

## OUR MISSION TO CARE



On Friday 7th of September St Vincent's Hospital Mission coordinated 'SOUPER Friday'.

Located at the Main Entrance of the Public Hospital, volunteers generously donated their time to serve cups of delicious soup to hungry lunch goers.

1100 cups of complimentary soup and dinner rolls were provided to the dedicated members of staff, patients, hospital visitors and members of the general public who were passing by.

The afternoon was an opportunity for the St Vincent's Community to enjoy a free lunch and to chat about the history of St Vincent's Hospital as we celebrate our 125th Birthday.

## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN JOIN FORCES FOR ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

On 1st June, the Sisterhood Charity Luncheon saw more than 450 inspiring women join forces to raise \$65,320 for St Vincent's Hospital's Addiction Medicine - Recovery and Support Program (RaSP). The luncheon has become a signature event for St Vincent's Hospital, with the hard working Sisterhood committee bringing together a network of women who freely give their time and in return encourage others to contribute whatever way they can.



L to R: Kate McGrath, Sarah Kennedy, Amber Petty, Kristen Kennedy, Karen Howell & Rachel Holland. Front Row: Sophie McGrath & Kate Coghlan

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

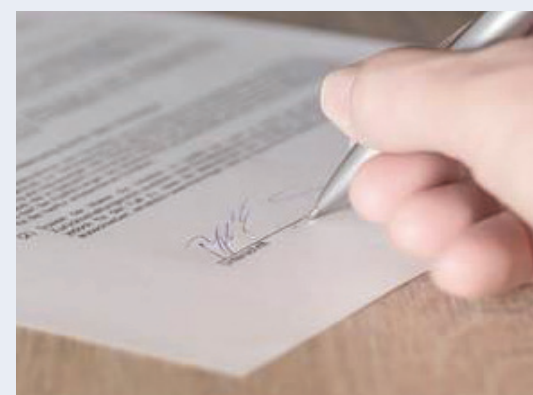
### Cosiest Morning Tea

Date: Monday, 24th September 2018  
Time: 10.00 - 11.30am  
Location: Brenan Hall  
Silent Auction: Bidding from 10.00 - 11.30am (successful bids are payable on the day)  
RSVP: Wednesday, 19th September 2018  
abbey.luckhurst@svha.org.au



### Free Wills Seminar

Date: Wednesday, 10th October 2018  
Time: 12.00 - 1.00pm  
Location: St Vincent's Hospital, Michael Chamberlain Lecture Theatre, Aikenhead Building (Building E), 27 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, VIC 3065  
Presenter: Malcolm Campbell, Principal of Nicholas O'Donohue and Co.  
RSVP: Monday, 1st October 2018  
events@svha.org.au



### St Vincent's Celebratory Mass

Date: Thursday, 1st November 2018  
Time: 9.00 - 10.00am  
Location: St Patricks Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne  
More info: Please email svhm.mission@svha.org.au



## CHECK OUT THE NEW FOUNDATION WEBSITE!

We are pleased to share the new St Vincent's Hospital Foundation website with you. The new site allows you to donate easily, start your own fundraising event and keep up to date with the latest hospital news and events.

Head to: [www.stvfoundation.org.au](http://www.stvfoundation.org.au)



# ST VINCENT'S *Cares*

## FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018

## CEO MESSAGE

I am delighted to share our new 'St Vincent's Cares' newsletter with you and to thank you for your interest and support. We are keen to provide you with regular updates on our medical achievements and our service to the community. It is also wonderful to be able to share some of the stories from our patients and their families.

During our 125th year, we are proud to remember the marvellous achievements of the Sisters of Charity, who established St Vincent's Hospital in a small terrace in Fitzroy all those years ago. Today we continue to work to provide Melbourne and Victoria with the latest cutting edge medical care set within a culture of compassion for everyone in our community.

Thank you for being part of this important journey.

With kind regards,

Lyn Amy

CEO | St Vincent's Hospital Foundation



## INNOVATION AND ROBOTIC SURGERY

Robotic surgical systems are changing the face of medical care. Minimally invasive this method is being utilised across a range of surgeries including gynaecology, urology, thoracic and cardiac. Robotics will greatly reduce the number of open surgeries for common operations such as hysterectomy and prostatectomy. The benefits to patients are numerous, including fewer complications, faster recovery times, reduced blood loss and less need for pain medication.

St Vincent's will train their staff and future generations of surgeons in robotic assisted procedures. We will keep you informed as this exciting new program of innovation and medical care unfolds.

# A NEW HOSPITAL IN WERRIBEE

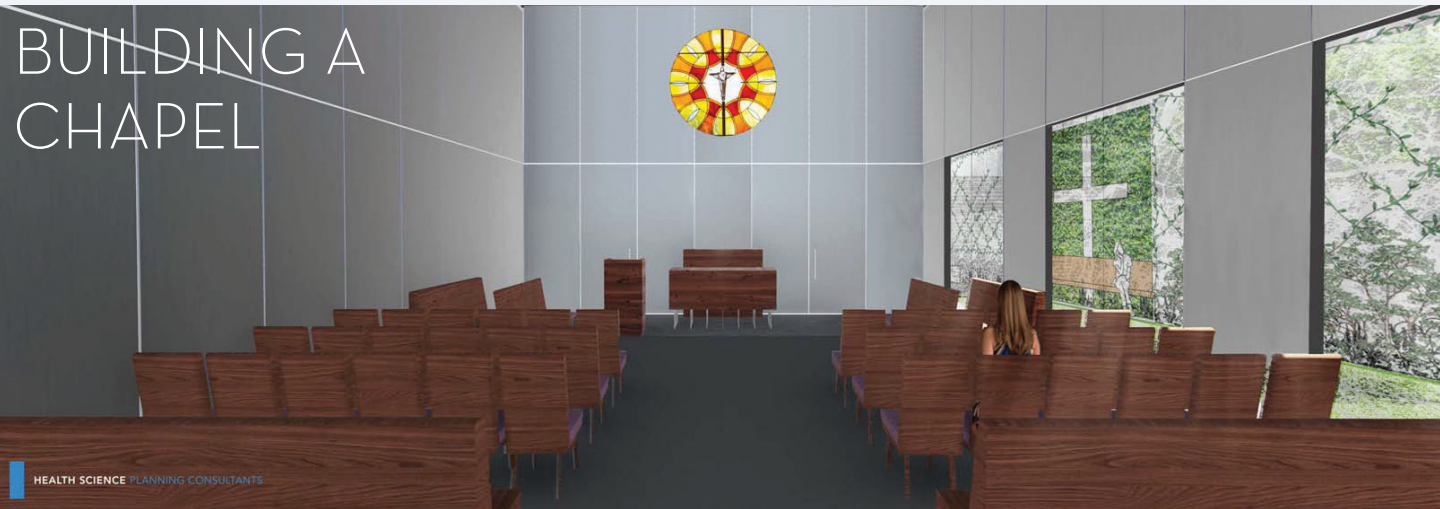
Earlier this year St Vincent's Private Hospital Werribee (SVPHW) was officially opened by then Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Denis Hart. The new hospital has been designed and built to meet the pressing health needs of Melbourne's rapidly growing outer west and south-west suburbs.

With new data revealing the city of Wyndham is now bigger than Greater Geelong, there is an urgent need for a new state-of-the-art private hospital.

This hospital will provide health services for more than 16,000 patients annually, becoming one of the regions busiest and largest acute care private hospitals.

This would not have been possible without the support and backing of the local community, who got behind the 'Invest in the West' Capital Campaign. We are grateful to the dedicated and hard working Werribee Capital Campaign Committee.

The honour board in the hospital recognises our valued donors in supporting healthcare in the West.



St Vincent's is building a new chapel at St Vincents Private Werribee. Chapels are a sacred space within our hospitals - they reveal quiet and powerful moments. Some of our staff pop into the Chapel before they start work on a busy shift - a quiet moment to seek strength to give their best compassionate and excellent care to every patient.

Doctors visit the Chapel to seek wisdom, that their

decisions are the best ones. Our Chapel is an important place for families and staff to gather, for blessings, for mourning, for prayer.

At St Vincent's we are especially committed to caring for people from all walks of life, including the poor and vulnerable. We have four core hospital values; compassion, justice, integrity and excellence. The construction of our Chapel is central to the spirit of our mission.



L to R: Ian Grisold, Paul Robertson AO, David Alcock, Sr Linda Ferrington rsc, Christine Flett, David Swan, Dr Maria Theresa Ho, Toby Hall & Dr John Gurry.



## A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

St Vincent's Public Hospital Melbourne was joined by more than 600 supporters to celebrate 125 years of caring for the Victorian community at its Gala Ball on 11 August 2018 to raise vital funds and awareness.

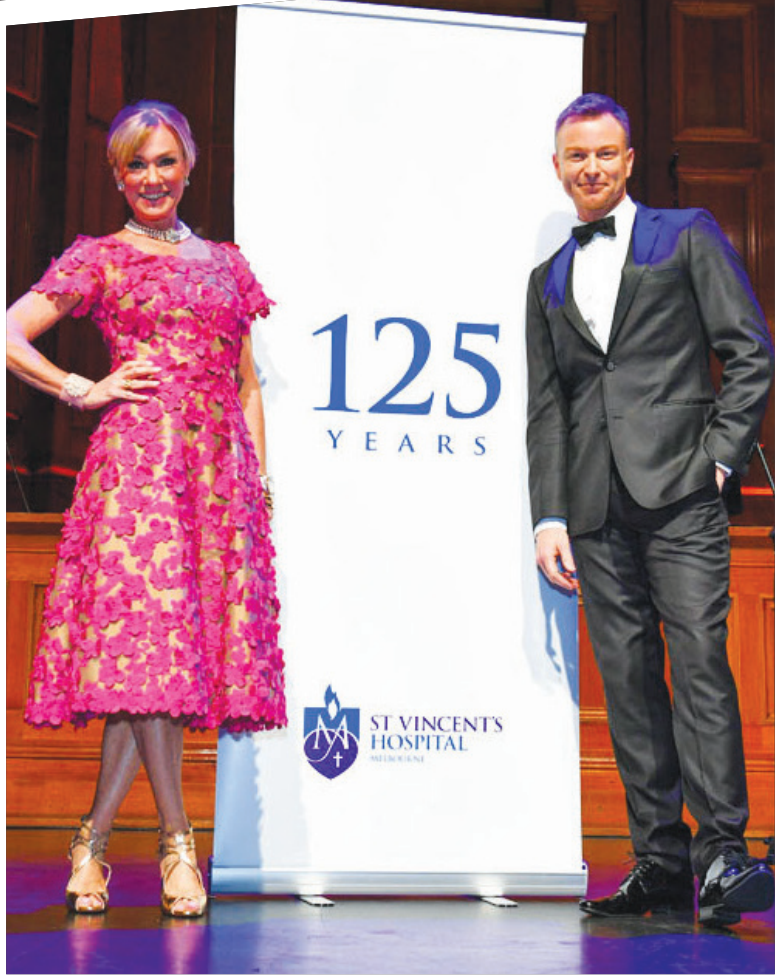
St Vincent's supporters were treated to superior hospitality, electrifying entertainment from Tim Campbell, music from the Australian's Girls Choir, Ann Peacock was the gracious and fabulous MC on the night.

Our thanks goes to our generous sponsors PFD Food Services, AND1 Australia, Catholic Church Insurance, Nelson Alexander, 13Cabs, Symbion Hospital Services.

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L to R: Ann Peacock and Tim Campbell



L to R: Tim, Danielle, Nyah & Mack

Imagine being a cancer survivor, then getting Cancer all over again. That's the story of Tim Likos, a fit and active 33 year old father of two, who thought he had beaten cancer but life took an unexpected turn.

# TIMMY TAKES ON CANCER 2

After two years of extensive and innovative treatment for a rare form of bone cancer - Ewing's Sarcoma. Tim was devastated to learn that cancer had returned. A fit and healthy 33 year old his life was slowly returning to normal, Tim began experiencing severe pain in his thigh. After biopsies and scans, he received confirmation that he had an 11cm tumour on his right femur and two small lesions in his right lung.

Despite the unfavourable news, Tim was still optimistic and fought on.

Tim was admitted to St Vincent's Private Melbourne in April 2018, where 22cm of his femur and knee was removed and replaced with a prosthesis made by Dr Claudia Di Bella. He is now on chemotherapy treatment and is hoping to be able to get on with his life and return to work by next year.

Tim is very grateful to St Vincent's Hospital for the wonderful care he received.

He started recording his cancer journey on social media and has since served as an inspiration to other cancer patients.

If you would like to follow Tim's journey, follow him on Instagram @TimmyTakesOnCancer

## A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Ben lived with brain cancer for six years, and sadly passed away earlier this year. Ben was highly regarded in the community; a choral conductor and a freelance singing leader working with community groups in Melbourne. When he received his diagnosis, he was determined to raise awareness and fundraise to find a cure for Glioblastoma (GBM) a rare form of brain cancer.

Thanks to kind donors, an amazing \$87,636 has been raised. These funds will be used to support Dr Lucy Gately's vital research which investigates the 15-20% of people who are long-term survivors of GBM.

These funds will also support the expansion of a clinical trial by Professor Jennifer Philips, which provides early palliative care for 40 GBM patients and their carers at St Vincent's Hospital.



L to R: Mike Leske, Khang Chiem, Fran & Claire Leske

A message of thanks from Khang, Ben's husband: "We are absolutely humbled by your generosity. Ben's family and I cannot thank you enough for your boundless generosity, love and care. Your donations will certainly improve the lives of those affected by brain cancer."