated to improve health outcomes for our community and through a commitment to our community during challenging times we gave significantly more this year than at any other time in the Foundations history.

Our philanthropic grant giving is broken down into three primary areas of focus:



Collaborating for the benefit of Canberra

For the first time in 2022, the John James Foundation was proud to join forces with The Snow Foundation and Hands Across Canberra in a collaborative grant round that awarded \$1.5 million to 71 local projects supporting people who experience health, economic and social disadvantage.



The 71 successful projects painted a true picture of need in our community, receiving between \$3,000 and \$50,000 depending on size and need and covering a wide range of sectors including health, disability, supporting victims of domestic and family violence and mental health.

Each Foundation remained focused on its own priority areas, with the John James Foundation funding 23 of the projects across health and disability to a total value of \$447,264. The Foundation provided ongoing support for organisations like GG Flowers to continue their good work in the community, and also funded natural disaster causes where a current and significant need exists, such as the Tongan Recovery Appeal.



Foundation CEO Mr Joe Roff with community grant recipient GG Flowers



(left to right): Board director Mr Brian Acworth, Princess Angelika Latufuipeka Tuku'aho, and Foundation CEO Mr Joe Roff

Regular giving through the grants program combined with major grants and facilities grants resulted in the Foundation distributing just under \$1.8 million in grant funding through the Community Health Program during 2022.

Community Health Grants

The Foundation provided just under \$1.8M of grants in 2022, more than at any other time in the history of the Foundation.

CHP Regular Giving

Organisation	Project	Funding
Ability.News	Disability Journalism Project	\$30,000
ACT Down Syndrome Association	Community Kitchen Upgrade	\$24,500
Bosom Buddies ACT	Support Program	\$15,000
Canberra Hospital Foundation	Samaritan Fund Program	\$6,577
Companion House	Learning and Thriving Scholarships	\$9,300
Deafness Resource Centre ACT	JJF Hearing Aids Program	\$30,000
Directions Health	Mini-PAT (Pathways to Assistance and Treatment)	\$50,000
Heart Support Australia	Introduction Packs for Hospitals and Cardia Rehabilitation Units	\$5,854
Miracle Babies Foundation	Supporting Babies Born Premature or with Critical Illness	\$19,500
Palliative Care ACT	PalliLearn Community Education Program	\$35,000
Parkinson's ACT	OT/Allied Health Educational Guidance Program	\$30,000
Perinatal Wellbeing Centre	Birth Trauma Counselling Service	\$13,500
Right to Work	Building Regional Microbusiness Capability for Young Adults with Disability	\$24,400
Roundabout Canberra	The Healthy Start Project	\$7,300
Tennis ACT	Purchase of Defibrillators for ACT Community Tennis Clubs	\$25,000
The Humour Foundation	The Clown Doctor Program	\$20,000
The Shepherd Centre for Deaf Children	The Hearing Transformation Initiative	\$50,000
The STOP Campaign	The Safe Response Toolkit: for Sexual Violence Survivors and their Supporters	\$10,000
Women's Health Matters	Promoting Women's Health and Wellbeing in the AMC	\$20,000
Women With Disabilities ACT	Preventing Violence Against Women with Disabilities	\$18,333
Zonta Club of Canberra Breakfast	Breast Cushion Project	\$3,000

Total \$447,264

CHP Major Grants

Organisation	Project	Funding
AEIOU Foundation	Operations of the AEIOU Early Intervention Centre for Children with Autism	\$440,000
Leukaemia Foundation	Operations of the John James Village delivering respite to regional cancer patients	\$450,000
Make-A-Wish Australia	Building the Canberra Wish Program (Year 1 of 3)	\$150,000
Project Independence	Home Ownership for people with intellectual disability (Phillip)	\$300,000

Total \$1,340,000

Financial Summary – Annual Report 2022

For the year ended 30 June 2022: The Foundation closed the Financial Year with net assets totalling \$135.45M (2021: \$134.66 M).

Total assets were \$152.45M (2021: \$152.82M) and total liabilities were \$17.00M (2021: \$18.16M).

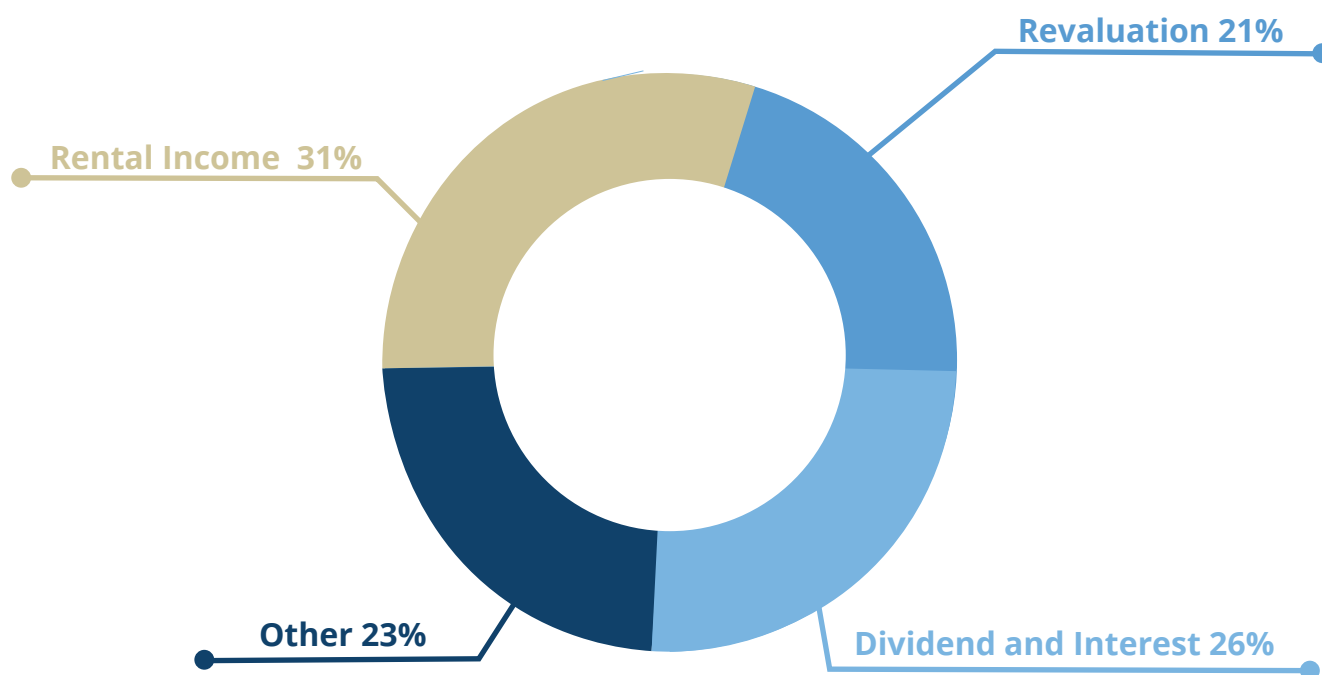
The Foundation held \$18.32M in cash equivalents and \$66.92M in tradable securities. The Foundation's AEIOU Community property in Garran was independently valued at \$7M. The John James Village retained its value of \$7.8M and the investment property in North Ryde remained at \$48.0M.

The result from operations was a surplus of \$785K. Total income during the period was \$12.3M (of which \$3.61M was unrealised), whilst operating expenses were \$11.53M (\$7.15M unrealised).

Employee benefits were \$521K (2021: \$562). Program expenses rose to \$1.6M (2021: \$1.2M), following the Foundation's additional multi-year grants to several local community groups focused on improving health outcomes in Canberra.

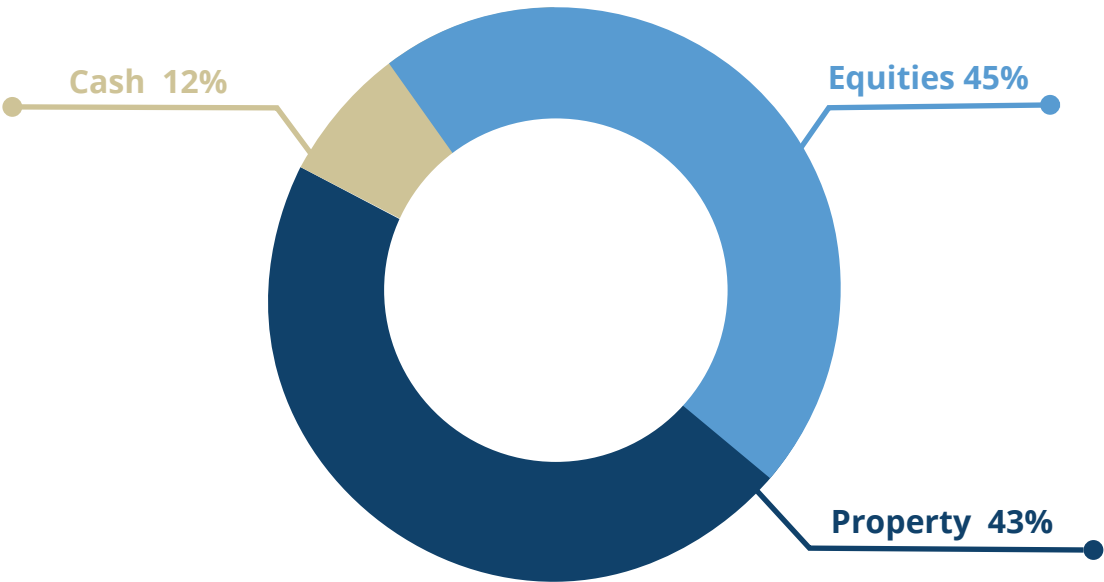
The Foundation thanks the Finance Committee Chair Mr Brian Acworth AM and the other members of the Committee for giving significant amounts of time and expertise on a pro bono basis in managing and guiding investment decisions relating to the Foundations corpus.

Income

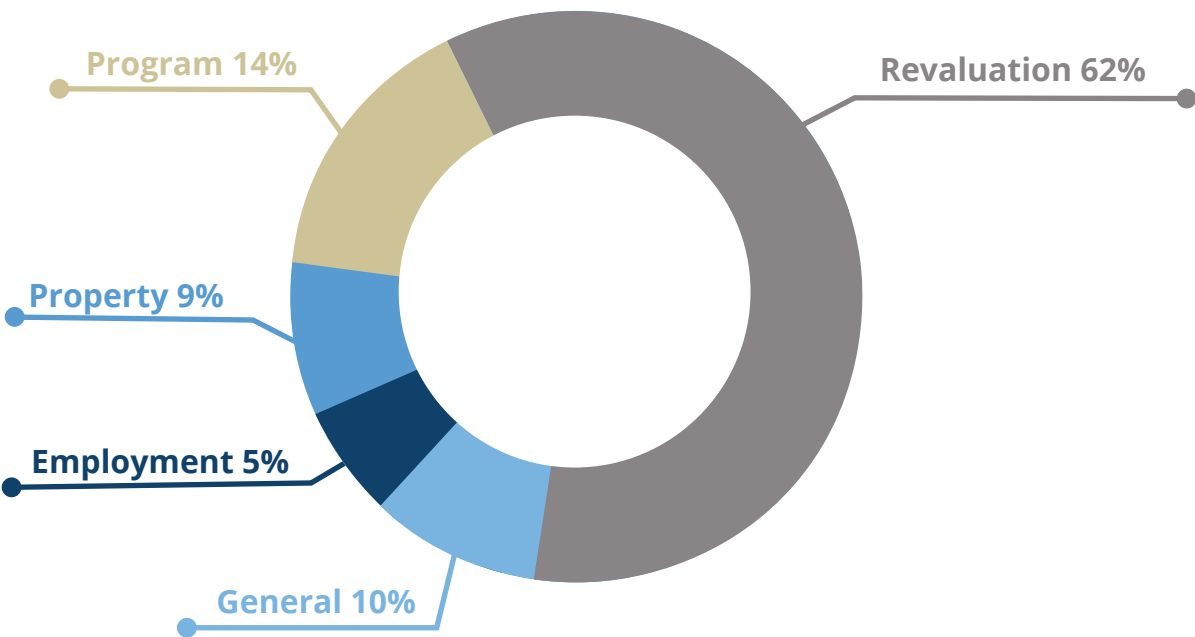


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Investment Portfolio



Operating Expenses



Board of Directors

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Absent : Mr Brian Acworth AM, DR Vida Viliunas AM (retired), and Mr Joe Roff (Company Secretary)

