

St Vincent's Cares



Love Your St Vincent's

Dedicated to saving lives

St Vincent's hospitals have provided premier health services for the past 128 years. We not only have a long history of consistently achieving medical brilliance, but also for maintaining a holistic approach to patient care.

At the heart of St Vincent's is our mission of love and service, inspired by the Sisters of Charity who established our first hospital in Victoria.

Our ethos is firmly planted in the belief that every life is precious. This positively impacts the care we provide to every patient, no matter what their station in life. Our focus is on treating the health, mind, body and soul of every patient.

This exceptional care was recognised on a worldwide scale when **St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne** was placed in the **top 100 hospitals worldwide (Newsweek, 2019)** and ranked as the **fourth best hospital in Australia**.

Our staff, our doctors and our nurses are recognised for providing care well-beyond what is expected. Patients often say the care and kindness they received made them feel like they were part of a family.

That is why we created the Love Your St Vincent's Giving Campaign. It is an opportunity for all members of the community to come together and celebrate the care and dedication of our nurses, doctors, staff and volunteers who work right across St Vincent's health services.

This commitment to medical brilliance and compassionate care is experienced every day throughout our health services. Whether you are attending a St Vincent's Hospital as a patient or visiting someone you love, you will witness the exceptional and loving care our staff provide.

If you or your family member has received exceptional care, we encourage you to donate today to show why you Love Your St Vincent's.

With kindest regards,



Lyn Amy
CEO | St Vincent's Foundation



Lyn Amy, CEO St Vincent's Foundation, and her staff are always happy to talk to you - phone 03 9231 3365



Engineering is the future of medicine

ACMD is Australia's first collaborative, hospital-based biomedical engineering research centre.

We are fast-tracking the development of discoveries that will transform lives, with a focus on new, innovative medical devices.

We're tackling epilepsy, one of the world's most common neurological diseases, with a device that predicts seizures. And we're treating osteoarthritis with a unique pen that allows surgeons to insert printed stem cells directly into a cartilage injury.

Our collaborative approach brings together leading universities, research institutes and a tertiary hospital to take on today's toughest healthcare challenges.

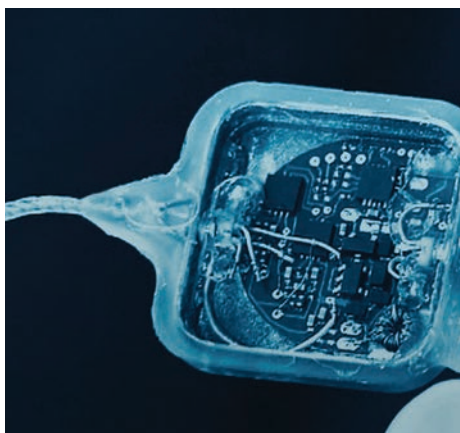
ACMD will be a purpose-designed Centre at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. This Centre will bring the ACMD vision to life - to position Australia as a global leader in biomedical engineering.

To find out more, visit www.acmd.org.au

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"The most difficult health and medical problems crumble when you bring together the greatest minds and set them a challenge."

Dr Erol Harvey, CEO ACMD



You can support our innovative research projects by donating to ACMD:
www.stvfoundation.org.au/donate-acmd

Palliative care at St Vincent's

St Vincent's is a national leader in palliative care. Our work in this area includes clinical care, training and research.

Palliative care is a fascinating, multifaceted and constantly changing area of medicine. Palliative care involves caring for terminally ill people and supporting people and their families who have a long, complex, serious illness.

The aim is to improve a patient's quality of life and to support their family members and carers. This includes attending to the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and cultural needs that are unique to each person and family.



Caritas Christi Hospice

Caritas Christi Hospice is part of the palliative care services of St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne.

It was the first inpatient palliative care facility in Victoria and is the largest and best-known provider of palliative and supportive care in the state. It is considered a centre of excellence in its field.

State-wide access is provided via our strong links with other services. In addition, there are academic links to research services and training for palliative care health professionals. There are over 100 staff at Caritas, providing care to patients at the Hospice, through the day centre facilities, and in the home.

Due to increasing demand for palliative care services at Caritas Christi and ageing infrastructure, the site has recently been re-built and is due to open in the second half of 2021.



Excellence in nursing

Our history is a story of leadership in compassionate care, healing and serving people with special needs.

St Vincent's nurses remain true to this mission. They are committed, professional, compassionate and caring and dedicated to providing top-quality care. Our exceptional nursing staff put their patients first.

Our nursing staff are totally committed, not only to saving lives, but also to improving them. Our focus is on treating the health, mind, body and soul of every patient.



COVID-19 patient gives thanks

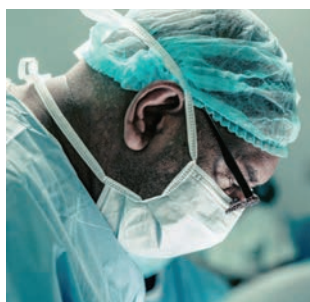
The Mandarano family know firsthand the harsh reality of the impacts of COVID-19, with virus spreading to 11 members of the family. Luckily, the majority of those infected only experienced mild symptoms, but Betty and her father weren't so fortunate.



Betty's father was undergoing cancer treatment and therefore had a weakened immune system. Betty, who is an asthmatic, was also severely affected. She spent a month in the Intensive Care Unit at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne – much of the time she was in an induced coma.

Because of the great care Betty received, her family felt inspired to show their thanks. They created a fundraising page on St Vincent's Foundation's website to raise money for the hospital.

Betty's son Anthony said, "We love St Vincent's because they saved my mum's life. We will be forever grateful."



Love Your St Vincent's

St Vincent's Foundation raises funds to support the vital work of the network of St Vincent's Hospitals across Victoria.

If you would like to say thank you for the care you received at St Vincent's, please contact the St Vincent's Foundation team. You can call us on **03 9231 3365**, email us at **foundation@svha.org.au** or visit **www.stvfoundation.org.au**

We acknowledge the people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians and pay our respects to their culture and their Elders past, present and future. We welcome all cultures, nationalities and religions. Being inclusive and providing equitable healthcare is our commitment.

All photos without masks were taken pre-COVID-19.