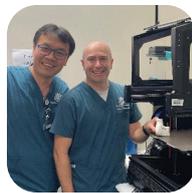


PA Research Foundation

2025

Impact Report



Our sincerest thanks



Thanks to you and all of our incredible donors, 2025 was a momentous year for the Foundation. A year that filled us with pride for all we were able to achieve together to support the hospital communities we serve.

Through your generosity, we funded many research projects, provided vital patient support, cutting edge equipment and countless staff education opportunities. 2025 also marked 40 years of providing lifesaving liver transplants and 10 years of Gamma Knife surgery, areas that are world leading thanks to your support.

We value your passion to make a difference by supporting the clinicians and researchers striving to make the most of your kindness in their quest for better health outcomes. Because you choose to give, the extraordinary staff of our Hospitals are empowered and enabled to provide world leading healthcare to every single patient in their time of need.

On behalf of the Foundation, and each of our Hospital Funds and every patient and family member helped. THANK YOU.



Damian Topp
Chief Executive Officer

Professor Ruth McPhail
Board Chair

The PA Research Foundation, QEII Hospital Fund, Logan Hospital Fund, Redland Hospital Fund and Beaudesert Hospital Fund acknowledge and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which our services are located, the Yugambeh, Quandamooka, Jaggera, Ugarapul and Turrbal peoples - and to Elders, past, present and emerging.

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Thank you for your support



Dear Donors,

I would like to personally extend my sincere gratitude for all you have done to support my career and, most importantly, the care of my patients. I have been fortunate to benefit not once, but twice, from your generosity, and I am incredibly thankful for the opportunities your support has made possible.

Surgery is not only about operating; it is equally vital that surgeons engage in research so patients can benefit from evidence-based practice. Thanks to funding from the PA Research Foundation—made possible by supporters like you—I was awarded the inaugural Foundation Women in Surgery and Research Grant. With this support, I am currently undertaking research into skull base osteomyelitis, a serious condition associated with significant morbidity and mortality.

Your donations have also enabled me to pursue research in Head and Neck cancer, in collaboration with Associate Professor Arutha Kulasinghe, a

pioneering PA campus-based researcher. These projects would not be possible without the Foundation's commitment to advancing research and clinical excellence.

In my daily clinical practice, I regularly care for patients who have benefited directly from your generosity—through funded research, access to state-of-the-art equipment, patient support initiatives, and many other programs. The impact of your giving is tangible and far-reaching.

Please know that the PA Research Foundation and its supporters are held in the highest esteem by clinicians across the hospital. We are deeply grateful for the difference you make by choosing to give, and for the trust you place in us to translate your generosity into better patient outcomes.

With heartfelt thanks,

Dr Cara Griffin
ENT Surgery Principal House Officer
PA Hospital



\$2.9m
in research funding



26,387
volunteer
interactions



\$7,376,208
funds raised



3,345
staff education
opportunities facilitated

Thank you for helping breast cancer patients



In order for the PA, QEII Jubilee, Redland, Logan and Beaudesert Hospitals to continue to provide first-class healthcare, investments in state-of-the-art equipment and technology need to be made. Health budgets only stretch so far, but that's where our fabulous supporters have been able to year, after year, help us bridge the gap.

In 2025, not only did we install high speed Wi-Fi in the PA's Mental Health Department, but we purchased a Savi Scout Guidance Console. A unique piece of equipment used by surgeons, that will improve outcomes for breast cancer and melanoma patients.

The Savi Scout was made possible through funding acquired by the

Foundation from the Sheila and Bernard Joel Life-Saving Medical Equipment Foundation and will be used in the treatment of the hospital's breast cancer patients as well as in melanoma patients whose cancer has become metastatic.

Surgeons like Professor Ian Bennett (pictured) can use the Savi scout to implant a tiny reflector chip next to the lesion or tumour, enabling precise surgical guidance when the patient needs to have the tumour removed. The primary advantage of this approach is it will replace the current hook wire method which can be painful and uncomfortable for patients. The Savi Scout's reflector chip is also MRI compatible, unlike the hook wire and other current methods and can be placed any time prior to surgery, whereas the hook wire must be implanted on the day of surgery.

"With the Savi Scout we can place the metal reflector into the breast next to the tumour to pinpoint the lesion which can then be detected using the radar guidance probe. The biggest advantage of this technique is that it does not have to be done on the day of the lumpectomy surgery; It can be done a week or two before surgery," he said.

"The reflector can remain in the breast

for a period of time until the patient comes to theatre, and at which time we use the Savi Scout radar detector probe which directs the surgeon to the right area. After the surgeon makes an incision in the breast, the detector probe directs the surgeon down to the site of the reflector and the breast lesion."

The technology can also be used in the axilla (armpit) to help excise lymph nodes which contain metastatic breast cancer.

Equally important and impactful, the console is also being used in the care of patients with metastatic melanoma, and its precision means it can save patients from further surgeries.

"Previously, your only option as a patient was surgery to take all the nodes out and you had all the troubles and recovery associated with that. These days we've got immunotherapy to treat stage 3 or 4 cancer so we can biopsy it to prove it's melanoma at the same time we put the little reflector in," PA surgeon Dr Iain Thomson said.

"The patient has their immunotherapy treatment and then we can just go back and find that one node, take that out and then we send that off to the lab and they can tell us whether the immunotherapy worked and whether they need further surgery."

Technology and equipment made possible by you:

- Wi-Fi for Mental Health
- 3D Printer for Radiation Oncology
- PARO (Robotic Therapy Seal)
- Palliative Care Cuddle bed
- Blanket warmers
- da Vinci robotic surgical system
- Andago Gait Training System
- OM interactive omiVista+ Laser
- Real time coach Clamp Assembly
- Wheelchair Boot Slider

2025 Total Equipment Impact =
\$154,056.74

Extending our shared impact



As we grow as an organisation we're honoured to work with not just the staff of the PA Hospital but healthcare professionals across the Metro South Health region.

2025 was a highly successful year in terms of funds raised and impact delivered at QEII Jubilee, Redland, Logan and Beaudesert Hospitals.

Over \$93,000 was raised for the four hospitals during the 24/25 financial year through donations and inspired fundraising by generous community members enabling \$41,746 in positive influence on healthcare.

Among the projects we've made possible thanks to people choosing either QEII, Redland, Logan or Beaudesert Hospital Funds as their place to give are:

- A brand-new palliative care cuddle bed for Beaudesert Hospital so that patients can spend time with their loved ones and even pets while in the palliative stage of their care.
- A resuscitation training mannequin named 'Baby Brayden' to provide Redland Hospital neonatal staff with further training and experience in neonatal resuscitation.
- Decals for windows in patient rooms in Logan Hospital's palliative care ward, making it a brighter and more peaceful place.
- New patient resources for Redland Hospital's Eat, Walk, Engage program.
- A cognitive trolley to support delirium prevention and management at Logan Hospital and much more.



Thank you to our amazing partners



Let's Do Thank You Together

If you'd like to talk with us about ways you can support QEII Jubilee, Redland, Logan or Beaudesert Hospitals, or how your organisation can partner with us to save lives and improve health outcomes for all, please get in touch on **0488 561 627** or ellen@pafoundation.org.au

Ellen Dann | Community Partnerships Manager

PA Research Foundation, QE2 Hospital Fund, Redland Hospital Fund, Logan Hospital Fund, Beaudesert Hospital Fund.

Forever grateful



For Andrew Harris, the decision to give 50 per cent of his estate to the PA Hospital through the PA Research Foundation, was a choice driven by gratitude.

Andrew's gratitude towards the PA stems from the fact the hospital and its staff saved his life via a kidney transplant operation in 2019.

Andrew had always been healthy until he wasn't. Unbeknownst to him cysts had been developing on his kidney which resulted in him becoming very unwell in 2018 and being diagnosed with Acute Polycystic Kidney Disorder.

What followed his diagnosis was close to a year of treatment and dialysis, but ultimately the only thing that could save him was a transplant.

"I was doing home treatment. Dialysis for 10 months and then fast forward to September 2019 and it's not working very well. I've been sleeping all day, I feel really bad. I've been sleeping and sleeping and sleeping and sleeping."

"I just had enough energy on the Friday to basically celebrate my birthday. And then the rest of the weekend I just collapsed."

Fortunately for Andrew, his luck would turn when his doctor called with the news they had found a donor kidney.

"I had a five out of six match... If you know anything about that, it is extremely rare. I think that the doctor that did the transplant surgery said I was the second one he'd ever seen. Six is a twin and I had five out of six."

"If I hadn't been such a good match, I wouldn't have been on the list for another year or two and I don't think I would have made it."

Following successful surgery Andrew would recover at the PA during the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic, a time he credits with giving him back his joy and zest for life.

"Everybody, even the nurses, the cleaners, the staff, the canteen - they got to know me, and they are lovely," he said.

"It was such a joy to be there at that time in the morning and have a blood test and speak to people, and know that I was alive again... Everybody from the surgeons down was just phenomenal."



The greatest gift

Leaving a gift in your will to the Foundation is the most impactful way you can shape the future of healthcare, not just locally but all over the world.

We offer a free will service to people intending to leave a bequest to the

Foundation or our associated Hospital Funds.

For more information contact Senior Philanthropy Manager Carolyn Schuwalow on **07 3180 1840** or mobile **0484 866 041** or email **carolyns@pafoundation.org.au**

Your global impact



When you give to the Foundation, your gift has incredible ripple effects that improve healthcare across the state and even overseas.

A perfect example can be found in the career of Dr Saad Bin Anis. Currently working as a neurosurgeon at Townsville University Hospital, Dr Anis was supported by Foundation donors to undertake a fellowship in Pituitary and Functional Neurosurgery at the PA, under the tutelage of Associate Professor (A/Prof) Sarah Olson, whose work you've also supported.

This fellowship, equipped him with further experience and helped him

secure his current position as a consultant neurosurgeon in Townsville and Senior Lecturer at James Cook University. It also gave him the knowledge to train other surgeons in Townsville and in his home country of Pakistan.

It was the chance to learn endoscopic approaches to pituitary surgery that initially attracted Saad to apply for the fellowship.

"It's a very intriguing area where, historically it has been done through the cranial approaches requiring an extensive surgery with a big scar and a lot of brain retraction, but I was always fascinated with the endoscopic approach through the nose, as it's become a standard of care now at most places. In the past decade or so there's been more interest in trying endoscopic approaches and Sarah is one of the experts in this area," he explained.

"The real concept of global neurosurgery emerges from this, where you learn from the expertise of people working here and then you can help advance it in the other areas of the world, not just in Australia.

"The fellowship played a huge role in what I continued to do after that. After finishing my fellowship, I went back to Pakistan. Single surgeon, purely endoscopic approach was a relatively newer technique there. I was one of the few initial surgeons in Pakistan who did it completely endoscopically.

"Thanks to A/Prof Sarah Olson, and Dr. Ben Wallwork the ENT (ear, nose, throat) surgeon, I was fully trained and capable, which made me self-reliant and confident as I didn't even require an ENT colleague to help me out with the procedure when I went back after finishing my fellowship. I did it solely myself and even taught my own fellow over there as well.

"So, there was a continuity of teaching and passing on to the next batch of surgeons, which I think is important. I established that because I was working at a neuro-oncology setup in Pakistan and I had all the gadgetry, I had a chance of fully utilising it to its core potential by performing a lot of such surgeries."



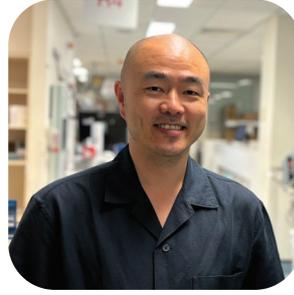
"I've been very impressed with the consistent high level of hygiene, wound care, and patient identification at the PA, the PA has been very good. I found their bedside manner has been always very warming and compassionate. Especially as a young woman."

Julianna Potts – Nurse and Breast Cancer patient



"If it wasn't for the PA, I wouldn't be here. It's helped me so much. I told my wife; we've got to do something in return. If a gift in my will can support research that helps others in the future, then that's exactly what I want to do."

David Goodman, Brain Surgery patient and confirmed Gift in Will donor.



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