

# FOUNDATION STONE



## Update from Ballarat Health Services Foundation & Grampians Health Fundraising

Dear Supporter,

I hope this finds you well as spring has truly sprung.

I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Head of Fundraising at Grampians Health Ballarat. It's an exciting time to be part of our hospital's story and I look forward to working with you to continue improving health outcomes for people across our region.

Construction of our Ballarat Base Hospital Redevelopment, including the seven-level hospital tower is well underway — a major step towards delivering a new emergency department, expanded women's and children's hub, more theatres and additional beds. This transformation will provide modern, patient-centred care for our growing community and generations to come.

The Fundraising team was thrilled to host our Donor Thank You Event in September, where we honoured the generosity of those who make better healthcare possible every day. We love to hear from our donors, please see enclosed survey.

Our Cancer Wellness Centre Raffle is live, giving you the chance to win a dream French holiday while supporting free wellness therapies for local cancer patients. Tickets are available online, at Barry Plant Ballarat, Frank Ford Travel and the Cancer Wellness Centre.

Looking ahead, our Christmas Appeal will share the story of 13-year-old Cody Burnett, who has received care at our Paediatric Rehabilitation Hub since he was two. Funds raised will help refurbish the children's therapy spaces — creating bright, welcoming areas designed specifically for kids and families.

I'd also like to take a moment to acknowledge the wonderful volunteers that support our Fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity ensures our patients receive exceptional care, close to home.

Take care,

*Kathryn*

Kathryn Kosloff  
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BHS Foundation & Grampians Health Ballarat

# FOUNDATION NEWS

## Donor Thank You Event

In September, we gathered with our generous supporters for a very special Donor Thank You Event, held at Morshead Park.

The afternoon was a wonderful chance to celebrate the support of our community and to share with donors how their contributions are making a difference in care across Grampians Health Ballarat.



Our CEO, Dale Fraser, and Dr Natasha Frawley, Director of Women's & Children's Services, spoke about the incredible impact of donations on local healthcare.

One particularly moving moment came when community member Anthony Cribbes shared his family's story. His daughter Tallulah was just two weeks old when she was rushed to the Ballarat Base Hospital, where she received life-saving care in one of the nine infant resuscitation cots funded by generous donors.

Tallulah has since made a full recovery — a powerful reminder of how community support is helping save young lives every day.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to every donor who continues to make a difference.



## A gift to the future of healthcare

Writing a Will allows us to reflect on the people and causes that matter most. While loved ones come first, you may also choose to leave a lasting gift that strengthens healthcare in your community.

A gift in your Will to Grampians Health helps ensure high-quality, compassionate care continues for generations. These gifts fund vital equipment, patient programs, facility upgrades and research that enhance care for patients and families.

Recently, a generous bequest enabled our Theatre Department to purchase the NovaSure device — providing a faster, minimally invasive treatment for women with heavy menstrual bleeding. Thanks to this thoughtful gift, more women across Ballarat and the region can now access the best possible care where they live.

Your legacy could help us continue to deliver world-class healthcare for generations to come.

# COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING



## Dry July

This year's Dry July raised an incredible \$38,005 for our cancer services.

Siblings Kelli Aggett and Josh Ryan led the way, with their Wellness Warriors team contributing \$30,296 – funding more than a third of the Cancer Wellness Centre's annual operating costs for free therapies, counselling and support.

Through the Wellness Ball, Kelli continues to "pay it forward," helping keep the Centre's doors open for local patients and families.



## Base Gift Shop

Our Base Gift Shop family has grown! We've welcomed volunteer Heather, who's joined long-time shopkeeper Ted behind the counter.

"I like to give back and do something positive with my time," says Heather. With Heather's eye for detail and Ted's steady hand, the shop has never looked better.

Every purchase supports Grampians Health Ballarat.

Visit us Monday–Friday, 10am–2pm, next to the café in the main foyer.



## XonA Social Club

After years of fundraising, the XonA Social Club has wrapped up with a remarkable final donation of \$7,970, funding new parent beds for the Children's Ward.

President John Jackson said the beds "make a huge difference for parents and the comfort of the child during recovery." Long-time supporter Keith 'Cookie' Bunney reflected on the club's journey, from their first \$300 donation to now seeing the impact of thousands more.

Thank you to the XonA Social Club for years of dedication and generosity.

## Community Champions

A huge thank you to the local groups and individuals who continue to support better health for Ballarat:

- Cancer Wellness Centre Pop-Up Shop
- Phoenix P-12 Community College for ED
- East Point FNC's Wellness Round
- Ballarat East Bowling Club's Trivia Night for the Cancer Wellness Centre

# STORIES FROM THE WARD



## A First for Ballarat: Microwave Ablation Cancer Treatment

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of local cycling group the Velorats, our Radiology Department has welcomed its first Microwave Ablation device. This state-of-the-art treatment for renal cancer uses microwave energy to destroy cancer cells, giving patients access to the latest care without needing to travel to Melbourne.

Bronwyn Bentley, Nurse Unit Manager, said: "Our eligible patients can now have treatment that is less invasive, quicker and gentler, meaning less time in hospital and more time with their families. This technology also improves flexibility in managing treatment and is more cost-effective."

Velorats Captain Ross Huntington said: "We're proud that doing something we love can deliver equipment to support local cancer patients and their families right here in our community."

We sincerely thank the Velorats, their sponsors and the 200+ donors who made this possible.

## HOW TO DONATE

Your support helps deliver better health outcomes for our community. Gifts of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Here's how you can make a donation:

1. Online by visiting  
[bhs.org.au/donate/](http://bhs.org.au/donate/)



2. Direct deposit  
Account name:  
Grampians Health  
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Account: 515 831 460

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