



ST VINCENT'S
FOUNDATION
VICTORIA

"There is a role for philanthropy in bringing about the big changes we need to see in healthcare. Philanthropists can innovate and support projects - from the seed of an idea through to proof of concept - in ways that governments just can't.

"Philanthropists can change our healthcare future by bringing their expertise to the table, amplifying new discoveries, and persuading others to give."

**Our vision to
transform Australia's
healthcare system**



A new roadmap for health

Australia's health sector is poised to experience extraordinary and rapid change over the next 10 years.

St Vincent's is writing a new roadmap for health, one that delivers greater health equity by embracing new technologies, new services, and new ways of working for the benefit of our patients, people, and the wider community.

Purpose-driven – and with a presence across three states, public and private hospitals, medical research, emergency departments, aged care, and community services – St Vincent's is uniquely positioned to take advantage of the tectonic changes in the Australian health landscape.

As we seek to super-charge our healthcare future, St Vincent's is inspired by the spirit of our founders, the Sisters of Charity: a fiercely independent group of women who were bold and courageous in their ambition and not afraid to ask for community support to bring that vision to life.

Philanthropy enabled the Sisters of Charity to create the foundation of today's St Vincent's. It underpins and lifts our work every day.

If not us, who? We must take the lead. We have the unique responsibility to take action.

Philanthropy will play a key role in allowing St Vincent's to influence the future of Australia's healthcare – to make changes, innovate, and further develop. Philanthropy can provide a platform for bold advocacy as we seek to chart a new course and ensure our health system leaves no-one behind.

St Vincent's has a foundational commitment to providing excellent healthcare.

We look forward to working with you to bring the St Vincent's vision – of an equitable, inclusive, patient-focused way of delivering healthcare – to life.



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Chris Blake began his tenure as Group CEO of St Vincent's Health Australia in October 2022.

Chris has a long connection with healthcare and a keen interest in its future. He is a Board Member of the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, as well as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Australian Epilepsy Project. Chris is a former Chairman of the Brain Research Institute and a past Director of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue.

Chris is a proven transformation leader who has designed and led successful enterprise-wide change by bringing together strategy and culture along with the teamwork, capability, and disciplined collective action required for an organisation to achieve its mission and ambition. Chris' leadership roles have involved transformation in many business contexts and industries in response to disruptive change caused by shifts in technology, business sustainability, and crisis.

After a consulting career as a Partner at PwC (1987-2006) and a leadership role at the National Australia Bank (2006-2010), Chris led one of the largest cultural transformation programs in Australia at Australia Post (2010-2018). Chris joined St Vincent's after three years at Latitude Financial Services (2019-2022).

Chris has also been an active adviser to the Federal Public Sector over many years and served on a number of Government Reviews and Advisory Panels including:

- Member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Group on the Reform of Australian Government Administration (the Moran Review).
- Member of the Advisory Board for the APS Centre for Learning and Development.
- Member of the Industry Advisory Committee on Veterans Employment (Chair of the Organising Committee for the Prime Minister's Awards).
- Member of the Employment Services Expert Advisory Panel for the Department of Jobs and Small Business (Chair of the Digital Sub-Committee).
- Current member of the Australian Public Sector Commission Deputy Secretaries Talent Council (non-public sector member).



Your impact

Philanthropy has a direct and powerful impact on our work and our community.

“Philanthropic trusts and foundations play a critical role in the funding mix for St Vincent’s. These valued partnerships often last many years, enabling programs to successfully develop from an idea to ultimately changing lives.”

Sue Parkes

CEO, St Vincent’s Foundation Victoria

Pioneering health delivery for people experiencing homelessness

Thanks to generous seed funding provided by the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation,

St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne (SVHM) is laying the foundation for offering safe accommodation to people experiencing homelessness for the duration of their medical treatment.

St Vincent’s Emergency Department receives approximately 4,000 visits from people experiencing homelessness every year.

Whilst we work hard to secure a supported discharge for people

following their stay, our options are limited. It is estimated around 50% of these patients are discharged back onto the street, something we are committed to changing.

The Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation (LMCF) provided seed funding for a feasibility study to be undertaken to assess the conversion of a hospital-owned property, Salisbury Place, into a ‘fit for purpose’ accommodation facility.

We are extremely grateful to the Lord Mayor’s Charitable Foundation for their visionary support of this project that will innovate how we deliver healthcare to patients experiencing homelessness.

A partnership of 69 years

The Collier Charitable Fund and St Vincent's Hospital are looking back on a 69-year partnership, driven by closely aligned values and a shared desire to provide excellent health care to all.

"One of the areas of focus for the Collier sisters was strengthening Victorian public hospitals. This focus is reflected in the work that St Vincent's Hospital undertakes which is just as important today as it was when the Fund commenced in 1954," Wendy Lewis OAM, Executive Officer, Collier Charitable Fund.

The Collier Charitable Fund's most recent, generous grant of \$50,000 has enabled the creation of a patient information database for the Hospital's Breast Surgery Unit. The new portal,

called BRENDA, will collate patient medical information, to include a routine collection of patient-reported outcomes. Its holistic approach promises to improve breast surgery patient treatment and outcomes for generations to come.

Breast surgeon, Jocelyn Lippey, said the creation of BRENDA has been a dream shared with Head of Breast Surgery, Caroline Baker, for the past five years. "We feel so fortunate to receive this funding that will enable our dream to become a reality."

L to R: BRENDA Database team, Suraya Roslan, Dr Jocelyn Lippey, Miss Christina Foley, Miss Caroline Baker, Annabelle Motteram, Rafaela Anja.



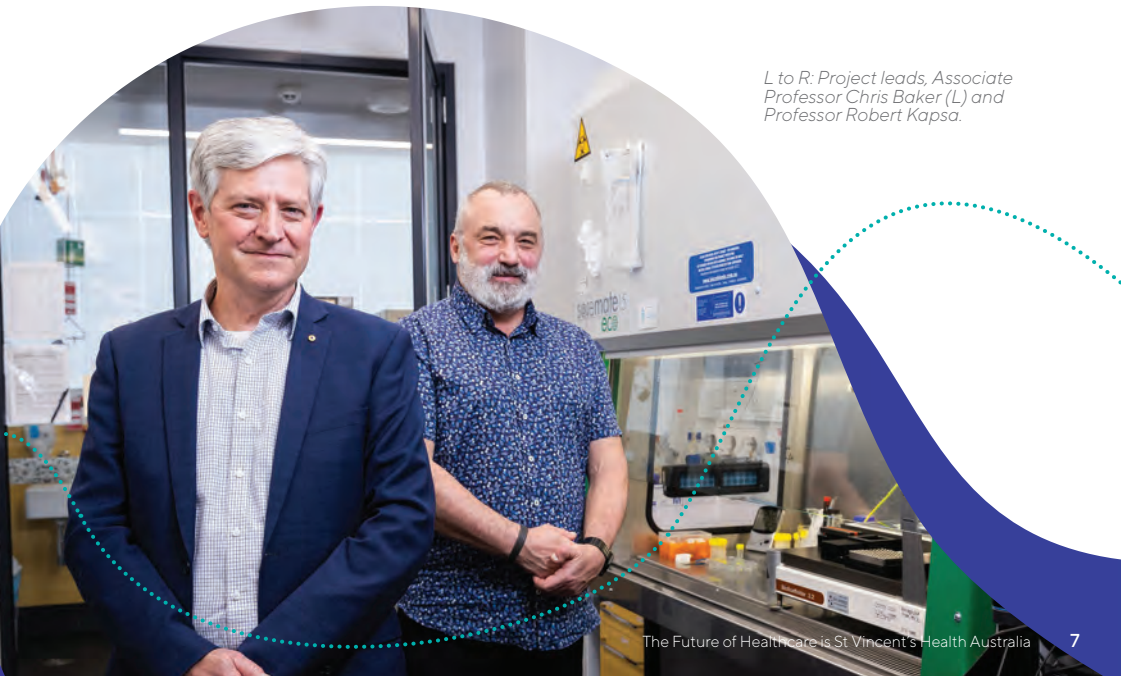
Revolutionising the way we repair skin

Damage and loss of skin is a major challenge and a burden on healthcare with approximately 5,500 people hospitalised in Australia each year. These injuries often result in numerous re-admissions and long lengths of stay.

In partnership with the F&E Bauer Foundation, a team of Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery (ACMD) researchers is investigating the development of a process capable of producing a 3D printed material with similar properties to human skin. The aim is to use this for the treatment of cancer, trauma and burn victims and to aid recovery after major operations.

Cecilia Gason, Manager of The F & E Bauer Foundation at Equity Trustees said, “Dr Frederick Bauer established the Foundation with the aim of promoting research in Dermatology. This cutting-edge research by St Vincent’s has the potential to change the lives of those with serious cancers, burns and other dermatological issues. It is precisely the type of project that Dr Bauer would have dreamed of supporting when creating the Foundation.”

The F&E Bauer Foundation has generously supported the project since its inception 12 years ago.



L to R: Project leads, Associate Professor Chris Baker (L) and Professor Robert Kapsa.



Ivan
Nurse

SCHELLAR

A bold vision for the future of healthcare

Australia's healthcare system is crying out for one-in-100-year reform. We need to act now!

St Vincent's has a clear vision to make the changes needed to support the health of all Australians - including the most marginalised members of our community - by embracing new technologies, new methods of service delivery, and new ways of working.

We want to grow our impact on the health of the community, particularly by reducing inequity with excellent

medicine, and compassionate, person-centred care.

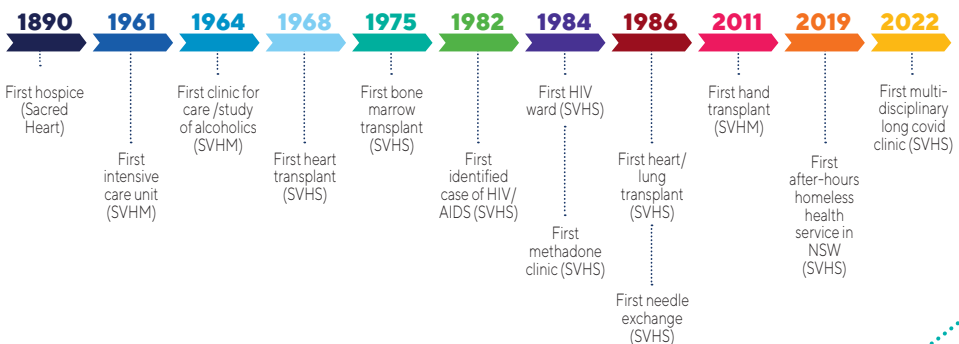
We want to transform the client and clinician experience by integrating practice, research and education into one connected care platform.

We want to continue raising the bar in both care and leadership.

Leading medical innovation since the start

OUR FIRSTS

150+ years of bold actions and medical firsts, earning community trust.



The right environment for change – St Vincent’s Fitzroy precinct transformation

We’re growing at St Vincent’s Private

After 50 years of alterations and adaptations, the St Vincent’s Private Hospital building needs to be redeveloped to meet our growing population demands, to house the most modern medical technologies, and to provide the highest quality healthcare for the more than 27,000 people who need St Vincent’s care every year.

Our dedicated staff and patients require tomorrow’s health services, today. We are investing \$180 million in a brand new state-of-the-art 12-level tower in Fitzroy. This will support new innovations in healthcare and provide care for an additional 20,000 patients. It will also increase opportunities to share research and clinical expertise across St Vincent’s precinct in Melbourne.

There is now an opportunity for philanthropic participation in this exciting redevelopment to be completed in 2024. The St Vincent’s Foundation aims to raise \$20 million through naming rights and donor engagement.

The Campaign includes state of the art equipment and naming opportunities:

- State-of-the-art operating and medical equipment

- Six new Operating Theatres
- Perinatal, Birthing Suites and Special Care Nursery
- Neurology and Neurosurgery services
- Neurosciences: Neurosurgery, Spine & Neurology
- Orthopaedics, Plastics & Vascular Surgery
- Bariatric, Colorectal, Upper Gastrointestinal Tract,
- Urology & Endocrine
- Haematology, Oncology Day Infusion Services,
- Thoracic Surgery & Clinical Trials
- Intensive Care and Coronary Care Unit’s

We invite you to share in the future of healthcare by supporting the Capital Campaign for the new building at St Vincent’s Private Hospital Melbourne.

To find out more about this exciting project and how you can be involved, please contact **Cameron Smith, on 0431 079 906** or cameron.smith@svha.org.au

“Our new facilities will increase opportunities to share research, clinical expertise and to care for an additional 20,000 patients a year.”

Janine Loader

Regional CEO,
St Vincent’s Private Hospital Melbourne



Engineering the future of healthcare

Our Fitzroy Campus is a unique microcosm of our health system. Here, we can make healthcare inclusive, excellent and innovative.

St Vincent's Health Australia is committed to research excellence and has a strong track record of success in research and its translation. Equally, as a teaching hospital, St Vincent's remains focused on nurturing the future leaders of medicine by providing an optimal learning experience that combines on-the-job training, supervision and mentoring.

In recognition of the crucial role research and education will play in the transformation of healthcare,

St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne has partnered with eight leading institutions across research and education to jointly engineer the future of healthcare through the Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery (ACMD).

The ACMD will focus on biomedical engineering research and teaching, drawing on insights from human biology, engineering principles and design paradigms to transform how we identify, prevent and treat trauma





and disease. Our patients provide the focus for the work of the ACMD and anchor the Centre's work in clinical need.

To enable deep collaboration and knowledge exchange across our organisations and areas of expertise, we are building a new physical home for biomedical engineering research and teaching on St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne's Fitzroy Campus. Set to be completed by the end of 2024, the 11-storey ACMD building will celebrate the high-performing collaboration culture that underpins our partnership.

With the knowledge that people are at the heart of all meaningful change, teaching will be central to the ACMD to nurture Australia's future clinical, nursing, allied health, and biomedical research leaders.

It will provide graduates with the knowledge and skills to understand and solve major health problems and position Australia at the forefront of biomedical engineering innovation.

We are certain that by pooling our expertise and resources, our partnership will increase the rate of biomedical engineering discoveries, whilst accelerating their translation into tangible solutions.

We now seek likeminded partners in the community to help us lift our ambition further and realise the ACMD's full potential.

To explore how you could join us to drive forward the future of healthcare through biomedical engineering research and teaching, please contact

Melina Talanis, ACMD Capital Campaign Director St Vincent's Foundation Victoria on 0426 110 533 or melina.talanis@svha.org.au.

Partner with St Vincent's through St Vincent's Foundation Victoria

Better health for all

Community support and generosity have been central to the story of St Vincent's since our beginnings as a small cottage hospital, established by the Sisters of Charity in 1893.

Through the St Vincent's Health Foundation, we collaborate with philanthropists, partners and donors to support the work of St Vincent's hospitals and health services in Victoria to enable all Victorians to access quality healthcare to enjoy healthier, happier, and longer lives.

We work on social inclusion programs such as healthcare initiatives for people experiencing homelessness, people in our prison system and initiatives to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients.

The projects the Foundation supports are vast and varied, from funding ground-breaking research, cutting edge hospital equipment and nursing scholarships to large-scale capital campaigns for the brand new Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery (ACMD) and the new St Vincent's Private Hospital Wing.

They all have one thing in common – to provide better health for everyone.

To find out more about St Vincent's Foundation Victoria visit stvfoundation.org.au

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St Vincent's Foundation supports the following hospitals and capital campaigns in Victoria:

Aikenhead Centre for Medical Discovery (ACMD)

Fitzroy Private Hospital Redevelopment

St Vincent's Public Hospitals: Melbourne, St George's Hospital and Caritas Christi

St Vincent's Private Hospitals: Fitzroy, East Melbourne, Kew and Werribee

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.