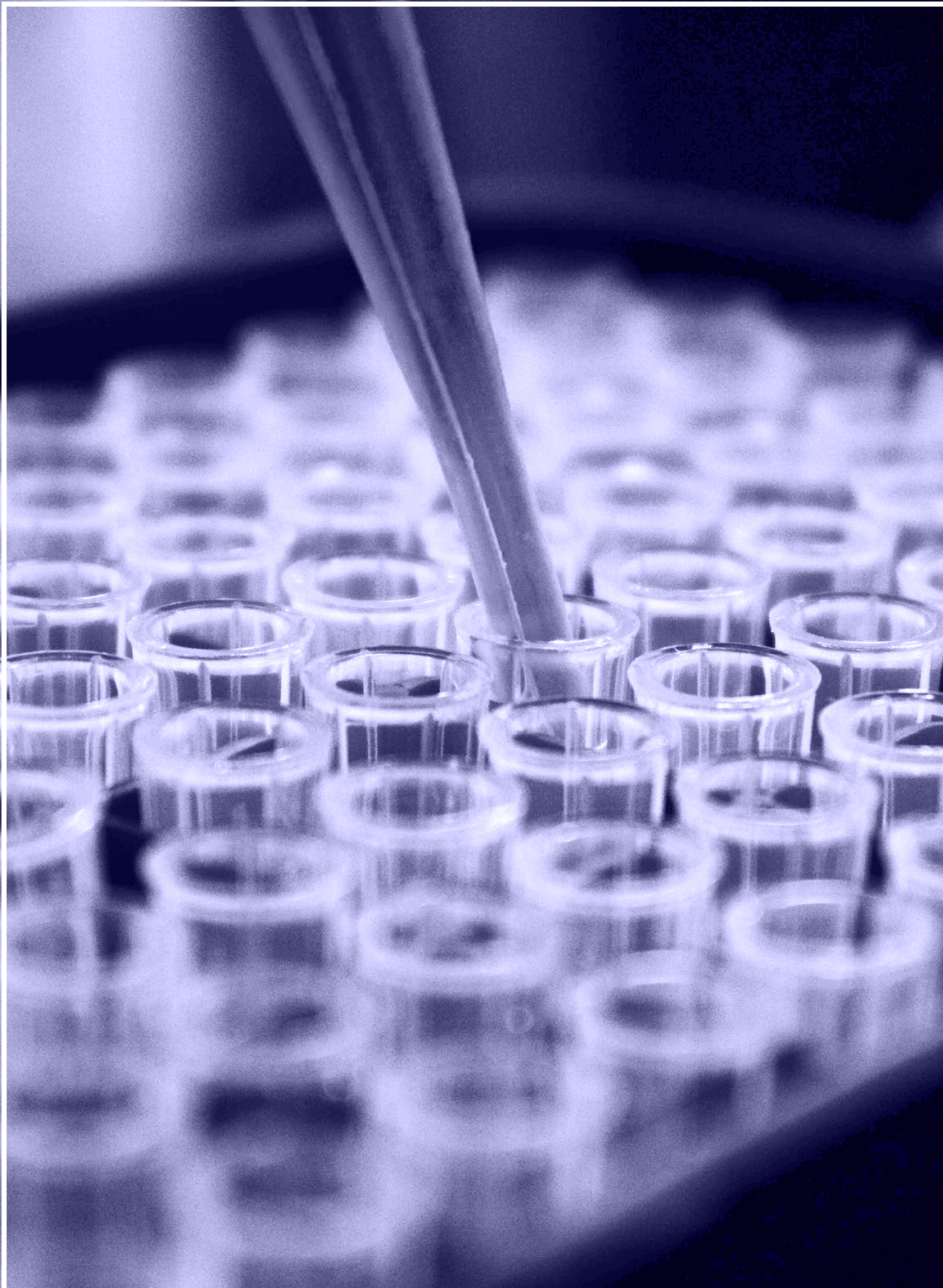




ANNUAL REVIEW

2021 SPINNAKER
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CHAIRMAN REPORT



ANDREW FRIARS
CHAIRMAN

I was honoured to be offered the opportunity to join Spinnaker in January this year as both a Trustee Director and Chairman of the Board. I was compelled to accept the invitation as I had already seen firsthand the excellent work of the Foundation and the impact of the research that it supports.

I also hold a firm belief that we all have a part to play in ensuring our public health system is as excellent as it can be to ensure every single West Australian has equal access to the very best health care. **Spinnaker plays a critical role in achieving that by investing in our brightest and most passionate medical researchers who seek to serve their patients through their own pursuit of excellence.**

I am profoundly aware of the legacy of Spinnaker as I join the Foundation in its 25th year. I commend our founding Chairman, Warren Jones, and the original members of the Board who had the vision to establish a charitable organisation that didn't just seek to support world-class research, but to serve our community. We continue to adhere to that vision by ensuring that every research project we fund is demonstrably representative of the critical health issues of the community and is translated to improvements in care.

I commend the commitment of members of our community who voluntarily commit their time and expertise to the Foundation; people who are leaders in both their business and civic duties.

We are privileged to benefit from the enduring support of our Patron, Prof Barry Marshall AC who was appointed in 1996 and continues to support our mission. We are also honoured to be represented by the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia, whose father was also a founding Patron of

ours. Their support is testimony to the impact of the research we fund and a shared vision for the advancement of clinical medical science.

The Foundation benefits from the expertise of our Trustee Directors and I extend a personal thanks to them all for everything they have done this past year in support of our mission, our operations, our Executive and of me personally, as I take the reins and settle in to the role of Chairman. I acknowledge outgoing Chairman Mark Balfour who led the organisation from 2013, having joined the Board as a Trustee Director in 2010. Mark was instrumental in the growth of the Foundation in both scope and impact, including the expansion from Fremantle to include Fiona Stanley Hospital in 2016. I am very pleased that Mark has remained a Trustee Director and is unwavering in his support.

The past year has been a time of unprecedented disruption as the globe slipped further into the grip of the pandemic and the true impact of its destruction became all too clear to us all. Too many times have we been told, and reminded ourselves, of how lucky we are to be so well protected. However, as time passed many became aware of the toll of that protection as the length between connections with loved ones around the world extended beyond a year. We have had to watch with great sadness the lives lost, and now we are coming to terms with the emotional impacts.

This toll is very much felt in our health services. All of our doctors, nurses, allied medical teams and hospital administrative and services staff have had to contend with the same personal anguish we have felt whilst also carrying the burden of keeping our hospitals open, planning for the unknown and preparing for a catastrophe. **It is so important**

that we never forget the way they have served us, and indeed continue to do so. It has never been more important to give them our full support.

We have re-established our annual grants round to do just that, providing critical investment to make our hospitals the very best they can be. I am pleased to announce the launch of WA's only melanoma specific research grant this year thanks to the passionate commitment of the Janine Chalwell Committee. We also welcome Edith Cowan University as a grant funding partner as we offer the inaugural 2-year Discoverer's grant to commence in 2022. These are valuable additions to our traditional

Early Career and Seed grants, and I look forward to awarding them later this year.

The COVID-19 research that we supported through an exceptional grant in early 2020 has had a profound impact on our understanding of the immediate and long-term impact of infection. This unique, international, collaborative research includes samples sent from more than eight countries and has led to astonishing discoveries, 13 international publications and a novel test that is subject to an international patent in partnership with New York listed Bruker GmbH.

In closing, **I would like to acknowledge every one of our donors. We are aware that this year has been difficult and value every single dollar you have given. I want to assure you that we are careful with your gifts and judiciously consider the way we invest it back in to research, knowing that you have made a gift to the health of your community because it is so vitally important to you.** I hope you enjoy reading this report of the impact your gift has made over the past 12 months and the lives it has changed.



Andrew Friars
Chairman

“SPINNAKER HELPED ME BY PROVIDING A VITAL GRANT FOR ME TO PRESENT MY RESEARCH AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.”

Jade Ferullo
Paediatric Nurse
Fiona Stanley Hospital



CEO REPORT



DANA HENDERSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I feel quite confident that I am not alone in saying the past financial year was definitely the most challenging of my career. COVID-19 forced us all to re-evaluate our personal and professional lives in so many ways, requiring dynamic change borne of decisions that were at times made rapidly and in an environment of uncertainty and limited information.

I am very pleased to say that despite the global turmoil, Spinnaker has continued to go from strength to strength and that is because of the enduring support of our community.

Our community shares in our vision of better health for all West Australians and is comprised of passionate civic leaders who volunteer their time and expertise, the generous donors who reach deep in to their pockets to fund the work we do, the many staff of the hospitals that we partner with, and of course the talented clinical researchers who strive for excellence and are driven by a commitment to do better. Ultimately, our community comprises every single person who is treated better because of the impact of the research we support.

After the disappointment of suspending the competitive grant round in 2020 I am very pleased to say that this has been re-established

this year as our clinical researchers recover the capacity to continue hospital-centric research projects. The incredible generosity of our donors has in fact resulted in us being able to grow the allocation of funds this year and we have introduced new grants that you can read more about on page 9.

Spinnaker commits to running the Foundation as efficiently as possible to ensure the maximum amount of funds can be invested back into research. I am very pleased to report that with careful management we were able to continue as usual without reliance on government support programs and without any interruption to our staffing or usual operations.

The diligence of Board decisions, and exceptional management of the investment portfolio, has ensured the Foundation remains sustainable despite many negative financial impacts across the Australian not-for-profit sector.

We have been able to continue our important program of research translation for the community, hosting three free Community Forums to allow members of the public to gain a valuable insight into new research and the application of research outcomes to patient care. We held sell out events at the State Library of WA for discussions about Heart and Lung Transplant, Men's Health and the long-term health impacts of COVID-19. We look forward to another successful series of events in the coming year.

I have also enjoyed the opportunity to participate locally and nationally on several not-for-profit forums and interest groups designed to share knowledge across the research and charity sectors as we were all forced to come to terms with the changing circumstance of managing income and operations. It is a great testament to our community leaders that such collaborative and collegiate spirit exists.

This year marked a significant milestone for Spinnaker with the endorsement by the Australian Tax Office as a Health Promotion Charity, allowing us to expand our scope of purpose to include support for programs that can translate research for improvements in public health in hospitals and the community.

This is a significant step for us, allowing the opportunity to carefully consider how we better support public health and ensure equitable access to world-leading hospitals and community health as well as how we can support the broader community to prevent disease and the need for hospitalisation. I am working closely with our Trustee Directors to develop the strategic plan for Spinnaker in light of this development and look forward to sharing new announcements in early 2022.

The common proverb 'every cloud has a silver lining' has perhaps never before been as apt as this past year. **I have been so incredibly humbled by the support and generosity of our donors, and to each of you I offer thanks from the bottom of my heart. I am also humbled by the dedicated doctors and nurses who were forced to work so incredibly hard in very trying circumstance and who still continued to serve our local and global community by pursuing research that has helped us better understand COVID-19 as well as the impact of COVID long-term and on other diseases.**

The strain of this commitment was often writ large on their weary and concerned faces and I am more aware than ever that we are in incredibly capable hands here in WA. **For their commitment and hard work, I am forever grateful. I feel honoured to be able to support them however Spinnaker can.**

Dana Henderson
Chief Executive Officer

**“SPINNAKER’S TRADITION
IS TO FUND ORIGINAL
IDEAS FROM SMART
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
TO JUMP-START
RESEARCH CAREERS –
IT WORKED FOR ME!”**



Professor Barry Marshall AC Patron of Spinnaker Health Research Foundation and Nobel Prize Laureate

OUR FOUNDATION

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Spinnaker Health Research Foundation is an independent charitable trust, administered by a corporate trustee, which was founded in 1996 at Fremantle Hospital. The Foundation is governed by a board of Western Australian business leaders who voluntarily commit their expertise and is supported by a Scientific Advisory Committee comprised of leaders in clinical and academic research. The Foundation is managed by a small executive team based at both Fiona Stanley and Fremantle Hospitals.

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FOR 25 YEARS WE HAVE INVESTED IN WORLD-LEADING SOLUTIONS TO CRITICAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

Here are some of the highlights.

Dr Judith Collett grant

We wanted to better understand the prevalence of Coeliac Disease in the community.

Dr Lindsay Mollison grant

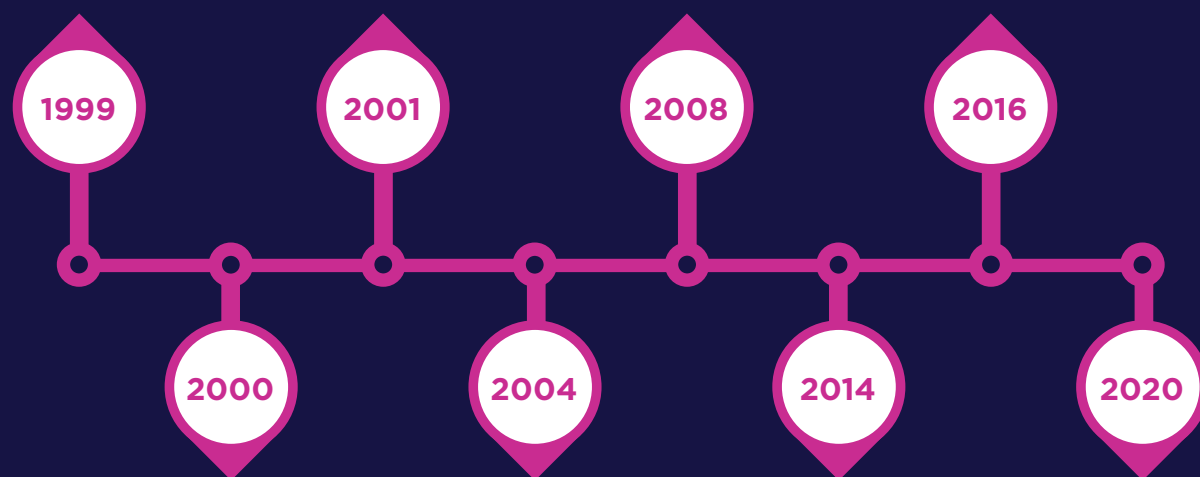
We were curious to see if Chinese medicine could treat hepatitis.

Prof Tim Davis grant

We investigated why older people with diabetes are so prone to dementia.

Prof Eric Visser grant

We explored a new treatment for chronic migraine sufferers.



Dr Steve Kisely grant

We tested ways to reduce smoking in people with mental illness.

A/Prof Rachael Moorin grant

We investigated ways to reduce the harm of radiotherapy.

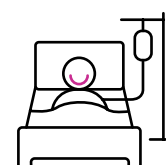
Prof Wendy Davis grant

We looked into the relationship between mental health and diabetes.

Australian National Phenome Centre grant

We joined the global fight against COVID-19.

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RESEARCH FOCUS



DR. LENA THIN GASTROENTEROLOGIST AT FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL

Dr. Lena Thin is a passionate clinical gastroenterology researcher at Fiona Stanley Hospital who has seen first-hand the debilitating impact of inflammatory bowel disease, particularly on young patients in whom the disease onset is most prevalent. IBD, while not necessarily life-threatening, has a profound impact on the quality of life of sufferers who live with

pain, limited opportunities for education and work and a compromised quality of life. It is also on the rise in every developed nation and remains poorly understood in terms of both the cause and the treatment.

Lena works as part of a clinical team led by Dr Abhey Singh who received a Spinnaker grant in 2020 to better understand the prevalence of low testosterone in male IBD patients. This project forms part of a much broader research program at Fiona Stanley Hospital that is the largest clinical trial cohort in Australia.

The research team has identified that approximately 32% of male IBD patients have lower levels of testosterone and they are keen to better understand what the cause and implication of this might be for sufferers.

Ultimately, the research will examine if supplementing with a low level dose of transdermal testosterone will impact changes in the disease and improve quality of life for young men.

Spinnaker is hoping to better support the research of Lena and the team and grow the capacity of their trials. We share Lena's belief that young people deserve the very best opportunities to ensure they can reach their health and wellbeing potential and set them up for a long and prosperous life.

If you are interested to learn more about how you can support this vital work please contact us at admin@spinnakerhealth.org.au and a member of our team will be in touch.



A/PROF NINA TIRNITZ-PARKER LIVER CANCER PROGRAM LEAD AT CURTIN HEALTH INNOVATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE

“The seed grant was absolutely crucial for my work and literally started my career in liver disease research.”

Since receiving a Seed Grant from Spinnaker in 2010 A/Prof Nina Tirnitz-Parker's research career has continued to go from strength to strength.

When she applied for the grant she had aspirations to pursue a career in research as a PhD candidate under the supervision of Professor George Yeoh and Professor John Olynyk, both world-leading West Australian researchers who have dedicated themselves to the health of our community and continue to lead significant programs in Western Australia.

Nina's grant was to examine **‘The role of liver progenitor cells in accelerated disease progression after liver transplantation.’**

The results were presented at the 60th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases in Boston, Massachusetts and the presentation won the prestigious 'Presidential Poster of Distinction Award.'

A passionate researcher, Nina is very happy and thankful to have had the opportunity to follow her passion and have a career in biomedical science. She is now a

leading liver disease researcher as Curtin University Program Lead – Liver Cancer, Laboratory Head Curtin Health Innovation Research Institute – Liver Disease as well as the Regeneration Group, Program Director – Liver Cancer Collaborative.

A/Prof Tirnitz-Parker's group has decoded some of the 'language' that liver cells use to talk to neighbouring cells to regenerate the tissue leading to the identification of potential therapeutic targeting. This work has also formed the basis for many exciting international collaborations and she continues to work with both Prof Yeoh and Prof Olynyk.

“We strive to improve patient outcomes by translating fundamental science discoveries into meaningful clinical applications. It is incredibly important to support the whole pipeline – from bench-to bedside and back again.”

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Associate Professor Nina Tirnitz-Parker GAICD

“COVID-19 IS THE WORLD’S GREATEST HEALTHCARE CHALLENGE IN A CENTURY”

Professor Jeremy Nicholson



COVID RESEARCH

FUNDING FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE LONG TERM IMPACTS OF COVID-19 INFECTION

In the absence of a competitive grant round in 2020 due to COVID-19 impacts in hospitals, **we instead made the decision to contribute a significant gift to support research at the Australian National Phenome Centre (ANPC) to better understand the impact of COVID-19 infection in both the long and short term.** We were keen to understand how it affected the entire body and if those infected would develop life-long health concerns.

The ANPC have developed a unique, global, collaborative study that includes COVID-19 positive samples from around the world including Cambridge

University, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Heidelberg University and other research groups in Spain, Malaysia, Germany and Mauritius. The database currently has more than 50,000 entries, including positive infection data from children in the US, and is expected to be the most comprehensive set of COVID-19 samples in the world.

The research has identified several very important findings including markers that can assist in predicting the way the disease will manifest, the prediction of severity, and improved methods for predicting the possible recovery of patients. This is incredibly valuable information that will assist in a greater understanding of the need to monitor patients for longer-term

risks as well as identify possible life-impacting side effects of the virus for shorter term diagnosis and treatment.

In just 12 months the research project has resulted in 13 international publications and is now seeking significant further funding from NHMRC and MRFF grants to develop modelling for objective classification of disease and risk-based stratification to facilitate improved strategies for clinical management and translation to patient care.

The \$500,000 grant that was awarded to the ANPC was made possible by the generous gifts of our donors and from an exceptional allocation of funding from the capital of the Foundation and this grant will be awarded over the three-year course of the project funded.

NEW GRANTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2022

Despite the difficulties of the past 12 months the generosity of our community has been unwavering and indeed continued to grow to allow us to fund even more research grants. In June the annual grant round opened and included several new awards in addition to our very successful program of Early Career Research and Seed grants which we have been awarding since 1999.

Later this year we will be awarding eight competitive grants as well as a \$60,000 Discovery Grant in partnership with Edith Cowan University and two grants for melanoma research. 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.

We have been very humbled by the generosity of our West Australian community during such a difficult year and thank each and every one of our donors from the bottom of our heart.

Every donation helps us fund life-impacting research and that research saves lives.

“SPINNAKER REALLY MATTERS BECAUSE IT’S FOCUSSED ON THE NEEDS OF THIS COMMUNITY.”

↑ Intensive Care Unit



Dr Ed Litton Director of ICU Research Fiona Stanley Hospital

DONOR FOCUS



Chris and Janine Chalwell with their family.

In February this year Chris Chalwell and his family established the Janine Chalwell Committee with the support of Spinnaker to raise funds for the first dedicated melanoma research grant in Western Australia.

The family had tragically lost their beloved wife and mother, Janine, to melanoma in September 2020 after a courageous three-year battle with the disease. Not wanting her fight to be in vain, and hoping for a better outcome for other families, they established a committee of like-minded supporters who share in their vision.

The committee has set the ambitious goal of raising \$1,000,000 by December 2024 to fund annual grants of \$100,000 for melanoma research and other cancers of unmet need that impact our loved ones every day. The committee has already successfully raised funds sufficient enough to support the first year of grants and the inaugural grants will be awarded later in 2021 as part of the annual competitive round of Spinnaker grants.

Janine was cared for by Clinical Professor Adnan Khattak, Medical Oncologist and Medical Oncology Clinical Trial Lead at Fiona Stanley Hospital. Since his early training in the United Kingdom Prof Khattak has had a resounding passion for research. It was Professor Khattak that inspired Chris to learn more about how to support research following Janine's untimely death, aged just 62.

Professor Khattak believes that to be the best doctor you can for your patients you must be committed to research. With the rapid development of knowledge through discovery and novel treatments through trials, we can offer the best hope for our patients with a terminal illness.

In 2017 Spinnaker awarded Prof Khattak a \$100,000 grant to better understand the efficacy of immunotherapy treatment for patients with metastatic melanoma. This research has helped doctors target treatments more specifically to each patient, improving outcomes and reducing interventions which might be ineffectual with unnecessary side-effects.

The Janine Chalwell Grants will be awarded annually to support research that has the potential to rapidly evolve clinical knowledge, translate to improvements in diagnosis and treatment and lead to a better outcome for our patients.

“The Janine Chalwell Grant Committee are very committed to raise over \$1,000,000 before 2024. With Spinnaker behind us we're very comfortable and very committed to raising that million and applying it to Melanoma Research right here in Western Australia.” Chris Chalwell

If you would like to support this fund please visit www.spinnakerhealth.org.au/education-research/grant-categories/janine-chalwell-grant/



Professor Adnan Khattak

PATIENT FOCUS



Ava and Logan

Fiona Stanley Hospital's specialised neonatology unit is run by world-leading Professor, Dr Shail Mehta. Dr Mehta is dedicated to ensuring the very best care for babies born with critical health issues by better understanding the cause and how to prevent them.

"I am very passionate about preventive research. Once we focus on the very beginning we will be able to reduce the problems we see in later life."



Logan on the cooling mat

Dr Mehta's research career spans more than 18 years and he has had a profound impact on so many families that need help at a time when both mother and baby are so unwell, such as local mother Tahnae who had severe complications with both of her babies who were delivered at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

Both Ava and Logan, siblings born

two years apart, required immediate life support at birth. Work pioneered by Dr Shail Mehta has made a dramatic difference to the long-term health of both children.

Both children received brain-cooling treatment in the Neonatal ICU to reduce the impact of limited oxygen during their emergency births. Lack of oxygen to the brain produces acidity which can start to shut down the body and the cooling process works to gently disconnect the brain enough to slow down and begin healing, ultimately preventing the possibility of long-term damage.

Spinnaker is committed to supporting advances in family health by understanding health issues sooner. **Intervening at the earliest possible moment can provide the best outcomes for our children. And that is something we should all invest in.**



Tatiana seeing her pink lips for the first time.

Tatiana and her husband Stephan are great friends of Spinnaker and we always look forward to their warmest embraces when we catch up. **We also know how fortunate we are to have Tatiana with us, and she and Stephan are incredibly grateful for the research that has saved her life.**

Tatiana was born with a rare defect known as Truncus Arteriosus, a condition that left her with one large blood vessel leading out of her heart, rather than two vessels. Instead of oxygen-poor blood going to her lungs and oxygen-rich blood going to the rest of her body, it all got mixed together. Her oxygen levels were always really low and the doctors predicted a short life for Tatiana.

Tatiana's father dedicated himself to finding a cure and would scour the world for the latest research that might offer him hope that his daughter would survive childhood. He would even send her medical records to the USA and Russia

asking if there was anything that could be done to save his little girl.

If Tatiana was born today she would have had corrective surgery within weeks of birth. She believes it is because of the generosity of people who commit their donations to research that children are now saved from the poor health she endured.

However, Tatiana continued to outlive all medical predictions. At age 44, and in declining health, she finally received a long-awaited heart and double lung transplant. **Tatiana is now 58 and still enjoying life thanks to the incredible Heart and Lung Transplant team at Fiona Stanley Hospital.**

She and Stephan remain incredibly grateful to her doctors and to the donors who support their work.

"Without the research none of this would be possible. I wouldn't be here today."



Tatiana enjoying a holiday in October 2020

SPINNAKER IN THE COMMUNITY

While COVID-19 continued to interrupt our usual everyday way of life, Spinnaker still found many ways to get out and about in the community, when we could and it was safe to do so.

We were also dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community, and in particular our regular and loyal supporters, and we were pleased to be in a position to share vital information

and updates on COVID-19 that would assist our community gain a deeper understanding at a time of turmoil, and provide access to reliable information at a time of uncertainty and speculation.



Professor Jeremy Nicholson speaking to the community about the long-term impacts of COVID-19 at the State Library of WA.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR HEALTH

We believe that one of our important responsibilities is to assist the community in better understanding their own health and that of their loved ones while allowing opportunities for our researchers to share their findings with patients and members of the community alike.

This year we held three free Community Forums at the State Library of WA, all of which reached capacity which meant we needed to find ways of streaming live online due to the demand! The first forum was in support of Donate Life Week and featured presentations from researchers from the heart

and lung transplant team at Fiona Stanley Hospital as well as a very moving and personal account from a patient who suddenly found himself in need of an urgent heart transplant following a virus that entered his heart.

Our second forum was dedicated to Men's Health and focussed on both the physical and mental health of men, identifying the significant disadvantage WA's men and boys continue to contend with as well as proposed strategies to improve life outcomes. Featuring a keynote address from WA Chief Scientist, Prof Peter Klinken, this was a revealing session for all who attended and has continued to provoke conversation and strategic research development.

The final forum was held early in 2021 and was an opportunity to share with the public the outcomes of the important COVID-19 research we have funded at the Australian National Phenome Centre. You can read more about that research on page 9. We look forward to hosting further forums on this topic as Prof Jeremy Nicholson and the team further develop their understanding of how COVID-19 affects us and what must be done to better care for those who have been unwell in to the future.

If you are interested in attending Community Forums, and other Spinnaker events, make sure you sign up to receive news and event information on our website: www.spinnakerhealth.org.au/keepintouch/



Chief Scientist of WA, Professor Peter Klinken AC, speaking at the Men's Health Community Forum.

GOLF DAY 2020 UNDETERRED BY COVID-19

The annual Rotary Charity Golf Day held by Fremantle and Attadale Golf Clubs just managed to squeeze in before COVID-19 ground us all to a halt in late April and it was another tremendously successful event, enjoyed by all who participated. We were also surprised to receive the largest donation from proceeds since its inception with an incredibly generous gift of just over \$30,000!

The committee are phenomenally dedicated and passionate people

and we cannot thank them enough. We are so proud to continue to be the beneficiary of their efforts and we acknowledge also the generosity of those who attend on the day.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The lack of competitive awards this year did not deter us from celebrating another year of successful research outcomes with our donors, researchers, hospitals, supporters and friends. Another spectacular evening was had on November 25 with the support of The University

of Notre Dame Australia and so many wonderful sponsors and donors who made the evening a success. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the ongoing sponsorship of MG Kailis Group who have year on year made this event possible as well as local businesses and Notre Dame who gift so much to us to ensure the night can be enjoyed by all. Perhaps what we enjoy most about the night is the opportunity for our donors to meet the researchers who benefit from their generosity and get to share in a celebration of the success of work that has such a resounding impact on our community.

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