

Your 2025-26 Impact Report

Craniofacial Australia

Changing faces | Changing lives

Pictured (cover), Addie (cranio warrior),
Prof Quenten Schwarz (Adelaide University),
Claire (Family Support Coordinator).

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A Message from Our Chairman

The Craniofacial Australia journey began with a vision: that no individual or family facing a craniofacial condition should navigate that journey without support, hope and access to world-class care. It was our vision when Craniofacial Australia was founded over 40 years ago, and it continues to guide us today.

One of our most significant achievements this year was the completion of the Craniofacial Australia Resource Hub, ahead of its 2026-27 launch. Developed in close consultation with individuals and families with lived experience, alongside Craniofacial Australia-funded clinicians and researchers, the Resource Hub brings together trusted information and support in one accessible place. The Resource Hub will help families feel informed, supported and connected from the very beginning.

Throughout the past year, we have continued to strengthen the foundations that underpin better outcomes for patients. Our investment in research is advancing knowledge of craniofacial conditions and contributing to improved treatment, care and quality of life. At the same time, our education and fellowship programs are fostering the development of future clinicians and researchers, ensuring that the next generation is equipped to deliver the highest standards of multidisciplinary craniofacial care.

This year also marked the retirement of Nicholas Pyne from our Board after two decades of distinguished service. I have had the privilege of serving alongside Nicholas for 20 years and have valued his sound judgement and commitment. On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere gratitude and wish him every success in the years ahead.

While much has been achieved, there remains important work ahead. Together, we will continue to advance research, strengthen education and ensure that more individuals and families living with craniofacial conditions have access to the knowledge, care and support they need at every stage of life.

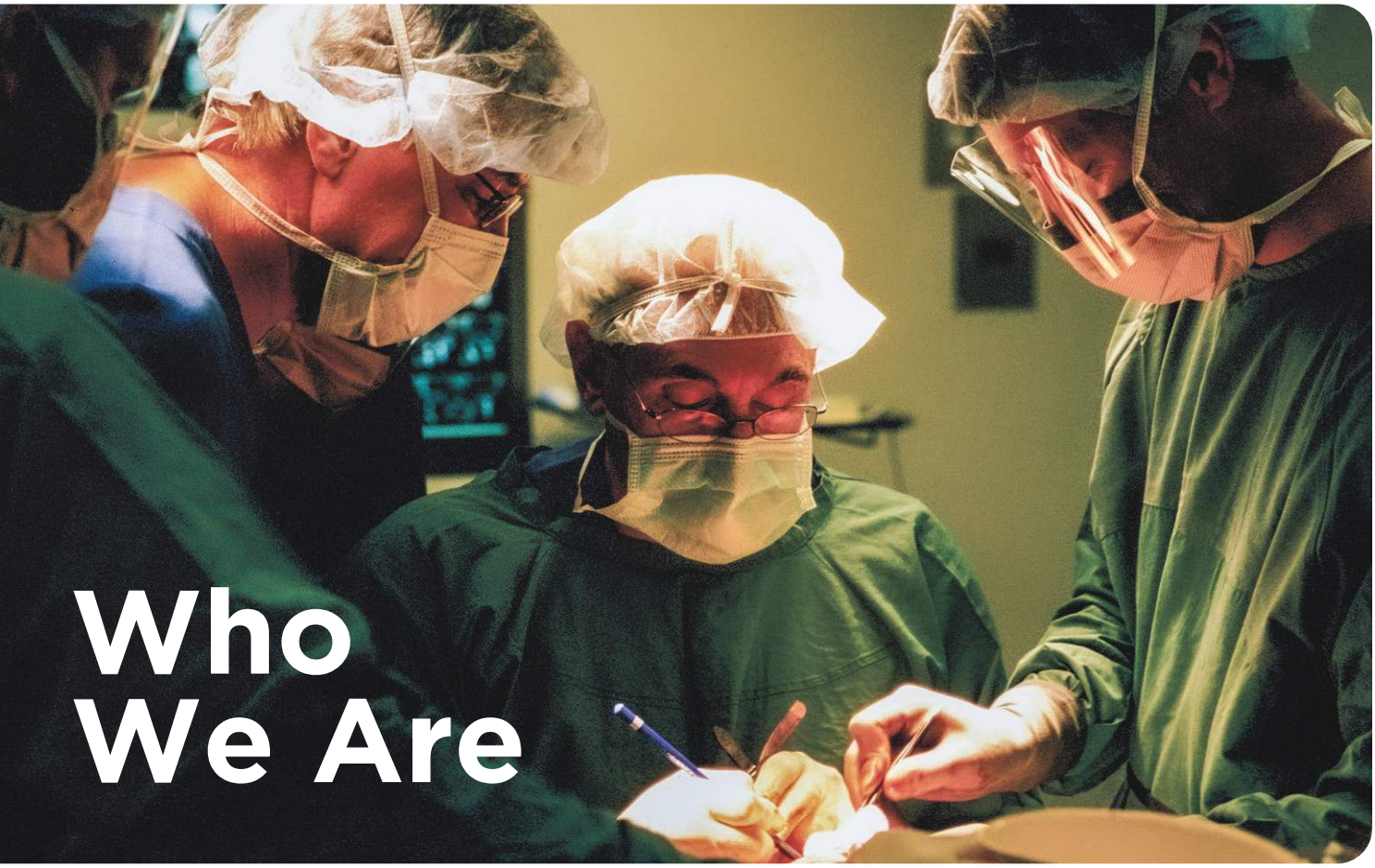
Although medicine has changed enormously over the past four decades, our purpose has not. None of what you will read in this report happens in isolation. It is made possible by the generosity and commitment of our donors, volunteers, clinicians, researchers, partners and supporters. On behalf of Craniofacial Australia, I offer my sincere thanks to every person who has contributed to our work this year. Together, we are helping create better possibilities for people and families affected by craniofacial conditions.



Professor David David AC

Chairman
Craniofacial Australia


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Who We Are

Our Story and Vision

At a time when many people born with craniofacial conditions faced not only complex medical challenges, but also misunderstanding, stigma and social isolation, Professor David believed they deserved more. Many children were often hidden from public view or excluded because they looked different. Families were met with stares, unkind comments and a lack of understanding, while many travelled vast distances in search of specialist care that simply didn't exist close to home.

Professor David believed every person deserved to be treated with dignity, compassion and hope. That world-class clinical care should be matched by emotional support, groundbreaking research and a commitment to educating the next generation of clinicians.

Scan QR code to view our history!

It was a bold vision at a time when multidisciplinary craniofacial care was still in its infancy.

Today, that vision continues to shape everything we do.

Over the past five decades, remarkable progress in surgery, research and awareness has transformed countless lives. While much has changed, our commitment remains the same: improving outcomes, sharing knowledge and ensuring families have the support they need.

Craniofacial Community

Patient Support

Care and support

- Care packs
- Financial assistance
- Family meetups
- Family Support Coordinator
- Resource Hub

Research

Progress and breakthrough

- Preventing conditions
- Improving treatment
- Better outcomes

Education & Training

Upskilling and best practice

- Surgical Cleft Fellowship
- Cleft Speech Pathology Fellowship
- Indonesian Lecture Series
- Knowledge sharing









Your Impact

A cleft or craniofacial diagnosis can change the rhythm of family life in an instant.

Every family's journey is different. There can be appointments to navigate, surgery to prepare for, long distances to travel and unexpected costs along the way. Sometimes, what a family needs most is simply someone to talk to who understands.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, this year **60 families** across Australia were able to turn to Craniofacial Australia for support. They came from every state and territory, from our cities and from communities hundreds of kilometres from specialist craniofacial care.
More than half (38 families) live in regional or rural Australia.

For some, support began with one of the **56 Care Packs** sent during the year, arriving at a time when so much can feel new and unfamiliar. For others, it meant financial help with the costs of travelling for treatment and being away from home.

And sometimes, support was a conversation.

Across the year, our Family Support Coordinator provided **780 hours** of support to families, answering questions, listening to concerns, helping solve practical problems and being a familiar point of contact through different stages of the craniofacial journey.

While much of our work is about being there for families when they need us, we are also looking at **what comes next. Your support is also helping shape the future of craniofacial care**. This year, Craniofacial Australia invested **$235,692** in craniofacial research, supporting work to deepen our understanding of craniofacial conditions and improve treatment, care and quality of life.

A further **$49,590 was invested in education and training**, helping develop specialist expertise, train the next generation of clinicians and share knowledge here in Australia and internationally.

Together, we're making sure families facing a cleft or craniofacial journey have somewhere to turn, and the promise of a brighter future, whatever lies ahead.



Pictured: Cranio warrior Jasper with mum Tamara, dad Daniel and sister Kaia.

60

Families supported through Care Packs and Financial Assistance

$120,876

in financial assistance across patient support services

$235,692

invested in craniofacial research

38

Regional and rural families supported

23% increase

in financial assistance provided compared with 2024–25

56

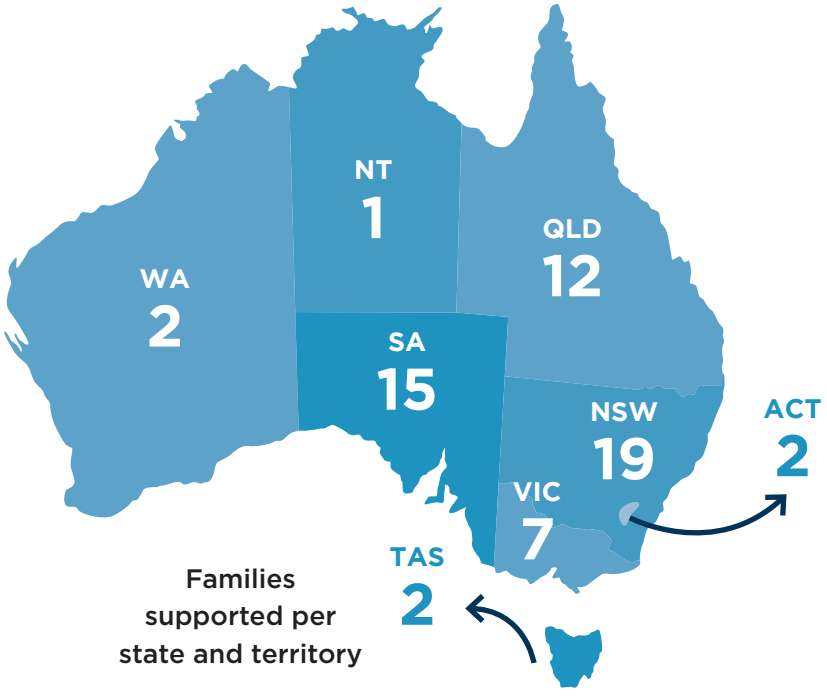
Care Packs distributed

$49,590

invested in education and training

780 hours

of dedicated support provided by our Family Support Coordinator



Families supported per state and territory

Patient Support

No family should face it alone.

Patient Support is made possible by the generosity of the people and organisations who choose to stand alongside cranio families.

A craniofacial condition involves more than a person's medical care. It can mean time away from home, loss of work hours, unexpected costs, hospital stays, difficult questions, uncertainty and periods when families simply need some extra help.

Our Patient Support services are designed to fill these gaps. Throughout 2025-26, we helped children, adults and families with the practical things that can make a difficult time a little easier. From Financial Assistance and Care Packs to information, connection and one-to-one family support.



Your
Impact in Action

Resource Hub

This year marked the completion of one of Craniofacial Australia's most significant initiatives to date: our new Resource Hub, ready for launch in 2026.

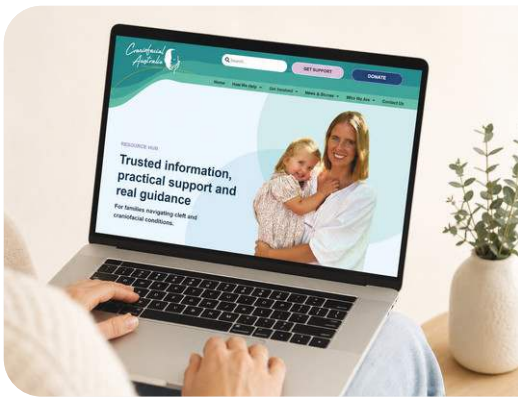
The Resource Hub was developed through a partnership with The University of Adelaide research team, Professor Rachel Roberts, Dr Amanda Osborn and Associate Professor Diana Dorstyn, working alongside Craniofacial Australia and families with lived experience. This collaborative approach helped ensure the Hub was shaped by what people affected by craniofacial conditions told us they actually needed.

From preparing a child for surgery and managing hospital stays to navigating school, supporting siblings and looking after emotional wellbeing, the Resource Hub offers practical guidance for families at every stage of their journey.

Available through the Craniofacial Australia website, it also provides information about specific craniofacial conditions, helping families better understand diagnoses, treatment pathways and what to expect.

By bringing trusted information and practical support together in one accessible place, the Resource Hub aims to help families feel more informed, confident and supported when they need it most.

Scan QR code to view our Resource Hub!



Family Support Coordinator

Personalised support, trusted information and compassion at every stage of the journey. Often, the most valuable support we can offer a parent is someone to answer their questions and to listen to their feelings in their time of need.

Clinician Brochures

This year, Craniofacial Australia developed a new brochure to connect families with support from the time of diagnosis or treatment. Designed for nurses and clinicians to share with families, it provides a reassuring introduction to our care packs, financial assistance, family support services and opportunities to connect with others.

Financial Assistance

Our Financial Assistance Program helps ease the financial burden many families face during different stages of their journey. By providing support for essential expenses such as travel, accommodation, and meals, we help ensure families can focus on what matters most – treatment, recovery and healing.



Care Packs

Our Care Packs provide comforting, practical and age-appropriate items to support patients, parents and siblings through hospital stays, treatment and recovery, helping families feel cared for, connected and reassured.

The CMV Group Staff Foundation made a significant contribution to our Patient Support Program this year, generously funding a full year of Cranio Care Packs. We sincerely thank the CMV Group Staff Foundation for their generous commitment to craniofacial families.

Christmas Celebration

Our much-loved annual Christmas Celebration brings children, families, volunteers and supporters together to celebrate, connect and create lasting memories while fostering a strong sense of community and belonging.





Hiba's Story

When Hope Travels



When Hiba was born in Lahore, Pakistan, her family had never heard of Apert syndrome. As she grew older, she began experiencing severe headaches and vision problems, but with no dedicated craniofacial centre in Pakistan, her family struggled to find the specialist care she needed.



After searching for answers, Hiba's father, Hamza, discovered Professor David David and they connected in 2014. Hiba travelled to Adelaide, South Australia, for life-changing craniofacial surgery, giving her the specialist treatment required that her family could not access at home.

Before her first surgery, Professor David explained that Hiba would likely require another major operation around ten years later. By the time that surgery was needed in 2026, the family's financial circumstances had changed significantly, and returning to Australia seemed impossible.

With support from our generous donors, Hiba and her dad Hamza returned to Adelaide for a complex midface advancement procedure. This life-changing surgery moved the middle part of her face forward to improve her breathing, protect her eyesight, create more space for her airway, and support healthy facial growth. **Craniofacial Australia was able to support Hiba and Hamza through financial assistance for accommodation, transport, meals and flights.**

Today, Hiba has completed high school and hopes to study computer science at university. Hamza now shares their family's story with others in Pakistan,



encouraging them to seek specialist care and reminding them that every child with a craniofacial condition deserves the same opportunity to thrive.

Scan QR code to view Hiba's story!

Did You Know?



Care can span decades

For some people born with a craniofacial condition, treatment isn't a single operation. Care can begin in infancy and continue through childhood, adolescence and into adulthood as the face and skull grow and needs change.

Research

Today's Discoveries, Tomorrow's Possibilities

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Craniofacial Australia continues to invest in research that is changing the way craniofacial conditions are understood, treated and experienced.

Our diverse portfolio spans the full spectrum of discovery and care, from uncovering the genetic causes of craniofacial conditions and advancing surgical techniques, to amplifying the voices of those with lived experience and strengthening multidisciplinary care.

Together, these projects are building the evidence needed to improve treatment, inform clinical practice and create better outcomes for children, adults and families now and for generations to come.

Improving Care for Children Born with Wide Cleft Palates

Research title

Management of Wide Cleft Palate: A Systematic Review of Surgical and Multidisciplinary Approaches

Research team

Ms Nitisha Narayan

Mr Marc Swan

UK Cleft Collective

University of Bristol Research Team

University of Bristol and Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust, United Kingdom

Why this matters

Wide cleft palates are complex to treat and currently lack consistent definitions or surgical approaches, making it difficult to compare outcomes and identify best practice.

Summary

This study reviews international research and surgical approaches for wide cleft palate repair, including how severity is measured and outcomes such as speech, healing, and need for further surgery. It also gathers insights from cleft surgeons in the UK to understand variation in current practice.

Impact & future application

This research will help improve consistency in care, guide surgical decision-making, reduce the need for additional surgeries, and support better speech and long-term quality of life outcomes for children with cleft palate.



Scan QR code to learn more!

Putting Lived Experience at the Heart of Care

Research title

More than a diagnosis: voices of those living with craniofacial conditions.

Research team

Prof Rachel Roberts

Dr Amanda Osborn

Assoc Prof Diana Dorstyn

The University of Adelaide

Why this matters

By listening directly to those with lived experience, this research will identify unmet needs and improve the support, resources and healthcare available to people with craniofacial conditions.

Summary

This study focuses on interviewing children (8+), teenagers, and adults with congenital craniofacial conditions across Australia to understand their lived experiences of school, relationships, healthcare, and daily life. Through up to 30 in-depth interviews, it will explore key themes such as identity, wellbeing, stigma, and access to support, amplifying the voices of individuals themselves.

Impact & future application

This research will identify gaps in care and improve support, resources and healthcare for people with craniofacial conditions in hospital, school and throughout life.

Scan QR code to learn more!



Uncovering the Causes of Craniofacial Conditions

Research title

Exploring aberrant chondrocyte death as a new origin of craniofacial defects

Research team

Prof Quenten Schwarz

Raffaqat Haidari

Ceilidh Marchant

University of South Australia

Why this matters

Mandibular hypoplasia (an underdeveloped lower jaw) is a common congenital condition with limited treatment options, often requiring complex reconstructive surgery. Understanding why these defects occur is essential to improving care and outcomes for patients.

Summary

Building on previous discoveries that maternal dietary supplements can influence jaw development during pregnancy, this research investigates the molecular mechanisms behind standard jaw growth and identifies new biological causes of mandibular hypoplasia.

Impact & future application

The findings could support the development of earlier diagnosis, predictive testing, preventative interventions, and new therapies to complement surgery, ultimately improving outcomes and quality of life for people born with jaw abnormalities.



Scan QR code to learn more!



Researching the Origins of Craniofacial Palate

Research title

Understanding Genetic Pathways That Regulate Palate Closure

Research team

Assoc Prof Sebastian Dworkin

Maya Salama

April Lewis

Dr. Jarrad Fuller

Zach Di Pastena

La Trobe University

Why this matters

Roughly half of all craniofacial conditions still have unknown or only partially understood genetic causes. This research helps uncover the genes and biological pathways that shape facial development, paving the way for earlier diagnosis, improved prevention, and better treatment.

Summary

This research identified key genes that control facial development and uncovered a new genetic link between the formation of the palate and brain, improving our understanding of why some babies are born with both craniofacial and neural tube conditions.

Impact & future application

Researchers identified the GRHL gene family as a key regulator of craniofacial development and uncovered a new genetic pathway linking the development of the palate and brain. This breakthrough provides a strong foundation for future genetic research and may improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment of craniofacial conditions, while informing maternal health strategies during pregnancy.

Scan QR code to learn more!

Inside the Lab: Seeing Research in Action

In October 2025, Craniofacial Australia invited supporters and members of our community behind the scenes at the University of South Australia's Bradley Lawson Building for a series of special laboratory tours.

Across two in-person sessions, with a live-stream option helping make the experience accessible to those further afield, guests had the opportunity to meet researchers funded by Craniofacial Australia and hear first-hand about the research helping shape the future of craniofacial care.

The program featured Professor Quenten Schwarz, Professor Rachel Roberts, Dr Amanda Osborn and Associate Professor Sebastian Dworkin, who shared insights into their work, emerging discoveries and the questions their research is seeking to answer.

The sessions gave our community a chance to see where research funding goes and how everything operates while having the opportunity to meet the people behind the work.

For Craniofacial Australia, opportunities like these are an important way of bringing research out of the laboratory and closer to the people who help make it possible.









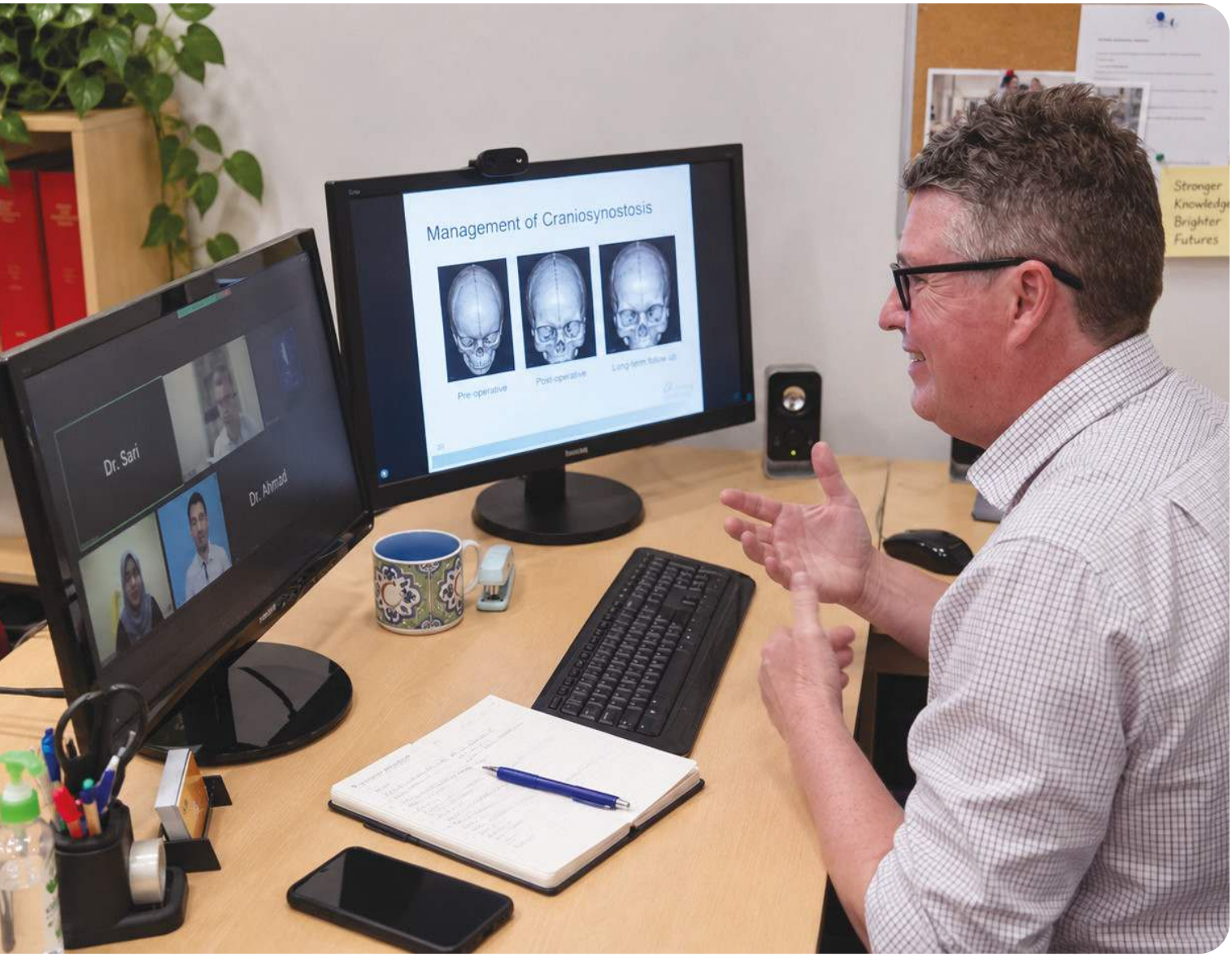
Education

Knowledge has the Power to Change Lives

Education is one of the most effective ways to improve care, not just for one patient, but for countless others.

With the support of our donors and partners, we are investing in the people who will shape the future of craniofacial care. By developing clinicians, sharing expertise and fostering international collaboration, Craniofacial Australia is helping strengthen multidisciplinary care in Australia and abroad.

This year, that investment continued through international knowledge sharing and the development of new clinical fellows — helping ensure specialist expertise is developed, shared and passed on to the next generation.



Pictured: Indonesian lecture series, facilitated by Dr Benjamin Grave.

Indonesian Lecture Series

Every child deserves access to high-quality craniofacial care, regardless of where they live. Through our ongoing education partnership with Dr Soetomo Regional General Hospital and Airlangga University Medical School in Indonesia, Craniofacial Australia is helping make access possible. Led by Board Member and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon Dr Ben Grave, the online lecture series shares specialist knowledge and best-practice approaches with multidisciplinary healthcare teams, building local expertise and strengthening care for children and families across Indonesia.

Cleft Speech and Language Therapy Fellowship

Many children born with cleft lip and palate struggle to access specialist speech pathology, with experienced clinicians in short supply and long waiting lists common across Australia. To help address this gap, Craniofacial Australia spent the past year laying the groundwork for an inaugural Cleft Speech & Language Therapy Fellowship, with the successful fellow to be announced in the coming financial year.

The fellowship will provide advanced training at the internationally renowned Cleft Service in Bristol, United Kingdom, before bringing this specialised knowledge back to Australia. By investing in a clinician, we are helping to strengthen specialist care, bring expert knowledge to Australia and improve access to expert support for children and families into the future.

Surgical Cleft Fellowship

Building on the success of our Surgical Fellowship program, Craniofacial Australia recruited a Surgical Cleft Fellow in 2026, continuing our commitment to developing Australia's future leaders in cleft care. The fellow will undertake advanced clinical training with the internationally recognised cleft team in Bristol, United Kingdom. By investing in the next generation of surgeons, we are helping to grow Australia's cleft workforce and improve access to world-class care for children and families.



War Changed the Face of Surgery

The devastating facial injuries suffered by soldiers during World War I accelerated major advances in facial reconstructive surgery. Surgeons developed pioneering techniques to rebuild the faces of injured servicemen, helping lay the foundations for modern craniofacial and reconstructive surgery.

Fundraising & Community

The generosity of our donors, fundraisers and supporters continued to provide vital funding for Craniofacial Australia's work throughout 2025-26.

Every fundraiser, campaign and event held throughout the year was driven by one shared purpose: creating better outcomes for children and families living with craniofacial conditions.

From community-led fundraisers and workplace initiatives to major appeals, lotteries and signature events, our supporters found countless ways to make a difference.



$342,787

received in donations



$2,171,043

received through bequests



$47,566

raised through community fundraising

23% increase

in donations compared with the previous financial year.

Every donation, fundraiser and gift left in a Will helps us continue supporting people and families, investing in craniofacial research and building specialist knowledge for the future.

Fundraiser Spotlight

Turning One Family's Cranio Journey into Support for Many More

For Rikki Gillich, supporting Craniofacial Australia is deeply personal.

Rikki is a cranio mum. Her son, Zayne, underwent treatment for sagittal craniosynostosis, giving their family first-hand experience of the uncertainty, challenges and emotions that can come with a craniofacial diagnosis.

In the years since, Rikki has found a way to turn her family's experience into something that helps others.

Through her workplace at Westpac, Rikki has become a passionate advocate for Craniofacial Australia, bringing her colleagues together to raise funds and awareness of our work. For two years running, she has championed workplace fundraising activities — from hot lunches and raffles to other initiatives that have encouraged the wider Westpac team to get involved.

This year looked a little different. Rikki stepped away from work on maternity leave to welcome another baby boy, but the support she helped build at Westpac continued.

Through Westpac's Car Park Initiative and Matched Giving Program, more than $5,000 was donated to Craniofacial Australia, an incredible contribution made possible through a relationship that began with one mum wanting to give back.

Rikki's story is a wonderful example of how personal experience can create a ripple effect. What began with Zayne's craniofacial journey has grown into years of fundraising, advocacy and a workplace community that now stands alongside cranio families across Australia.

We are enormously grateful to Rikki for continuing to champion our work, and to the team at Westpac for embracing a cause that means so much to one of their own.







Blackwood Pre-Loved Art Market

In February, the Blackwood Rotary Club brought the community together for its Pre-Loved Art Market, raising more than $5,000 for Craniofacial Australia. We sincerely thank the Rotary team, art donors, volunteers and everyone who supported this wonderful community fundraiser.

Community Fundraising

Blackwood Pre-Loved Art Market

Rotary Club of Edwardstown

Flinders University Surgical Society bake sale / cocktail night

Westpac carpark fundraising initiative

City to Bay fun run (Adelaide)

City2Surf (Sydney)

HBF Run for a Reason (Perth)

Coin Boxes

Sacred Heart Staff Raffle

Bunnings sausage sizzle

Harry's Outback Trek

Fundraising Campaigns & Raffles

Christmas Appeal

Play For Purpose Raffles

Tax Appeal

Events & Community Engagement

'I Am Not My Face' movie screening

94th Royal Australasian College of Surgeons annual scientific congress

Christmas Party

University Lab Tours

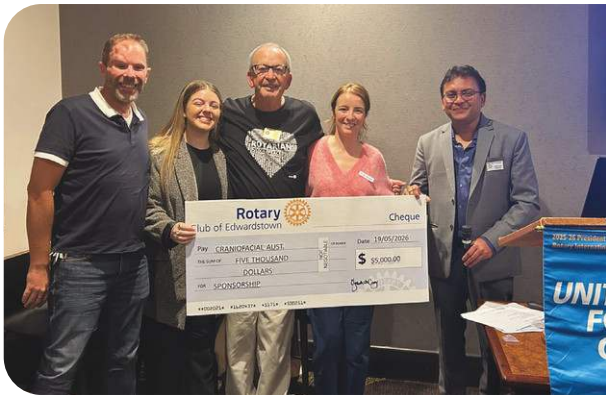
Probus Club of Payneham

Probus Club of Yankalilla


Jardin de Paris
Pre Loved Art Market
$10




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FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
$ $5,000.00
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Dr Amanda Osborn (Lab Tours)

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Assoc Prof Seb Dworkin (Lab Tours)

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Did You Know?



Australian Expertise Has Helped Shape the Field

South Australia has a significant history in craniofacial surgery. The Australian Craniofacial Unit in Adelaide, established under Professor David David AC, became internationally recognised for treating complex craniofacial conditions, research and training specialists from around the world.

Our People

Board of Management

At the heart of Craniofacial Australia is a dedicated and accomplished board, whose leadership, expertise and commitment continue to drive our vision of improving outcomes for the craniofacial community.

Board Transitions

Honouring Service & Welcoming New Perspectives

- Farewell to Nicholas Pyne and Maria Maieli
- Welcome to Isobel Redmond and Michael Davies



Prof David David AC



Nicholas Pyne



Dr Benjamin Grave



David Smith KC



Yvette Winter



Assoc Prof Neil McLean



Maria Maieli



Isobel Redmond



Michael Davies

Team Members

With expertise spanning fundraising, marketing, finance, administration, family support and community engagement, our staff work to strengthen Craniofacial Australia and improve outcomes for the craniofacial community.

Staff Transitions

- Welcome Meg Kristan
- Farewell to Lou McNeil and Kerri Jones
- Welcome back Claire Liebelt



Kerry Southwell, *Operations Manager*



Michelle Kouvoussis, *Group Accountant*



Christina Panagopoulos, *Marketing & Fundraising Manager*



Matthew Sandstrom, *Administration Officer*



Claire Liebelt, *Family Support Coordinator*



Lou McNeil, *Family Support Coordinator*



Meg Kristan, *Marketing & Fundraising Coordinator*



Kerri Jones, *Marketing & Fundraising Coordinator*

Our People



Ambassadors and Volunteers

A special thank you to our Ambassadors and Volunteers, whose generosity, authenticity and commitment continue to inspire us all. Their contribution extends far beyond advocacy. Their voices and time give hope to individuals and families who may feel alone, while encouraging greater understanding, acceptance and support for people living with craniofacial conditions.

Volunteers:

Alexi Broikos
Amanda Osborn
Chris Panagopoulos
Elena Kouvoussis
Ian Jesse
John Rockliff, Rotary Burnside
Katrina Kouvoussis
Lachie Bellifemine
Laura Vicario
Olivia Southwell
Quenten Schwarz
Sarah & Liana Mucciante

Ambassadors:

Damian DeWit
Anne Marie Makris
Briana Degnan
Abby Casey
Cecilia James
Selva Kumar

Did You Know?



Craniofacial conditions aren't always present at birth

While many craniofacial conditions are congenital, people can also require craniofacial treatment following trauma, cancer or other acquired conditions.



It's about much more than appearance

Craniofacial conditions can affect breathing, hearing, vision, speech, eating and dental development as well as confidence, wellbeing and social experiences.

In Loving Memory

Mary Northmore-Aziz

5 August 1949 – 19 September 2025

Craniofacial Australia pays tribute to Mary Northmore-Aziz, founder of Yayasan Senyum Bali, whose compassion and leadership transformed the lives of countless individuals and families across Eastern Indonesia.

"She was energetic, empathic and deeply respected. Her passing leaves a great gap both in our friendship and in our work."

Professor David,
reflecting on Mary's extraordinary contribution to Craniofacial Australia



Our cherished supporters are the lifeline of Craniofacial Australia. We honour the lives of Sue White and Jim Davis, valued members of our community whose legacy of giving to help serve as an inspiration to us all.

Retirement Notice

A Lifetime of Dedication to Craniofacial Care

Craniofacial Australia acknowledges Dr Magda Hutagalung for her longstanding dedication to people living with craniofacial conditions.

Following her Craniofacial Fellowship in Adelaide under Professor David David in 2008–09, Dr Magda has devoted her career to craniofacial care. As a senior plastic and craniofacial surgeon in Surabaya, Dr Magda has made an important contribution to craniofacial care in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. She has also been a longstanding and valued supporter of the Australian Craniofacial Unit.

As Dr Magda enters retirement, we thank her for her enduring commitment, collegiality and significant contribution to advancing craniofacial care, and wish her every happiness in this next chapter.

Financial Statements

The Australian Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation
Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Consolidated 2026 $	Consolidated 2025 $
Revenue			
Donations & gifts revenue	3	342,787	279,130
Legacies & bequests revenue	4	2,171,043	553,339
Investment income	5	610,388	558,499
Other income	6	17,900	50,581
		3,142,118	1,441,549
Total revenue		3,142,118	1,441,549
Expenses			
Operational costs	7	(247,992)	(255,905)
Fundraising		(78,661)	(138,024)
Research		(235,692)	(289,866)
Depreciation expense		(52,609)	(52,433)
Loss on disposal of assets		(4,541)	-
Education		(49,590)	(21,231)
Patient support		(120,876)	(98,511)
Marketing		(79,536)	(77,573)
Total expenses		(869,497)	(933,543)
Surplus for the year	19	2,272,621	508,006
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Gain/(loss) on the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		471,189	401,467
Other comprehensive income for the year		471,189	401,467
Total comprehensive income for the year		2,743,810	909,473

The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

The Australian Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation
Consolidated statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2026

	Note	Consolidated 2026 $	Consolidated 2025 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	2,016,963	2,693,094
Trade and other receivables	10	117,811	127,545
Term deposits	12	1,900,000	1,000,000
Other	13	26,843	28,478
Total current assets		4,061,617	3,849,117
Non-current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	11	10,454,203	7,854,370
Property, plant and equipment	14	12,222	18,989
Right-of-use assets	15	39,931	83,492
Total non-current assets		10,506,356	7,956,851
Total assets		14,567,973	11,805,968
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	66,217	12,922
Lease liabilities	17	47,211	46,063
Provisions	18	43,723	27,990
Total current liabilities		157,151	86,975
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	17	-	47,270
Provisions	18	15,514	20,225
Total non-current liabilities		15,514	67,495
Total liabilities		172,665	154,470
Net assets		14,395,308	11,651,498
Equity			
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	19	2,375,994	1,904,805
Reserves	19	47,036	47,036
Retained earnings	19	11,972,278	9,699,657
Total equity		14,395,308	11,651,498

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