1 in 20 kids face a birth defect or genetic disease.

Thank you for fighting alongside them.
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Foreword

From Professor Roger Reddel, Director of Children’s Medical Research Institute

Thank you for supporting Children’s Medical Research Institute (CMRI) in 2018. As a valued member of the CMRI family, your generous support has helped us achieve major progress in the quest to understand and develop treatments and cures for serious genetic diseases in children.

Jeans for Genes®, CMRI’s iconic fundraising campaign, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018. Originating in 1994 at a crucial time in our history, Jeans for Genes brought together the Australian community to raise funds over the long term, to help accelerate our genetic research programs.

You have remained steadfast in your thoughtful commitment to CMRI. As you will read in this Year in Review, your support is paying major dividends for our gene therapy program, which is now starting to provide revolutionary new treatments for genetic diseases.

Likewise, your support for our cancer research programs is helping our world-leading ProCan® project to proceed at a remarkable pace and is also enabling our other cancer programs to make major discoveries.

Inside this report you will see the impact of your generosity and the many ways in which communities are coming together to help at this exciting time.

In 2019, CMRI will celebrate 60 years since its founding. Over the course of the year we will share with you many stories as we look back to where we have come from and ahead toward where we are going. All these stories begin with you. You have played a vital role in helping to improve the health of our children.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Reddel
Lorimer Dods Professor and Director
Children’s Medical Research Institute
Here’s what you’ve helped to achieve in 2018

The ProCan® team, as part of its aim to analyse key molecules in all types of human cancer has processed several thousand cancer samples, including:

- Prostate cancer
- Ovarian cancer
- Neuroblastoma (a childhood cancer which is often deadly)

The Vector and Genome Engineering Facility prepared 247 gene-delivery tools for research in gene therapy and gene editing.

Thanks to the work of the Eye Genetics team:

70% of patients presenting to the Westmead clinic with genetic causes of retinal diseases of the eye (which leads to blindness) can be given a genetic diagnosis.

ProCan has established scientific partnerships across Australia and worldwide, with 17 collaborating teams.
As Children’s Medical Research Institute celebrates its 60th Anniversary in 2019, we would like to take the opportunity to reflect on our origins in the community where support for our work began – in our fundraising committees.

These grass-roots groups raise all year round in their local communities, having pledged to support CMRI’s work for the long term.

Kangaroo Valley was the first CMRI committee, founded in 1958, when Sir Lorimer Dods asked the parents of his patients to fundraise for a new research facility that would focus on improving the health of children and saving young lives.

Dorothy Brown from Kangaroo Valley met Sir Lorimer when her son was ill. She was the first to hear his call and “rally the troops” in her tiny, regional NSW town.

Sixty years later, the CMRI Kangaroo Valley Committee secretary, Joan Bray, is still inspired by that pioneering spirit and isn’t about to let the legacy slip away.

“It creates a good feeling in the community,” Mrs Bray said.

The committee holds various events, including a Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Jeans for Genes Day activities, and has recently initiated a poetry competition for the local school.

“There is a lot of call on the public purse these days, and fundraising dollars can be hard to get. But no one ever turns us away,” Mrs Bray said.

“The local school has really embraced jeans for Genes. We only have 79 kids, but they raised $100. It’s important for the children to understand that not all children are as lucky as they are. We want them to be conscious of that.

“We keep the profile of CMRI and our committee alive and well through small events. I’d like to hand the committee over one day to the younger generation.”

At their heart, CMRI Committees are simply a group of people who care about research to help children and who get together to fundraise and enjoy each other’s company.

For the younger generation, this could be cycling, walking, running, whatever you and your friends enjoy.

Setting up a new committee in your local area is easy. Simply contact CMRI (fundraisinginfo@cmri.org.au) for more information.
Gene therapy
The future is now

You know it is an exciting time in research when one of our most experienced scientists and clinicians declares that he is now doing work that he could only dream of 10 years ago.

This is the reality for Professor Ian Alexander who leads CMRI’s gene therapy efforts.

He and his team are at the forefront of international research which has been recognised in recent months with some exciting support from both government and the biotech industry.

In August 2018, the NSW State Government, through the Office of Health and Medical Research, announced it would provide funding to establish start-up facilities to manufacture gene transfer tools of a quality suitable for clinical use.

This came at the same time that Prof Alexander and colleagues within Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network (SCHN) led the Australian arm of an international multi-centre gene therapy trial to treat infants with a life-threatening disease called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Combined with a two-year pilot Newborn Screening program in NSW and ACT (to diagnose children with serious genetic diseases at birth which Professor Alexander has also established) several newborns with SMA have been diagnosed and received gene therapy – and are the first children outside North America to be treated in this manner. This is an amazing outcome for children and their families.

In October, LogicBio Therapeutics, a Boston-based gene therapy company, announced a collaboration with CMRI to fast-track the development of gene delivery tools for gene therapy in children with life-threatening metabolic liver diseases.

Dr Leszek Lisowski, leader of the Translational Vectorology Group at CMRI spearheads this program with Professor Ian Alexander, Head of the Gene Therapy Research Unit at CMRI and SCHN.

“This technology could translate into saving the lives of infants with serious conditions. It’s about getting cures into the clinic as soon as we can.”

Ian Alexander, Head Gene Therapy Research Unit

Prof Alexander said, “We’re trying to get to a point where instead of conducting a liver transplant in a very young infant, we may genetically repair the liver without major surgery. It’s a very exciting time to be doing gene therapy.”

Dr Lisowski said CMRI’s focus is on ensuring therapies are readily accessible to patients.

“At the moment, we can routinely produce vectors [gene therapy tools] in the lab, but to move to much larger clinical scales is very costly and involves long waiting times,” he said.

“For one person, it could be up to $1 million for each treatment. That means the therapies would not be available to many children who need them any time soon. We aim to change that - reducing costs and waiting times for Australian children, so these cures are more widely and more quickly available. While the initial focus is on liver, the technology has the potential to expand to other diseases.”

Your support has been crucial to enabling the tremendous advances made by Professor Alexander and his team’s gene therapy program.
What gene therapy could mean for Henry

Jessica Gowans has two young children, Henry and Rosalie, with a severe metabolic condition known as LCHAD deficiency. Henry was one of the campaign children of Jeans for Genes in 2018. Henry’s body has difficulty converting fat into energy, so when his energy supply runs out, he can start to destroy his muscles – including his heart. He will be on a strict diet for the rest of his life, must eat every four hours, and when he is ill must be rushed to hospital. Complications may lead to him going blind, weakening of the heart, or permanent nerve damage.

Jessica believes gene therapy offers hope. “There will always be genetic diseases. We can’t get rid of them completely, but if we could find cures or better treatments – then that gives us all hope,” she said.

“My hope is that when a family has a diagnosis there will be better treatment options, or even the possibility of a cure. I meet people whose children have some incredibly devastating conditions. It is good to know there is research being done that could produce better outcomes.”
Professor Robyn Jamieson, Head of the Eye Genetics Unit at CMRI, says her lab is focused on developing cures for blinding eye diseases.

“Our previous research, which identified the genetic causes of eye diseases, has resulted in a testing service which is being used successfully for diagnosing the genetic cause in new patients.

“Now, we are focusing our research on devising therapeutic strategies. There have been so many positive new developments that we are very hopeful cures for blinding eye diseases are within reach.”

One area of effort is retinal diseases.

“There are 200 disease genes known, and our genetic testing is identifying the cause in 70% of patients. Many of them could be eligible for clinical trials to correct the cause of their vision loss. Gene therapy is an especially exciting area, and we want Westmead to be an internationally recognised clinical site, so those trials happen here in Australia.”

While many of the treatments currently available were developed overseas, Prof Jamieson, in collaboration with the Gene Therapy and Translational Vectorology teams at CMRI, is also working to create better treatments right here.

“We’re developing tailored gene replacement therapies, gene editing technologies, as well as pharmacological treatments.”

CMRI’s Vector and Genome Engineering Facility is also making it possible for researchers to fine tune genetic therapies further and target treatments specifically to diseased cells or tissues.

A key tool for developing new treatment approaches is retinal organoids. Cells from a patient’s skin can be turned into iPS (induced pluripotent stem cells), which can be turned into any other type of cell, e.g. retinal cells, and then form a model system for studying the eye.

“Retinal organoids allow us to screen compounds for new drug treatments, fine tune our gene therapy vectors or test our new genetic therapies. They better replicate what happens in a human eye, but more than that, the eye of the patient we specifically want to cure.”

And, despite being able to find the cause of blindness in many patients, there are 30% of patients where the exact cause is still unknown.

“Organoids can help us with this as well,” Prof Jamieson said. “This requires we do a lot of work to figure out how to measure vision in organoids. We would love to acquire a multielectrode array, as this device would help.”

Prof Jamieson’s work has made exciting progress, with many more discoveries now within reach.
Embryology
A heartbeat away

One of the Embryology Research Unit’s many collaborative projects is aimed at understanding the causes of congenital heart defects.

Recently, Prof Patrick Tam and his collaborators demonstrated that certain mutations in a gene known as HNRNAP1 change the severity of a congenital heart defect.

Prof Tam’s team also studies the development of heart cells at the single cell level. This research has established a roadmap showing how human stem cells turn into heart cells.

This body of work helps researchers around the world to better understand the causes of congenital heart defects and thus how these defects may be prevented or potentially treated.

Current research snapshot
Dr Scott Cohen

CMRI has one of the largest teams of telomere researchers anywhere in the world and has attracted many scientists from overseas, including Dr Scott Cohen, who worked under Nobel Laureate Professor Tom Cech, in Colorado USA.

After arriving at CMRI, Dr Cohen was the first in the world to identify the molecular composition of ‘telomerase’, an enzyme critical to the growth of 85% of all cancers. Dr Cohen’s current research aims to develop small-molecule inhibitors of telomerase as potential cancer therapeutics.

Thanks to support from Ernest & Piroska Major Foundation, he’s found a small-molecule telomerase inhibitor. It is just the second ever identified to date.

Dr Cohen is applying “structure-guided design”, building a 3-dimensional molecular image of telomerase. This will guide him when making precise modifications to improve his drug’s potency and specificity – properties that contribute directly to a safer therapeutic in the clinic.

Telomerase inhibitors have the potential to treat virtually all forms of cancer, childhood and adult, with fewer side effects than traditional chemotherapy.

If successful, the long-term implications of this research may have far-reaching impacts, improving the outcomes for many cancer patients.

More funding would accelerate the work Dr Cohen is performing and solidify the outcomes of his work.
30 years of cancer research at CMRI

The Cancer Research Unit was established at CMRI 30 years ago by Professor Roger Reddel. Thanks to the loyal support of our donors, the team has made many discoveries, including launching a new field of research around the Alternative Lengthening of Telomeres (ALT) mechanism, a key factor in aggressive cancers, like glioblastoma brain tumours.

Since then, three new research groups and the massive ProCan project have been established at CMRI, with many current research programs a direct result of that early work. Most of CMRI’s cancer research groups, aside from ProCan, focus on ‘telomeres’, which are critical for controlling cancer growth. Understanding telomeres has the potential for creating far better cancer treatments than currently exist, with fewer side effects.

Cancer research achievements

- **Identified** the components of telomerase which will be important for treating 85% of all cancers
- **Discovered** the Alternative Lengthening of Telomeres (ALT) mechanism, which will lead to treatments for 15% of cancers

Launched a revolutionary, new cancer research facility, ProCan®, which will:

- **Help save lives** by making cancer diagnosis faster and more accurate
- **Result in more personalised treatment plans** with the greatest likelihood of success
- **Showed why** telomeres turn from healthy to unhealthy with age, with implications for cancer, aging, diabetes and many other diseases
Our cancer research programs today

ACRF International Centre for the Proteome of Human Cancer (ProCan®)

is on track to achieve its ambitious goal of analyzing 70,000 examples of every type of cancer and creating a database of information to provide precise, personalised diagnosis and treatment recommendations for every type of adult and children’s cancer.

The Genome Integrity Unit

Dr Tony Cesare’s latest work describing how telomere shortening causes cell aging was featured by the Australian Academy of Science in 2018.

Telomere Length Regulation Unit

Assoc Prof Hilda Pickett’s studies of telomere length are helping with diagnosis and prognosis of a range of diseases, including cancer, aging and heart disease.

Cell Biology Unit

Assoc Prof Tracy Bryan is studying how telomerase is controlled in cancer cells, with the aim of identifying new therapeutic targets.

Cancer Research Unit

Prof Roger Reddel’s team is currently focused on understanding ALT type cancers, such as glioblastoma.
The 25th Anniversary of Jeans for Genes, featuring kids bravely facing different genetic diseases, was embraced by the Australian community and raised more than $1.6 million for research.

Our thanks to all of the amazing children and their families who took part, especially our campaign stars: Quinn, Ruby, Simon, Max, Linke and Henry. Henry’s mother, Jessica, said she was grateful to be able to spread the word about genetic metabolic disorders like her son’s and thanked those who “had our back.”

2018 was the first year Jeans for Genes volunteers were on the streets of the Gold Coast, Darwin, Hobart and Launceston.

Some of the events across Australia included NSW Police raising more than $3,500 at their Sydney head office, and small towns with big hearts, like Taree West Public School raising $535.

Jenny Johnston has been coordinating a massive Jeans for Genes Day across the entire town of Gilgandra for the last 16 years.

Her hometown of just 2,800 people has raised $43,523 during that time – all because of Jenny. Despite being diagnosed with cancer earlier in the year, she was still pounding the pavement in the middle of treatment.

Her many contributions—along with those of CMRI’s fundraising committees, disease foundations and businesses who support us—were recognized with plaques on CMRI’s Honour Wall in December.

Jeans for Genes is a cause you can support all year long, in whatever way you can imagine, so go ahead and kick off your 2019 fundraising now!

Jenny Johnston’s advice to those wanting to help support research is, “everyone can start somewhere.”

Jeans for Genes Day is on 2 August 2019. Please sign up now to fundraise, volunteer or donate at jeansforgenes.org.au
Among those taking part was one particularly impressive rider. It was the third year of the Challenge for Jamie Harvey, but in 2018 he had a very different focus. "In May last year, I was diagnosed with liver cancer out of the blue. It was inoperable and I was classified as terminal.

"It's more special now. I know the stresses of going through hospital visits, and what it does to a family, so I want to give something back."

Jamie went through radiation and then started chemotherapy just as the Challenge began. He has now had a liver transplant and already back on his bike.

"I know little kids who've had a lot more than that, and they've had blood transfusions and chemo as well. What I'm facing is nothing like what they've gone through."

Jamie has ridden more than 1,000km and raised more than $10,000.

“Having cancer...it is, what it is. You can't change things. You've got to roll with the punches. I'm not going to let it dictate what I do. I'm in charge.

“I love the Challenge. It's very rewarding to give something back. I heard about Brody last year and he's been my inspiration. To think that someone his age could be so happy, well there's no reason for me not to be the same. I draw a lot of inspiration from those kids. They help me continue."

Be the first to know when pre-launch registrations open. Write to us at info@cmri.org.au to express your interest today and get a head start at fighting kids’ cancer!

Great Cycle Challenge™

Thousands of Australians jumped on a bike as part of the annual Great Cycle Challenge event last October and raised a record-breaking $4 million for CMRI’s cancer research programs.

William Doble
Jenny Sutter
Jamie Harvey

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Supporter profile: The Luk Family

It’s not enough to say that the Luk family are supporters of Children’s Medical Research Institute. They are supporters, fundraisers, advocates, educators and have become a vital part of our team.

Most CMRI supporters would recognise the beaming smile of Maddy Luk – who has previously been a face of Jeans for Genes – and her little sister, Briella. Not many know the story behind how they came to find us.

Maddy and Briella have Diastrophic Dysplasia. It affects their cartilage and bone development and saw the girls spend most of 2018 in hospital having their spines straightened and lengthened. Their elder sister, Lana, is the only one of the three girls without the genetic condition.

Dad, Bernard, is a lawyer. He works for the Bank of New York and when he found out all employees were assigned three days each year to devote to charity, he set about finding a not-for-profit that he could tell his colleagues about.

“When I joined the bank, I became involved in the community partnerships project. “A lot of places are happy for you to donate money, but not a lot want you to work in partnership. “When I found CMRI I knew it would be a fantastic fit for us. The issue of genetic conditions is close to our hearts.”

Bernard was immediately struck by the statistic that 1 in 20 children have a genetic condition and now tells everyone how common it is. He was particularly drawn to the fact that supporters can sign up to volunteer for everything from internal audits to cooking for open days.

“Our relationship with CMRI started by taking part in Jeans for Genes Day. Then I volunteered at the CMRI Easter Show stall, and Nicole spoke to Castle Hill RSL Club, who held a fundraiser for CMRI and then the girls’ school did a fundraiser.

“It started out through my work, but now I feel like I’m championing the cause and it’s become a part of my family to support CMRI. We want to pay it forward.”
For mum, Nicole, educating people about genetic conditions and research is as important as raising money. She talks about us on her blog, ‘Hope Joy Faith’, and does endless media interviews with a level head and a constant smile. She is happy to take part in videos and newsletters – but always asks her girls first. Of course, Maddy and Briella reply with a big “yes” because they enjoy being “celebrities”.

“I see charity as an investment. We all have a responsibility to donate to charity, because we never know when we will be the recipient of charity.

“People who are recipients haven’t chosen to be there. Our moral responsibility is to do what we can and help make other people’s lives better.

“In terms of medical research, the majority of conditions just pop up without warning. People don’t know if or when it is going to personally affect them.

“I see it as an investment before you need it, so it’s available if you do.”
Community highlights

There is no doubt that community is at the core of everything we do at Children’s Medical Research Institute.

We were born out of communities rallying together to fundraise for us; our research helps the most vulnerable members of our community, no matter where they live; and in every town and suburb around Australia the name ‘Jeans for Genes’ still resonates as strongly as when it began 25 years ago.

In 2018, we met nine-year-old Oliver Howell. Instead of presents for his birthday, he asked friends and family to fundraise for CMRI through a Jeans for Genes online donation page.

“I chose CMRI because I wanted to help kids, and my dad talked to me about how funding research can help lots of people in the long run,” Oliver said.

After just a couple of weeks, Oliver had raised more than $1,000, and his dad couldn’t be prouder.

At the opposite end of the age spectrum is 85-year-old Gilbert Brogden, who is the oldest Jeans for Genes volunteer and has been involved for as long as he can remember.

“These jobs make me get out of bed.

“What I tell people is, ‘If you’re lucky enough to be alive then maybe you can keep someone else alive’.”

Out in Wagga Wagga, the community may have faced drought, but they still turned out in droves for the annual CMRI Wagga Committee Christmas Fair and raised an incredible $63,000.

Down in Canberra, the local committee was rained out of their luncheon at Government House but relocated to the Thoroughbred Park Racecourse and still raised $50,000.

In 2018, CMRI researchers, staff and volunteers had many fantastic opportunities to engage more with the community who support us. By promoting science during events held at the Australian Museum, The Sydney Royal Easter Show, and the Baby and Toddler Show, CMRI is encouraging kids to study STEM subjects and become the next generation of researchers.

We hope to meet more of you in 2019!
Thank you for telling us what matters to you.

We are extremely grateful to those who completed last year’s survey, as it helps us keep you up to date on what’s important to you.

Top three motivations for supporting medical research:

1. I think medical research is the only way new treatments and cures can be developed
2. I want to accelerate the speed with which medical research can develop new ways for doctors to help those who are sick
3. It provides me with a way to help people

The most popular responses for why you support CMRI:

- 26% - CMRI’s track record gives me confidence that they are using my donation to create the building blocks for future medical treatments
- 10% - I know that CMRI is founded with and relies on community support from people like me
- 23% - My donation goes towards medical research into children’s diseases and conditions
- 34% - It is the only medical research organisation in Australia that focuses on finding cures for childhood genetic diseases
- 7% - Other

Where your dollars go:

- 51% Cancer
- 7% Embryology
- 13% Genetics
- 10% Neurobiology
- 19% Research Equipment
Corporate partners

We are pleased to celebrate our many corporate partners, large, small, local, regional or national. We are grateful to you all for your continued support. Thank you!

National clothing retailer, **Universal Store**, donated $5 from the sale of all jeans during the first week of August to Jeans for Genes, raising more than $17,000. They also created a unique video, profiling the work of CMRI scientists.

Mackenzie Labine-Romain, one of the featured researchers said, “Hopefully their campaign will help to broaden the image people have of who gets to be a scientist. I think increasing visibility of the broad range of people who become scientists will help kids and young people see themselves in that role.”

**Grill’d** enhanced the campaign message ‘Fight with me, Fight for me’ via a clever activation at key restaurants nationwide.

**Virgin Australia** offered support through free advertising spots across airport screens and their inflight magazine. Staff were encouraged to wear double denim at head office on Jeans for Genes Day.

**Broadstitches** provided embroidery services and in-kind donations to help reduce our program costs. Anna, the owner of Broadstitches, helped us fundraise at The Baby & Toddler Show in 2018, with a ‘sew and go’ embroidery service that enabled showgoers to personalise gifts and Jeans for Genes merchandise. This contributed to over $3,000.

**Our special thanks also to:**

**Westpac, Domain & Co, Stanford Brown, Criniti’s, Winc, MUFG and Augertorque**

These businesses and many more helped contribute to the success of Jeans for Genes and to CMRI’s ongoing work.
Ways to get involved

Discovery Day

Ever wondered what a research laboratory looks like?
You are invited to see CMRI’s work first hand by visiting the Institute and hearing more about our research and watching scientists at work.

If you would like to attend a Discovery Day contact us on 1800 436 437 or email info@cmri.org.au to make a booking.

Other ways to get involved:

If you want to do more to help defeat childhood genetic diseases, here are some ways to show your support:

- **Donate monthly** and be part of the team that keeps CMRI moving forward. Your ongoing gift makes a huge impact over time.
- **Consider a planned gift in your Will.**
- **Fundraise with Jeans for Genes®** any time of year. Set up your personalised page and donate in lieu of gifts or deposit funds raised from a morning tea, movie night or other fundraising event—any time of year!
  www.jeansforgenes.org.au/sp/register
- **Challenge events:** Run, ride, swim or take on a team challenge. Run in the City2Surf or other events to raise money for CMRI’s vital work. Visit www.fundraise.cmri.org.au/event/cmrivevents or on www.bit.ly/fb_teamjeans4genes
- **Great Cycle Challenge™:** Get a team together, set a riding target and fundraising goal and use our online platform to track your progress. Ask colleagues and friends to sponsor your team as you ride throughout October. Visit www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au
- **Join us at our annual Jeans for Genes Denim Dinner** or another function. Visit fundraisinginfo@cmri.org.au
- **Purchase Christmas cards and gifts from our online shop at shop.cmri.org.au**
- **Volunteer:** Help behind the scenes at events or talk to us about other volunteering opportunities.
  Visit our website cmri.org.au or contact us on 1800 436 437 to learn more.
How your donations are managed

Thank you for your generous support. A summary of 2017 financial results is given below.

2017 Sources of Revenue
Total $31.6M

- 47% - $14.9m Research
- 10% - $3.1m Investments
- 43% - $13.6m Fundraising

2017 Types of Expenditure
Total $33.5M

- 76% - $25.4m Research
- 8% - $2.8m Operations
- 16% - $5.3m Fundraising

2017 Assets & Liabilities
Net Assets $123.1M

- 50% - $139.5m Assets
- 44% - $123.1m Equity
- 6% - $16.4m Liabilities

76c from every dollar spent goes to research
Board of Directors

**Professor Frank Martin**  
MBBS FRANZCO FRACS AM, President  
Frank Martin is a visiting ophthalmologist at The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network at Westmead and Randwick and at Sydney Eye Hospital. He is also Chairman of the Westmead Research Hub and on the Board of the Lowy Medical Foundation.  
*Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Professor-Frank-Martin*

**Mrs Carolyn Forster**  
OAM, Vice President  
Carolyn Forster has been a member of the Canberra Committee of CMRI since 1973, serving three times as President and twice as Treasurer. She worked in the Federal Parliament for 11 years, in the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Ministry. She is a member of several Not-For-Profit boards.  
*Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Mrs-Carolyn-Forster*

**Professor Roger Reddel**  
BSc (Med) MBBS PhD FRACP FAAHMS FAA, Director  
Professor Roger Reddel has been Director of Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI), and the Sir Lorimer Dods Professor, Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney, since 2007. He is also Head of CMRI's Cancer Research Unit, Director of CellBank Australia and Co-Director of ProCan®.  
*Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Professor-Roger-Reddel*

**Mr Jeremy Waine**  
Treasurer  
Jeremy Waine is an investment banking and financial services professional with more than 15 years of experience with leading Australian and international companies. He is now working for a private group of companies.  
*Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Mr-Jeremy-Waine*
Board of Directors (cont.)

**Mr James Wakim**
Board Member
Mr Wakim has over 33 years of experience in the financial services sector. He was founding manager of and then Managing Director of Arab Bank Australia Limited, and most recently Managing Director of Bank of Sydney Limited. He has devoted many years to philanthropy and medical research.
Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Mr-James-Wakim

**Mr Albert Wong AM**
Board Member
Mr Wong has been involved in the investment banking and stockbroking industry for over 36 years. He had served on numerous boards including ASX listed Kyckr Limited where he was the founding chairman. His many philanthropic activities include serving on the UNSW Foundation board since 1998.
Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Mr-Albert-Wong

**Clinical Professor Graeme Stewart**
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Graeme Stewart is Director of Clinical Immunology & Allergy, Westmead Hospital and a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Sydney. He is a member of the board of Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia and NSW Health Pathology.
Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Clinical-Professor-Graeme-Stewart

**Mrs Patti Payne**
OAM MPS PhC, Board Member
Patti Payne has been a Community Pharmacist for over 25 years. She joined the Beecroft Committee of CMRI in 1969, and in 1991, she was instrumental in forming the Hills Committee and has been its President ever since.
Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Mrs-Patricia-Payne

**Mr Michael Loughman**
Board Member
Michael Loughman is employed by Australia & New Zealand Banking Group Limited where he is the Head of ANZ Private NSW, ACT. He is a Banking, Finance & Wealth Management professional with a career spanning 18 years.
Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Michael-Loughman
**The Hon Craig Knowles**
AM, Board Member
Craig Knowles holds a number of advisory roles and directorships in the health, finance, property, planning and aged care sectors and was a senior Minister in the New South Wales Government for 10 years, including Minister for Health. Mr Knowles is a Fellow of the Australian Property Institute and a Certified Practising Valuer.

*Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Mr-Craig-Knowles*

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**Mr Bruce Fink**
OAM, Board Member
Bruce Fink's career spans over 30 years across various fields in the media and entertainment industries, including out-of-home advertising, cinema exhibition and television production. He is chair of the privately held Bickham Court Group of Companies that has a diversified portfolio of investments.

*Full bio: https://www.cmri.org.au/About-Us/Board-Members/Mr-Bruce-Fink*

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**Ms Fiona Crosbie**
BA LLM, Board Member
Fiona Crosbie is Chairman of the international law firm Allens. As a partner at Allens, she practices in competition and consumer law practice and serves on the firm's board. Her work includes advising the healthcare sector on a range of legal and regulatory issues.

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