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Annual Report **2013**

From Wills to McKeon

Community Goal

A society that is well informed and values the benefits of health and medical research

Investment Goal

Greater investment in health and medical research from all sources

Mission

To make health and medical research a higher priority for the nation

Prosperity Goal

Ensure Australia captures the benefits of health and medical research

Position Goal

Promote Australia's global position in health and medical research

Front Cover Design: ***Research Australia was formed as a result of the 1998 Health and Medical Research Strategic Review, The Wills Report, to promote the Virtuous Cycle, the health and economic benefits of the sector's research. In 2013 Research Australia embraces the latest national strategic review of the sector, The McKeon Review and its vision for 'Better Health Through Research'. The cover depicts these two great leaders and advocates for health and medical research in Australia.***

Board of Directors

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Research Australia's Board reflects a balanced and effective governance structure. The membership contains technical expertise drawn from medical industry associations, medical research institutes, universities and philanthropic foundations and companies. This technical expertise is complemented by members who bring professional expertise from business, finance, law, consumer advocacy, public policy and philanthropy.



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Professor Christine Bennett is Dean of the School of Medicine, Sydney, Notre Dame University



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Many thanks to retiring board members for their untiring support of Research Australia
Ms Sue Murray resigned from the board in June 2013

Chairman's Foreword



Professor Christine Bennett

2013 has been a pivotal year for health and medical research with the release of the much anticipated McKeon Review, which details a vision for better health for all Australians through research. This vision aligns well with Research Australia's mission, with the McKeon Review reflecting many of Research Australia's 10 Strategic Imperatives. I am proud to present this annual report detailing the broad range of our achievements this year.

In an election year, assuring bipartisan support for health and medical research has been a priority resulting in the protection of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMCR) funding. This reflects the strongly held views of the Australia public, research community and industry regarding the funding, support and understanding of the need for health and medical research in Australia. Our advocacy will continue to highlight the importance of the NHMRC as well as Australian Research Council (ARC) funding to health and medical research. Decision makers need to have greater understanding of the contribution of universities to Australian health and medical research. At present our universities account for around 50 per cent of such research of which only 17% is funded by ARC and NHMRC grants. Planned cuts to university funding puts that vital research in danger so our work continues.

The McKeon Review recommendations echo Research Australia's call for research to be embedded into the health system. In this time of active health reform of the public health system we look forward to contributing to State Governments in furthering this theme.

Building investment in health and medical research from all sources - government, industry, traditional capital markets, private equity, and philanthropy – remains a key goal for Research Australia. In 2013 our successful philanthropy conference focused on the value of collaboration and involving people with a lived experience of health challenges in health and medical research. Developing new relationships with the Wellcome Foundation in the UK and Philanthropy Australia here at home will be valuable to our future encouragement of individual and corporate giving to health and medical research.

We are furthering our goal of promoting Australia's global position in health and medical research through our international affiliations with Research!America, Research Canada and Research Sweden. This year we sponsored a visit to Australia by the President of Research!America, Mary Woolley. Her presentation at our philanthropy conference in Sydney and "A conversation with Mary Woolley" forum in Melbourne were very well received. Articles were published on the work and contribution of the four Research organisations in Canada and the USA.

Of course, our successful efforts at Research Australia would not be possible without our extensive network of partner organisations that share our passion for research. Thank you to all those in our alliance for your contribution towards our important work in advancing health and medical research.

The Board greatly appreciates the committed and untiring efforts of the Research Australia team during 2013, and CEO Elizabeth Foley's leadership towards making our mission a reality.

With a new Federal Government and new challenges for 2014, we look forward to building on already strong foundations to demonstrate the importance of health and medical research to delivering better health for all Australians and a stronger Australian economy.

Professor Christine Bennett
Chair, Research Australia

Professor Christine Bennett is Dean of the School of Medicine, Sydney, University of Notre Dame Australia. She has diverse health industry experience in clinical care, strategic planning and senior management in the public and private health systems, and has been committed to and actively involved in medical professional issues, clinical governance, child and family health, social policy and medical research. Professor Bennett chaired the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission in 2008/2009, chairs the Australian National Preventative Health Agency Advisory Council and the Bupa Health Foundation, and is also a board member of Obesity Australia and ICON Pty Ltd

Chief Executive Officer's Report



A year of hope, challenge and change

The year began with hope with the tabling of the landmark McKeon Review in February, a report that set a powerful blueprint for the future course of health and medical research in Australia. However, the year was not without its challenges, with cuts to university funding with the inevitable flow-on effects to the amount of funds available for research – and some timing changes to grant payments putting further financial strain on medical research institutes. Now we look forward to the possibility engendered by change, with a new Federal Government and a vision and strategy to implement to strengthen the sector, and improve the health of Australians and the economy.

While there is bipartisan support federally for maintaining health and medical research funding through the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), the need to advocate for making health and medical research a higher national priority is more important than ever, particularly in a time of constrained budgets.

The McKeon review recommends that research be embedded into our health system, but as state governments struggle with budgets the pressure to reduce the amount of time and money allocated to research in our hospitals remains high.

With that in mind, Research Australia is continuing to build its advocacy at the state government level with our over-riding focus in 2014 being to ensure that the great work of the McKeon review does not get forgotten or ignored.

Research Australia believes a community that understands and values health and medical research brings a range of national benefits, ranging from supporting government funding of research to encouraging young Australians to pursue a research career and to actually donating to research. Ensuring society is well informed and values research remains a key goal of Research Australia, and we actively pursue this through our public relations, our community polling and programs such as Cook For A Cure.

In 2013 we have advocated for adopting much of the McKeon Review as well as continuing our important work in building capability and connectedness between current and potential philanthropic investors and research organisations. We have worked with the Wellcome Foundation and Philanthropy Australia, and are investigating ways to increase philanthropic investment in the sector.

In March we announced the formation of a new international alliance with our sister organisations Research!America, Research Canada and Research Sweden, as we continue to promote Australia's position in global health and medical research. A strong international reputation will help Australia not only attract overseas funding but also research talent. As part of our positioning with our sister organisations, we redesigned our logo and branding with a distinctly Australian green and gold theme.

Research Australia has delivered on a full agenda this year, including writing a large number of submissions and the implementation of a new database, website and improved accounting systems. This is only possible with dedicated and energetic staff and an engaged member base. I wish to thank the Research Australia staff for their tireless efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge our Board, particularly our Chair and Deputy Chair for their guidance, governance and continuing support and encouragement. Thank you also to our members for their support and commitment to the Research Australia mission. I believe 2014 will again be a very active and positive year for Research Australia and I look forward to working with our members to make health and medical research a higher priority for the nation.

Elizabeth Foley
CEO and Managing Director
Research Australia

2012 Research Australia Awards

Leaders in health and medical research, advocacy and philanthropy were recognised at Research Australia's annual Awards Night at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney on 15 November 2012. Hosted by ABC's The New Inventors' James O'Loghlin, the event was attended by 200 people, who were treated to an extremely health conscious dinner including only being served de-alcoholised wine and light beer! This 'social engineering experiment' became a recurrent theme for the evening, and the butt of many a joke. The Board voted the next day not to repeat the experiment at the 2013 dinner.

The 2012 Award Winners were:

Griffith University Discovery Award: Dr. Motoko Koyama, M.D., PhD.



Early in her career, Dr. Koyama's discovery has already shown significant impact for life saving transplants. Dr. Motoko Koyama's research projects at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research within the Bone and Marrow Transplantation Laboratory have focused on using preclinical transplant models to understand the mechanisms of transplant rejection, and to improve patient outcomes through new therapies to prevent the rejection of bone marrow transplants. Professor Peter Ebeling accepted the award on Professor Sanbrook's behalf.

Bupa Advocacy Award: Ita Buttrose AO, OBE



Ita Buttrose is recognised for her long-standing commitment to health and medical research through the Bupa Advocacy Award, which is presented to a notable Australian who has raised community awareness about the benefits of health and medical research and the need for increased funding for continued innovation in the industry. Ita Buttrose is currently National President of Alzheimer's Australia, Patron of the Macular Degeneration Foundation; and Vice President Emeritus of Arthritis Australia. Ita Buttrose was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for her services to the community, especially in the field of public health education, for spearheading Australia's HIV/AIDS Education Program.

The Peter Wills Medal: Sir Gustav Nossal, AC, CBE, FAA, FRS



Sir Gustav Nossal is currently Professor Emeritus within the Department of Pathology, The University of Melbourne; a consultant for the World Health Organization and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and a Principal of Foursight Associates Pty Ltd. Nossal was the Director of the Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research Institute from 1965 to 1996, and was formerly Chairman of The Global Foundation Advisory Committee and Deputy Chairman of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (1998 to 2000). He was knighted in 1977, made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 1989 and appointed Australian of the Year 2000.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Professor Hugh R Taylor AC



For over 35 years, Hugh has devoted himself to ophthalmic research and teaching and to improving lives through the design and delivery of community eye health care programs. His landmark research and leadership in Australia has defined the agenda for eye research and for the provision of eye care. Working among Indigenous Australians profoundly influenced his career and his choice to work improving vision in the world's most disadvantaged populations. Professor Hugh R Taylor AC is honoured for a significant lifetime commitment to supporting and promoting health and medical research.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Professor Philip Sambrook (posthumous)



Professor Philip Sambrook was Professor of Rheumatology in the Florence & Cope Department of Rheumatology, Royal North Shore Hospital, having practiced clinically and published significant papers across Australia and internationally. As the inaugural Medical Director of Osteoporosis Australia Prof Sambrook helped build the organisation from its very inception, as well as co-founding and acting as President of the Asia-Pacific Osteoporosis Foundation. He made an immense contribution to research and public awareness about bone health and osteoporosis in Australia. Professor Peter Ebeling accepted the award on Professor Sambrooks behalf.

NSW Health Leadership and Innovation Award: Will Delaat AM



Will Delaat, Independent Chairman of Medicines Australia from 2008 -2012, and former Managing Director of Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) Australia and Merck's Regional Director for Australia and New Zealand. Having further served on numerous boards and committees across the sector, Mr Delaat is recognised for his exceptional leadership and innovation towards making health and medical research a higher national priority.

Great Australian Philanthropy Award: Harold Charles Mitchell AC



Harold Charles Mitchell AC, the founder of Mitchell & Partners and Executive Chairman of Aegis Media Pacific, is the winner of the Great Australian Philanthropy Award for the significant philanthropic contributions he has made to health and medical research among many other areas. Ms Stephanie Copus-Campbell accepted the award on Mr Mitchell's behalf.

Leadership in Corporate Giving: Xstrata Coal

The Leadership in Corporate Giving Award recognises outstanding leadership by a corporation in supporting health and medical research. At least one per cent of Xstrata Group's profits before tax are set aside every year to fund initiatives that benefit the communities in which it operates. In 2011, Xstrata contributed $25 million to local Australian communities through its Corporate Social Involvement programs.



Dessert Recipe for healthy eating – Almond Milk Panna Cotta

The 2012 Awards Dinner had a focus on healthy eating, which was reflected in the menu. A particular subject of discussion on the night, and subject of numerous requests for the recipe, was the dessert. For all those healthy home chefs out there, the recipe is reproduced below, with the kind permission of European Catering Pty Ltd

Prep time: 1 hr. Serves: 10

Ingredients

1.2 litre almond milk

115g sugar

5.5 sheets titanium strength gelatine

1 vanilla bean

40 blackberries

100ml honey



Cooking Instructions

Soak the gelatine sheets in 1/3 of the milk.

Heat another 1/3 of the milk up with the sugar and vanilla. Once the sugar has dissolved and the vanilla infused and the milk is hot, turn off the heat and add the gelatine. Stir to melt the sheets. Now add in the milk that the sheets had been soaked in. Strain through a fine sieve and now add the last 1/3 milk. Place in a bowl sat over another bowl which has ice in it. Stir continuously until the panna cotta starts to set. Now pour into moulds, spray the moulds with an oil spray very lightly, this will ensure easy de-moulding if you are not serving the panna cotta in the moulds. Pour into either 10 individual moulds or 1 large one. Half an hour before serving pour the honey over the blackberries and leave to macerate. When ready to serve, shake each mould upside down into the palm of your hand then onto the plate.

For an even healthier version of this recipe you may wish to use honey/ stevia or xylitol to sweeten the milk. Do this by just using your taste, until you have the desired sweetness.

Additional information for Almond Milk.

If you would like to make your own almond milk, soak 400g of blanched whole almonds in 1 litre water overnight. Discard the water and add another 1.5litres. Blend the nuts and water together in a bar blender. Pour into a conical sieve lined with muslin cloth. Leave to drain until all the liquid has passed through. Do not force or squeeze the ground nuts. The resulting liquid is pure natural unsweetened almond milk. You can do this process and slightly sweeten it by adding 4 pitted fresh dates at the pureeing stage. We hope you enjoy your panna cottas.

Policy and Advocacy

Advocacy remains Research Australia's primary focus, especially in an election year. Federal Labor, the Coalition and the Greens all publically supported protecting health and medical research investment from future budget cuts, a far cry from the threats of large-scale cuts in 2011.

The Federal Strategic Review into Health and Medical Research (The McKeon Review) was presented to the Gillard Government in February. It closely aligns with Research Australia's policy platform published last year, 10 Strategic Imperatives 2012 – 2020. Ensuring the McKeon Review's recommendations will not be forgotten with the change of Federal Government will be a focus for Research Australia in the coming year.

Research Australia has made submissions on behalf of our members in eight areas, six national and one each for South Australia and Western Australia. Topics ranged from the National Research Investment Plan, to a proposed cap on self-education expenses tax deductions. Copies of all our submissions can be found on our website.

Research Australia would like to thank the following members of parliament and public servants who granted us time to discuss the value of continued national investment in health and medical research over the past year.

- **The Hon Peter Dutton MP**, Minister for Health
- **Paul Nicolarakis**, Senior Adviser to **The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP**, former Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research
- **The Hon Sophie Mirabella**, former Shadow Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
- **Senator Susan Boyce**
- **Senator Dean Smith**
- **Dr Amanda Caples**, Director Science and Technology Programs, Department of Business and Innovation, State Government Victoria
- **Dr Tony Penna**, Director, NSW Department of Health's Office for Health and Medical Research
- **The Hon Lawrence Springborg**, Queensland Minister for Health

We would also like to thank **Peter Dutton** and **Tania Plibersek** for writing articles on their vision for health and medical research for our Grass Roots e-magazine, and **The Hon Jillian Skinner**, NSW Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, for opening this year's Philanthropy conference.

The Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health, Prof Christine Bennett, The Hon Tania Plibersek Shadow Minister for Foriegn Affairs.



Philanthropy

Research Australia has continued to build capability and connectedness between current and potential philanthropic investors and research organisations through a number of activities, including working with Philanthropy Australia, the Wellcome Foundation, Cook For A Cure, and through our Grass Roots e-magazine. We are very grateful to the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, whose funding under the Health System Capacity Development Fund helps pay for this activity.

Working with Philanthropy Australia

Philanthropy Australia and Research Australia have collaborated to establish a working party, called the Committee for the Advancement of Health and Medical Research (CAHMR). Chaired by Daniel Rechtman of the Cass Foundation, CAHMR members represent philanthropic organisations that already invest in the field of health and medical research. The Committee's objective is to increase the number of trusts and foundations investing in health and medical research.

The Committee published its first newsletter in September, while in August a morning tea involving philanthropic investors and advisors was enthralled by a conversation with Prof John Mattick of the Garvan Institute on the future of health and medical research.

Philanthropy Australia's CEO, Louise Walsh, spoke at our Philanthropy Conference on measuring the impact of the philanthropic dollar, an area of increasing interest for philanthropists.

Wellcome Foundation visits Australia

The Wellcome Foundation visited Australia this year, canvassing for applications for their Translation Fund grants. The Translation Fund grants aim to bridge the funding gap in the commercialisation of new technologies in the biomedical area and gives out around $80 million a year to projects it endorses.

Macquarie Bank graciously hosted our members at its Sydney office to hear Dr Ann Mills-Duggan, Wellcome's Transfer Fund Business Development Manager, speak. In Queensland, our members were invited to sessions from other Wellcome representatives hosted by Life Sciences Queensland, and in Melbourne, we jointly hosted an event with BioMelbourne to get the message out to our members. In all, 225 representatives of our membership attended the presentations. In addition, Research Australia's Managing Director, Elizabeth Foley, gave the Wellcome Fund presentation to member meetings hosted by SAHMRI in Adelaide and Curtin University in Perth, reaching another 45 people.



The Hon Jillian Skinner, NSW Minister for Health and Minister of Medical Research at the Research Australia Philanthropy Conference.



Research Australia MD, Elizabeth Foley, Australian of the Year Ita Buttrose and Research Australia Chair, Prof Christine Bennett at the conference dinner.

Collaboration for Better Health – Philanthropy Conference 2013

NSW Minister for Health and Minster for Medical Research, the Honourable Jillian Skinner, opened our third successful Philanthropy for Health and Medical Research Conference in Sydney in August. With the theme of 'Collaboration for Better Health', featured were sessions ranging from 'Fundraising and Leadership' to 'Consumer Power'. Australian of the year Ita Buttrose was our after-dinner speaker, giving a compelling talk on **'Making Research Count: The role of consumer advocacy and philanthropy in dementia'**. This year's international speaker, Mary Woolley, President and CEO of Research!America, spoke about health and medical research's struggle in the US in the era of sequestration.

Board members Alastair Lucas and Geoff Joyce spoke on the exciting work Research Australia is undertaking on the development of *a* new mass-market charity for health and medical research philanthropy. Alastair has been championing this concept (working title ***Health Research Australia Foundation,*** or HRAF for short) with a plan for it to become a household brand, as in the case of World Vision or the Salvation Army. Marked by exemplary and transparent governance, HRAF would be independent of government. All major medical research organisations in Australia, including universities, independent institutes and research hospitals, would be eligible to receive grants. The concept is currently in research and a sub-committee of the Research Australia board, chaired by Alastair, has been set up to oversee development.

Why is philanthropy so important for health and medical research?

Philanthropy supplements rather than replaces government and commercial investment, supporting research that is too new, high risk or contentious, or at too early a stage, to attract government or commercial funding. It is also used to encourage young scientists to pursue a career in research.



Board members Geoff Joyce and Alastair Lucas speaking at the 2013 Research Australia Philanthropy Conference.

What do Australians think about Health and Medical Research?

2013 Opinion Poll – the view of 1000 Australians

Research Australia values the role that a well-informed community performs in shaping the research priorities of governments and the research sector. A community that understands and values health and medical research will:

- Be aware of the links between research and improved health and wellbeing
- Be supportive of government funding for research
- Be more likely to donate to research
- Encourage young people to pursue a career in research
- Take pride in Australia's contribution to health and medical research internationally
- Be more likely to participate in clinical trials
- Be more realistic about the time between discovery and the availability of new treatments

Our annual opinion polling, which we have been conducting since 2003, provides an opportunity to gauge the general public's level of understanding and support.

This year's polling was undertaken in June, and our standard question about 'what priorities the Federal Government should be focusing on over the next 2-3 years' provided an interesting backdrop to the then-impending Federal election.

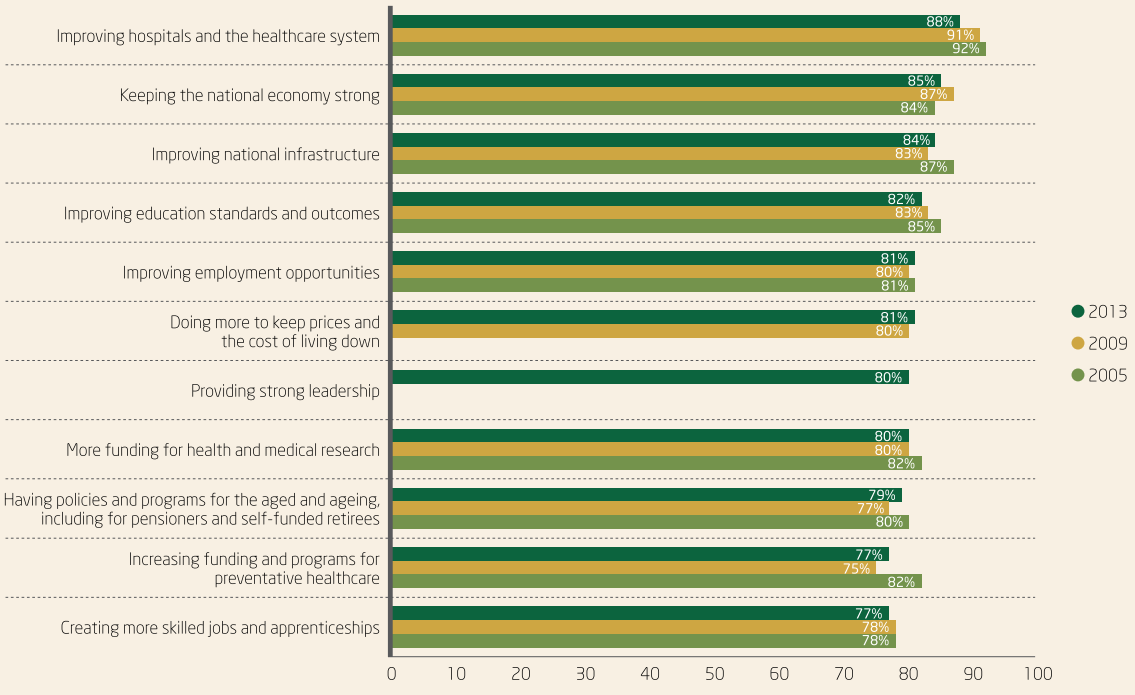
What are our top priorities for the Federal Government?

Three significant health issues remain in Australian's top 10 priorities for the Government:

- Improving the hospital and healthcare system remains the number 1 priority
- More funding for health and medical research is equal 6th
- Increased funding and programs for preventative health care is equal 8th

Interestingly, in the post penicillin discovery era where some of the greatest killers are 'lifestyle' diseases, the polling shows significantly more women than men are in favour of research into lifestyle changes that can improve health. This bias also translated through to preparedness to donate to this type of research. Also on the lifestyle issue, 53% of Australians would support the introduction of a fat or sugar tax if the proceeds of the tax were used to fund programs to reduce the damaging health effects associated with consuming foods with high fat and/or sugar content. The full report is available on our website.

Highest priorities



Building our international reputation

Research is increasingly international, and it is important that we develop our networks overseas as well as in Australia. Research Australia has strengthened its connections with its sister organisations, Research!America, Research Canada and Research Sweden. The CEOs of the four organisations met in New York for the first time for a workshop in November 2012, and in March 2013 we announced the formation of a new international alliance of the four national organisations.



Research!America President Mary Woolley speaking at our Philanthropy Conference in Sydney.

Research Australia, Research!America, Research Canada and Research Sweden all have a vision that health and medical research is a shared benefit and responsibility, as well as an important investment for the future of health within each country. The alliance is about fostering greater collaboration among the organisations in an effort to leverage expertise, advancements and approaches in health and medical research advocacy.

Our alliance partners are facing similar challenges when it comes to securing corporate and philanthropic investment in health and medical research. We look forward to working together to identify ways to attract further philanthropic dollars to help benefit all aspects of our sector. We will be sharing best practices through enhanced communications in an effort to provide greater opportunities to learn from and support each other and to understand how we can strengthen health and medical research advocacy efforts in our countries.

The collaboration will also enable us to learn from our key partners on how best to overcome the various hurdles we may face in the health and medical research industry, ranging from funding to navigating legislative regulations.

This new collaborative effort will enable each organisation to review and benchmark international investment in health and medical research within each country, as well as comparing how each organisation attracts and secures funding.

The alliance presents the opportunity to poll consumers from multiple countries, enabling us to identify consumer attitudes from an international perspective and allowing us to understand how Australian attitudes compare.

As part of this new alliance, Research Australia invited the CEO and President of Research!America, Mary Woolley, to be the keynote speaker at our philanthropy conference in Sydney in August, where she presented on the state of the health and medical research sector in the USA in the sequestration era. Mary also presented at a boardroom luncheon of 20 key industry people, hosted by the Melbourne Convention Centre in Melbourne, and was interviewed by ABC Drive Time.

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Cook for a Cure

Cook for a Cure was successfully run for its third consecutive year, further building the campaign as an important community awareness activity. It gained widespread exposure across the country through both traditional press and social media, reaching an audience of nearly nine million. Federal politicians were engaged, with five politicians hosting their own events, including the incoming Minister for Health, the Honourable Peter Dutton MP. Primary and secondary schools across the country were engaged to support 10 new research projects.

Many thanks to Novartis Pharmaceuticals and Cook Medical staff, who got into the act, with Novartis hosting 'The Great Novartis Bake Off' and Cook Medical holding a raffle and a baking competition.

Four projects were successfully profiled through metropolitan and local media. Those were the projects from the Lung Institute of Western Australia, MS Research Australia, The Hearing Cooperative Group and The Garvan Institute. The Brain cancer project attracted the highest level of donations, followed by the Asthma project.

Cook For A Cure 10 New Research Projects



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THE BRAIN CANCER DISCOVERY COLLABORATIVE

Cure For Life Foundation



02

VITAMIN D AND MS – WHAT'S THE LINK?

Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia

03

A LEAP FORWARD IN CARING FOR STROKE PATIENTS

The George Institute for Global Health



04

EARLY DETECTION OF OVARIAN CANCER

Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Royal Hospital for Women, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, University of Newcastle



05

HELPING KIDS WITH HEARING LOSS

The HEARing Cooperative Research Centre



06

SEVERE ASTHMA

Lung Institute of Western Australia



07

BLOOD TEST TO REVOLUTIONISE BOWEL CANCER SCREENING

Bowel Cancer Research Australia, CSIRO, Clinical Genomics, Flinders University's Centre for Innovation in Cancer

08

SAFE & GLUTEN FREE - AN OPTION FOR ALL BREAD LOVERS

RMIT University







09

HEALTHY BONES FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

Osteoporosis Australia, Australian Institute of Musculoskeletal Science, The University of Melbourne, Victoria University, Western Health

10

IN FOOD WE TRUST- FOOD SAFETY

Flinders University

Again, a number of schools were actively involved in the campaign, with activities including a Super Hero Healthy Food Stall, and a 'Munch n Crunch' morning tea highlighting the school's creativity! Cook For A Cure was well received as an activity that involved learning, fundraising and having fun.

University Roundtable

Professor Don Iverson of the University of Wollongong has led the re-invigoration of the Research Australia University Roundtable, consisting of senior representatives from our 25 university members. Meeting three times this year, the Roundtable provides a forum for discussion of matters of relevance to universities in regards to health and medical research and has become a vibrant forum to openly discuss important issues faced by the university sector in Australia.

The main subject of discussion this year has been 'Career pathways in health and medical research'. The group has shared views and examined local and overseas trends in developing the next generation of researchers. The group has also sought the views of industry to help ensure that current PhD students will have the transferrable skills that employers are seeking. A discussion paper has been developed.

2013 Research Australia University Roundtable Representatives.

Australian Catholic University	Professor Janet Hiller	Professor of Public Health and Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Health Sciences
Australian National University	Professor Nicholas Glasgow	Dean of Medicine & Health Sciences, ANU Medical School
Charles Sturt University	Dr Gayle Smythe	Associate Dean (Research, Honours & Graduate Studies) Faculty of Science
Curtin University	Professor Graeme Wright	Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research
Deakin University	Professor Joe Graffam	Pro Vice Chancellor (Research Development and Training)
Edith Cowan University	Professor John Finlay-Jones	Deputy VC, Research
Flinders University	Professor Michael Kidd	Executive Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences
Griffith University	Professor David Shum	Dean- Research (Health)
James Cook University	Prof Juergen Reichardt	Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences
Macquarie University	Professor Janet Greeley	Executive Dean, Faculty of Human Sciences
Monash University	Professor Ross Coppell	Senior Deputy Dean and Director of Research in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
Queensland University of Technology	Professor Patsy Yates	Executive Director, Institute of Health Biomedical Innovation
RMIT University	Professor Peter McIntyre	Deputy Director, Health Innovations Research Institute
University of South Australia	Professor Richard Head	Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice President: Research and Innovation
University of Adelaide	Professor Julie Owens	Associate Dean Research, Faculty of Health Sciences
University of Canberra	Professor Helen Berry	Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Health
University of Melbourne	Professor Arthur Shulkes	Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences
University of Newcastle	Professor Ian Symonds	Head of the School of Medicine and Public Health
University of Notre Dame Australia	Associate Prof Michael Dodson	Associate Dean, Melbourne Clinical School
	Professor John Eisman	Associate Dean Clinical Leadership & Research
University of Queensland	Professor Bruce Abernethy	Deputy Exec Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences
University of Tasmania	Professor Dominic Geraghty	Deputy Dean, Graduate Research
University of Technology, Sydney	Professor Christine Duffield	Associate Dean (Research), Health Faculty
University of Wollongong	Professor Don Iverson	Executive Dean, Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health
University of NSW	Associate Professor Laurent Rivory	Director, Research Strategy Office
Southern Cross University	Professor Susan Nancarrow	Director of Research, School of Health and Human Sciences
University of Sydney	Professor Jill Trewhella	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Research Australia's Submissions

Research Australia has been very active this year in making submissions and participating in consultations on a range of matters affecting Australian health and medical research. Submissions were made of the following issues and topics since 1 July 2012.

- The National Research Investment Plan, August 2012
- Business Tax Working Group, September 2012
- Pre- Budget Submission to the Australian Treasurer, January 2013
- Review of the South Australian Science, Research and Industry Innovation Strategy, January 2013
- Pharmaceutical Patents Review Draft Report, April 2013
- Self Education Expenses, May 2013
- Assessing The Wider Benefits Of University-Based Research, June 2013
- Review Of The Wa Guardianship And Administration Act, August 2013

Copies of the submissions are available on our website.



June meeting of the University Roundtable, at the Sydney Business School. From left to right the people in the photo are: Prof Christine Duffield, Assoc. Prof Stephan Riek, Dr Gayle Smythe, Prof Susan Nancarrow, Prof Lyn Yates, Prof Dominic Geraghty, Prof Ian van Driel, Prof Juergen Reichardt, Elizabeth, Prof Julie Owens, Prof Peter McIntyre, Ms Debbie Docherty, Prof Richard head, Prof Jill Trewhella, Greg, Prof Joe Luca, Prof Don Iverson.

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- Professor Don Iverson, Chair of the University Roundtable

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Summary of financial statements

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
	$	$
Revenue	**930,116**	**821,018**
Employee benefits expense	(705,376)	(647,568)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(6,286)	(2,531)
Marketing and events expense	(14,750)	(129,501)
Travelling expenses	(57,829)	(63,506)
Consultancy and contractor expense	(167,289)	(117,787)
Administrative expenses	(122,549)	(243,470)
Total Expenses	**(1,074,079)**	**(1,204,363)**
Finance income	45,461	70,900
Finance expenses	(2,058)	(2,917)
Net finance income	**43,403**	**67,983**
Loss for the year	**(100,560)**	**(315,362)**
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year	**(100,560)**	**(315,362)**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

	2013	2012
ASSETS	$	$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	383,524	233,636
Short Term Deposits	783,420	860,288
Trade and other receivables	315,670	74,324
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	**1,482,614**	**1,168,248**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	28,020	6,752
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	**28,020**	**6,752**
TOTAL ASSETS	**1,510,634**	**1,175,000**
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	655,450	234,831
Employee benefits	35,410	19,835
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	**690,860**	**254,666**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee benefits	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	**-**	**-**
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**690,860**	**254,666**
NET ASSETS	**819,774**	**920,334**
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	819,774	920,334
TOTAL EQUITY	**819,774**	**920,334**

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