

Annual Report 2025



About the Perkins

The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research is a leading Western Australian research institute dedicated to tackling many of the world's biggest health challenges.

With more than 450 researchers, students, clinicians and support staff working across major hospital campuses, the Perkins brings together the brightest minds to improve the health of our community.

Our Purpose

To enable our community to live healthier longer lives by discovering new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat life-altering diseases.

We Are

A network of people with curious minds and big hearts, all committed to excellence and continuous progress in health, science, care and community.

We Believe

Progress is made together.

Our Values

Curiosity

Progress starts with a question.

Grit

We see things through to make meaningful impact.

Integrity

How we work matters as much as the work itself.

Collaboration

We work as one team with a shared purpose.

Respect

How we treat people defines who we are.

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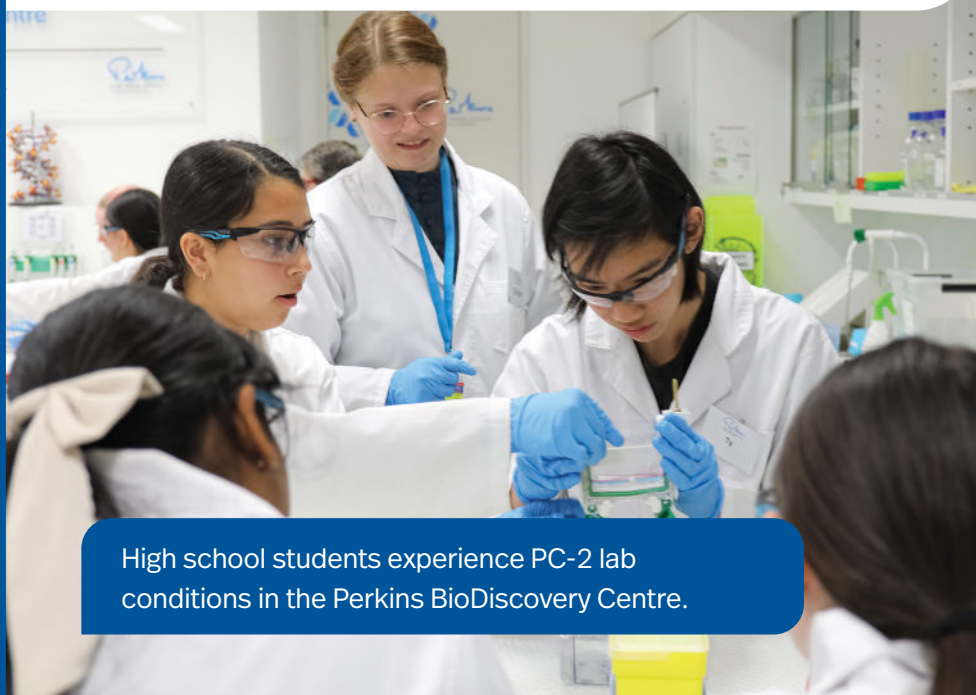
The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research is co-located with three major teaching hospitals to ensure researchers are working closely with doctors and clinicians at the forefront of patient care. This means that the projects you're supporting are aligned with the health issues most impacting West Australians.

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High school students experience PC-2 lab conditions in the Perkins BioDiscovery Centre.

Our Research Focus

The Perkins investigates the diseases that most impact our community through three core research programs.



Cancer

Developing new treatments, improving diagnosis and understanding how cancer grows and spreads.



Cardiovascular Science and Diabetes

Advancing prevention, detection and treatment of heart disease and metabolic conditions.



Genome Biology and Genetic Diseases

Unlocking the role of genes in disease to find answers for families and deliver targeted, personalised treatments.

Local Research. Global Impact.



From laboratories co-located with three major teaching hospitals in Western Australia, Perkins researchers are contributing to discoveries that reach far beyond our State. Research teams collaborate with hundreds of leading experts across the globe, from world-renowned universities and centres of excellence to major industry partners and innovative biotech companies. These partnerships bring together the best minds, technologies and ideas to accelerate progress and solve complex health challenges.

By working across borders and disciplines, Perkins researchers can move faster, turning scientific discoveries into real-world outcomes that improve diagnosis, treatment and care for patients globally.

Whether it's advancing cancer therapies, improving heart health or uncovering the genetic causes of rare diseases, the Perkins is ensuring that research developed in Western Australia delivers impact worldwide.

Dr Edina Wang, Postdoctoral Associate in the Cancer Epigenetics Group, is part of the team researching honeybee venom as a treatment for women's cancers.

The Perkins at a glance 2025

Because of you, this year the Perkins achieved:

190

publications
Including 38 in
top-tier journals

36%

grant success rate,
outperforming
national benchmarks

Discoveries

Cancer
48

Cardiovascular
87

Genomics
53

Grants won

Cancer
53

Cardiovascular
47

Genomics
18

Your support enables world-class research to continue
right here in Western Australia.

Focus in 2025

To enable our community to live healthier, longer lives by discovering new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat life-altering diseases, with a focus on cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and rare diseases.





Discovery

- Drive outcome focused multi-disciplinary research collaborations within the three core programs
- Establish and leverage advanced technologies and capabilities to accelerate discovery
- Grow biomedical engineering and establish as a core program
- Scale services integrating facilities and bioresources to drive discovery and collaboration



Community

- Grow individual giving (IG), major gifts and gifts in wills
- Strengthen and grow our community of loyal supporters, consumer advocates and corporate partners
- Foster strategic local and international alliances and relationships
- Strengthen brand recognition in the community
- Expand education programs to inspire future WA scientists



Impact

- Establish the Perkins WA Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- Forge translational partnerships to co-develop and implement precision medicine in clinical care
- Foster a culture of entrepreneurship and accelerate commercialisation
- Develop and implement clinically relevant initiatives
- Leverage Linear Clinical Research to facilitate investigator-initiated clinical trials



Sustainability

- Optimise business practices to enhance operational efficiency
- Implement digital transformation across the organisation
- Strengthen governance, risk management and cybersecurity
- Attract, retain and develop exceptional values-aligned talent
- Diversify and increase revenue streams



Culture

- Identify and implement opportunities to cultivate 'one Perkins'
- Review, align and embed core values and behaviours
- Foster a culture of honesty, integrity, accountability and safe feedback
- Enhance leadership capability
- Advance diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging
- Design and nurture career pathways
- Enhance work health and safety to keep people safe

Reconciliation at the Perkins

In 2025, the Perkins took an important first step in its reconciliation journey with the launch of our inaugural *Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan* (RAP). This marked a commitment to building stronger relationships with First Nations communities, deepening cultural understanding and embedding respect and inclusivity across the organisation.

Throughout the year, we focused on laying strong foundations, establishing a RAP Working Group, promoting key cultural dates such as National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week and increasing staff engagement through cultural awareness and education initiatives.

A central and enduring symbol of this journey is the commissioned artwork *Healing Koort* by Ballardong Noongar artist Courtney Garlett. The artwork tells a story of connection to Country, to community and to healing. It represents the two Perkins campuses as meeting places, surrounded by people, journeys and support networks. Flowing pathways symbolise both the patient journey through illness and the Institute's ongoing pursuit of better health outcomes, while native flora and fauna reflect the healing power of Country.



Chair's Report

It is a privilege to present my first Annual Report as Chair of the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research.

I step into this role with a deep sense of pride and responsibility, building on the strong foundation laid by my predecessor, Mr John Barrington AM. John's leadership has helped shape the Perkins into the highly respected, resilient and forward-looking organisation it is today and I thank him sincerely for his outstanding contribution.

In 2025, the Perkins continued to demonstrate its strength in research, translation and community engagement. Our researchers have delivered significant breakthroughs in cancer, cardiovascular disease and genetic conditions, while maintaining a strong level of research output, with 190 publications and a 36 per cent grant success rate. These results reflect both scientific excellence and the dedication of our teams.

A key focus this year has been progressing the *Strategic Plan to 2030*, with particular emphasis on advanced technologies, growing collaboration, support for the next generation of researchers and sustainable funding. This work is critical to ensuring the long-term impact and success of the Perkins.

Importantly, we have continued to advance the Perkins WA Comprehensive Cancer Centre, a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform cancer care and research in Western Australia. I am proud to have been involved in helping progress this vital initiative, which will deliver meaningful benefits for patients and families across our State.

The Perkins People & Culture team has also played a significant role in strengthening our organisation this year. Through a renewed



focus on culture, the development of a cultural framework and the refresh of our values and behaviours, we are ensuring that the Perkins remains a supportive, inclusive and inspiring place to work.

I would also like to acknowledge changes to the Board during the year. We are pleased to welcome Mr Frank Cooper AO, Professor Joseph Trapani AO and Ms Rebecca Ostergaard, who bring valuable expertise and perspective to the Perkins. At the same time, I extend my sincere thanks to Ms Jennifer Lawrence for her service and contribution during her time on the Board.

Finally, I would like to thank Professor Peter Leedman AO, the Executive, our researchers, staff and volunteers for their continued leadership and commitment. And to our donors and supporters, your generosity underpins everything the Perkins achieves.

It is an honour to serve as Chair of such a remarkable organisation. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute, in some small way, to the discoveries and breakthroughs that are improving health, both locally and globally.

Hon Ben Morton

CEO Report

As I reflect on the past year, I am incredibly proud of the progress we've made together. 2025 has been a year of impact, innovation and continued momentum, from groundbreaking scientific discoveries to the strength and generosity of our community.



In 2025, across the Perkins, our teams mapped gene networks driving brain disease, identified new therapeutic targets in cancer, uncovered genetic causes of rare conditions and demonstrated how existing drugs can reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes. These advances, made possible through your support, are helping to transform how we prevent, diagnose and treat disease.

We also saw important progress in cardiovascular research, with a pioneering new study led by Associate Professor Abdul Ildayhid targeting families with a history of early heart attacks. By identifying hidden risk earlier, this work has the potential to change

how we approach heart disease prevention and save lives.

A highlight this year was the appointment of Professor Moira Clay as Deputy Director. Prof Clay brings a wealth of experience in research strategy and leadership and her appointment strengthens our ability to deliver on our long-term vision.

Collaboration remains central to our success. In 2025, the Perkins was proud to welcome Professor Elin Gray as Melanoma Discovery Chair through a new partnership with Edith Cowan University. Professor Gray will lead important work in melanoma research, including advancing

tumour infiltrating lymphocyte (TIL) therapy trials, a promising treatment for patients who do not respond to current therapies.

We also continued to invest in people. The launch of the Lifeboat initiative provides critical support for PhD and Masters Research students facing financial barriers – ensuring that talented researchers can continue their work. The Safe Harbour Fellowships continue to strengthen our early and mid-career researcher community, supporting the future leaders of medical research in Western Australia.

The Perkins continues to translate research into real-world impact. Through Linear Clinical Research, we achieved a record year of activity, supporting the development of new therapies and improving access to clinical trials for patients. Our innovation pipeline also continues to grow, with new technologies and therapeutic approaches progressing toward clinical application.

In July, we welcomed The Hon Ben Morton as Chair of the Board. Ben has already played an important role in progressing the Perkins WA Comprehensive Cancer Centre and I thank him for his leadership and commitment. I also extend my sincere gratitude to Mr John Barrington AM for his outstanding contribution as Chair over recent years.

In fundraising, our community of loyal supporters once again showed extraordinary generosity. The *MACA Cancer 200 Ride for the Perkins*, the *New Town Toyota Walk for Women's Cancer*, the *Perkins Plunge powered by MinRes* and a growing calendar of community events brought thousands of people together in support of life-saving research. These events raise more than funds – they are our powerful reminder of what can be achieved when a community comes together with our shared purpose.

I would also like to thank our committed and long-term donors including our Spark regular giving program and Silver Linings legacy program. I am grateful for your ongoing support and financial protection.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence and optimism. The momentum we have built in 2025, combined with the continued support of our community, positions the Perkins to deliver even greater impact in the years to come.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our researchers, staff, Executive, Board, partners and supporters. Medical research can be challenging and unpredictable, but it is essential. Your commitment, passion and belief in our mission make everything we do possible.

Professor Peter Leedman AO

Our Board



Hon Ben Morton, Chair
08/02/2024 - Present



Professor Peter Leedman AO
11/03/2014 - Present



Mr Tim Colmer
22/02/2022 - Present



Mr Frank Cooper AO
30/04/2025 - Present



Ms Lorraine Driscoll
09/05/2024 - Present



Ms Rebecca Ostergaard
30/06/2025 - Present



Mrs Val Raubenheimer
22/01/2020 - Present



Mr Yannick Spencer
30/08/2022 - Present



Professor Joseph Trapani AO
19/03/2025 - Present

Thank you

We'd like to thank outgoing Board Members for donating their time, skills and insights to the Perkins over many years.



Mr John Barrington AM

30/05/2019 - 30/06/2025



Ms Jennifer Lawrence

20/06/2022 - 30/06/2025

Our Patrons



**His Excellency The Honourable
Christopher John Dawson AC APM**

Governor of Western Australia

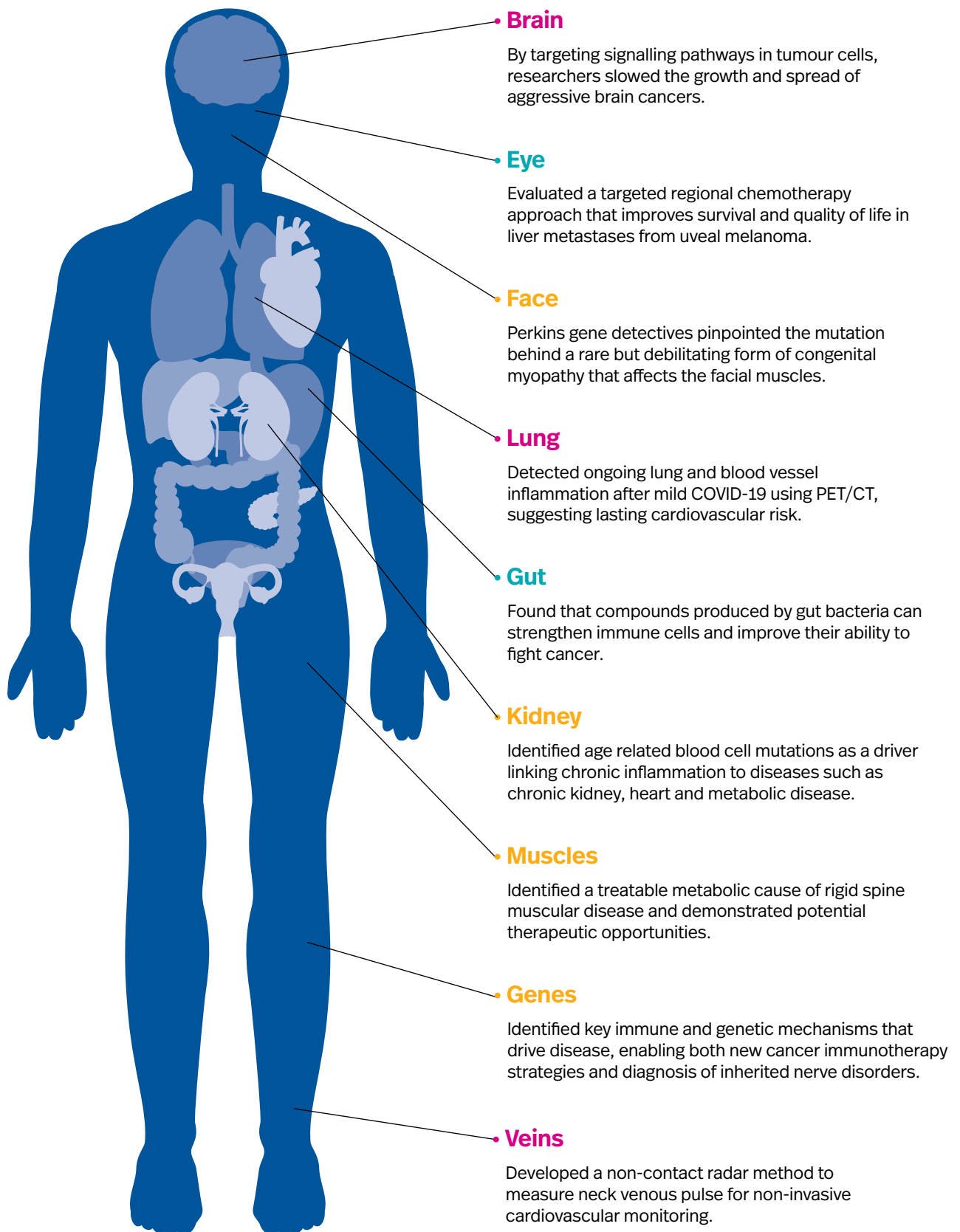


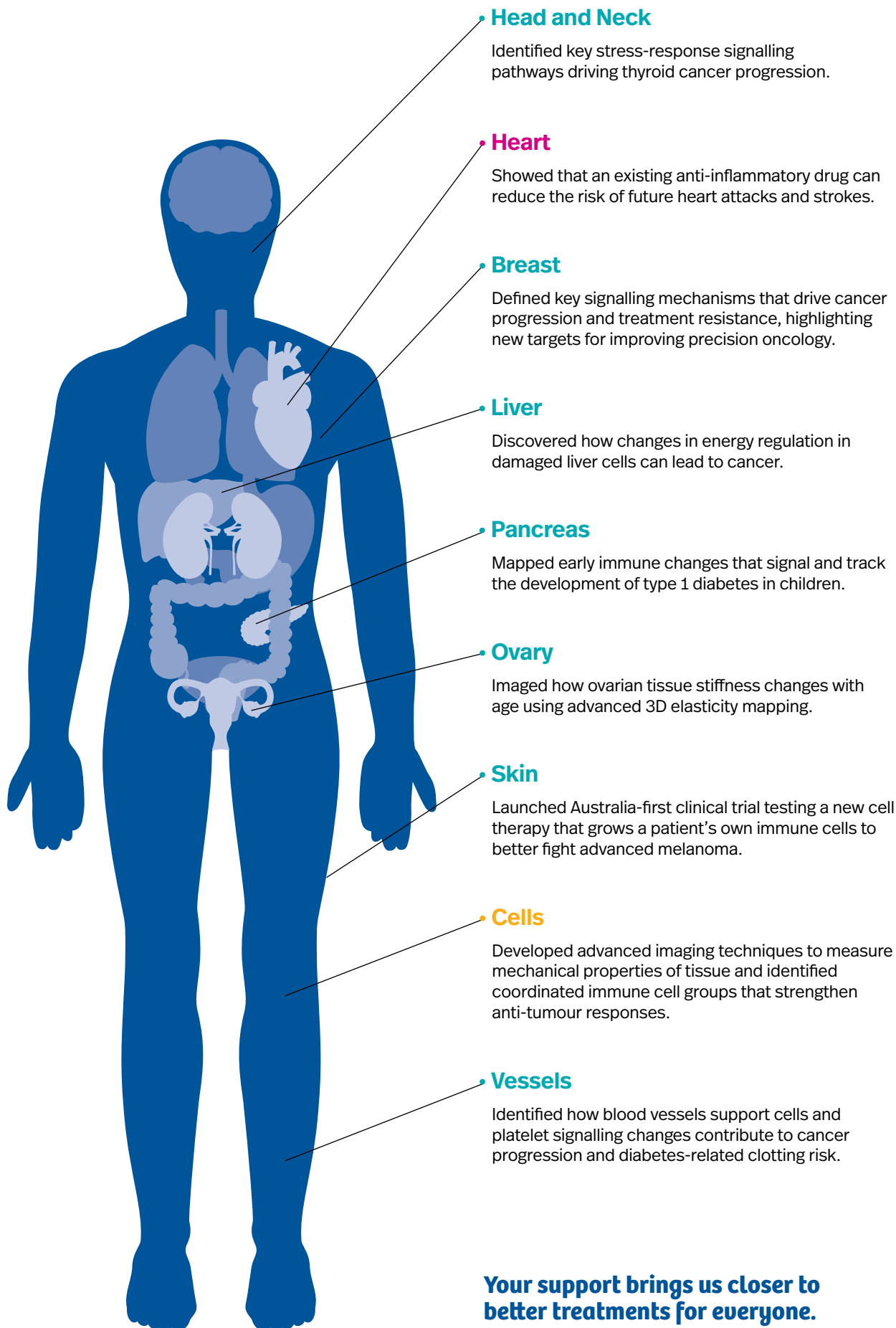
Mrs Darrilyn Dawson

Patron

Breakthroughs Achieved in 2025

Because of you, Perkins researchers made significant breakthroughs across the body.





Our Progress in 2025



January

- New blood markers identified to predict mesothelioma treatment success
- New technology uncovering genetic causes of recurrent pregnancy loss
- Prof Moira Clay appointed Deputy Director



Feb

- Genetic testing breakthrough enabling earlier prediction of heart failure



March

- Major milestone reached for Perkins WA Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- Leading cancer expert Professor Joe Trapani joins Perkins Board



April

- New heart health trial targeting early detection
- Stem cell models developed for rare childhood brain disorders

June

- New drug development for artery plaque moves toward trials
- New approach to slowing brain cancer spread



July

- Hon Ben Morton appointed Chair
- Lifeboat initiative launched to support PhD and Masters students



May

- Breakthrough in rare genetic disease treatment

September

- AI tool improves heart attack prediction
- Prof Shirley Jansen AM appointed to prestigious vascular surgery chair



October

- Perkins contributes to national research strategy



November

- New melanoma expert Professor Elin Gray joins Perkins team



Linear Clinical Research is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Perkins, playing a critical role in translating scientific discovery into real-world health outcomes.

Based in Perth, Linear is part of a global effort to advance human health by improving access to innovative medical therapies. Through the delivery of high-quality clinical trials, Linear helps determine the safety and effectiveness of new treatments, contributing to life-changing breakthroughs for patients locally and worldwide.

With state-of-the-art facilities and a team of specialised health professionals, Linear provides fast, reliable and accurate clinical research.

2025 was a record year:

28%

increase in new patients enrolled – one of the highest rates in Australia

32

new cancer clinical trials secured from leading biotech from the US, China and Europe

Highest number of

patient referrals and new patient enrolments in Linear's history

WA Export Award winner

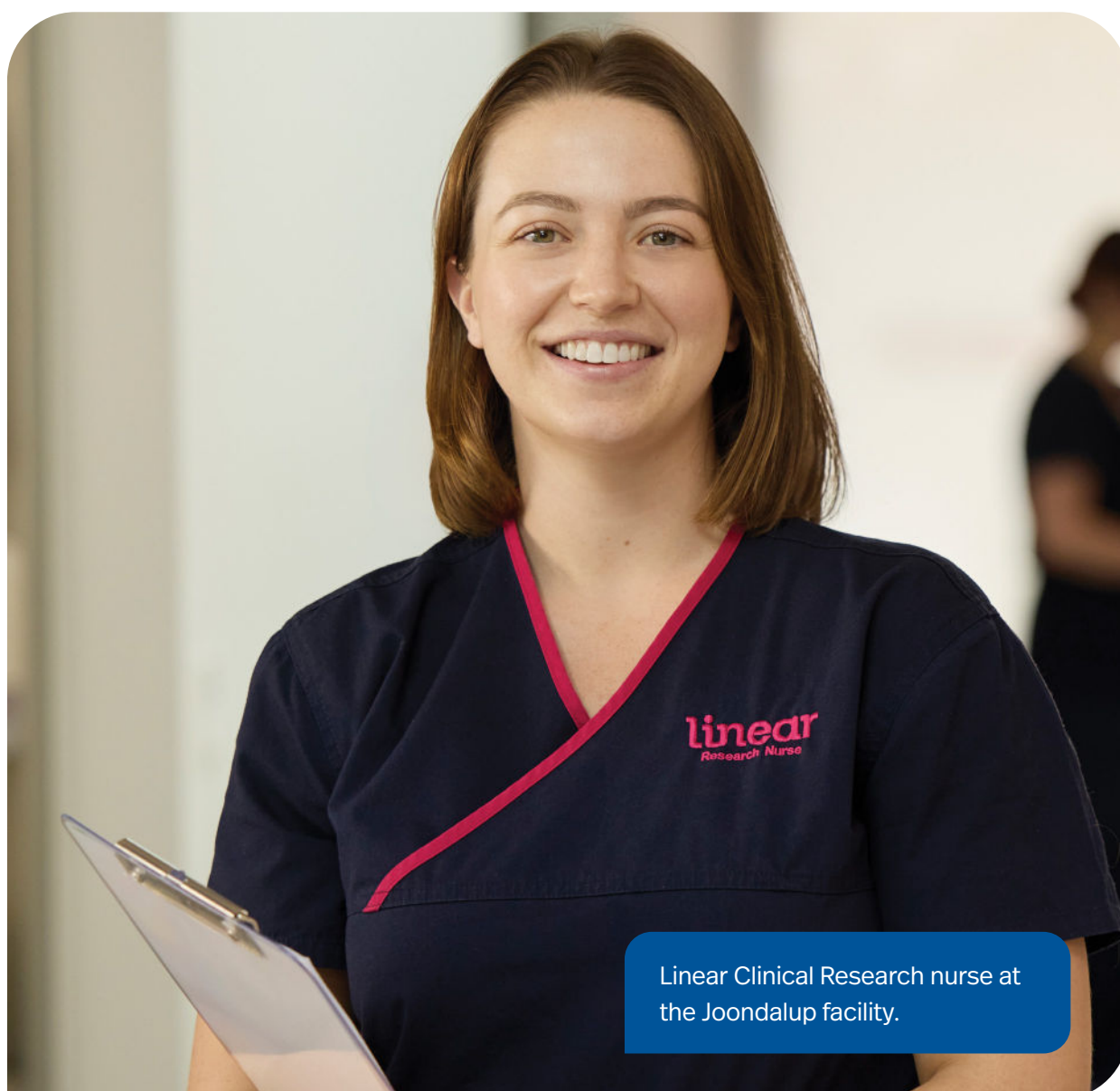
in International Health category

Full accreditation

of Linear's Advanced Clinical Trial Centre at QEII which marks the first and only private hospital solely dedicated to next-generation trials in Australia

Breakthrough:

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has received FDA approval for BLENREP, a new treatment for people with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma, following strong clinical trial results. Linear Clinical Research played a key role in the early trial phase, helping enrol patients and support the development of this therapy. This work contributed to larger trials, including those run locally at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. The treatment is awaiting TGA approval in Australia, offering new hope for patients.



Linear Clinical Research nurse at the Joondalup facility.

The MACA Cancer 200 Ride for the Perkins united Riders of all levels for a two-day, 200km journey through breathtaking scenery from Perth to Mandurah and back. These incredible Riders and their loved ones raised vital funds for cancer research at the Perkins. From collaborative research grants and cutting-edge equipment to the 2025 Cancer 200 Safe Harbour Fellow, every dollar raised drives real progress toward ending cancer for good.

In 2025:

331

teams

1675

Riders

\$8,464,000

raised

345,207

kilometres cycled



Walk for WOMEN'S CANCER



The *New Town Toyota Walk for Women's Cancer* is an event dedicated to supporting women's cancer research at the Perkins. More than just a walk, it's a community where Walkers come together in support of a shared mission.

Participants can take on the full 35km in one day, challenge themselves with a 42km marathon loop, or spread the distance over six days and finish with a 5km walk on event day. There's also the option to join from anywhere, making it accessible beyond WA. The Walk brings together participants, survivors, and supporters, often starting as strangers, but finishing the journey as a united community.

In 2025:

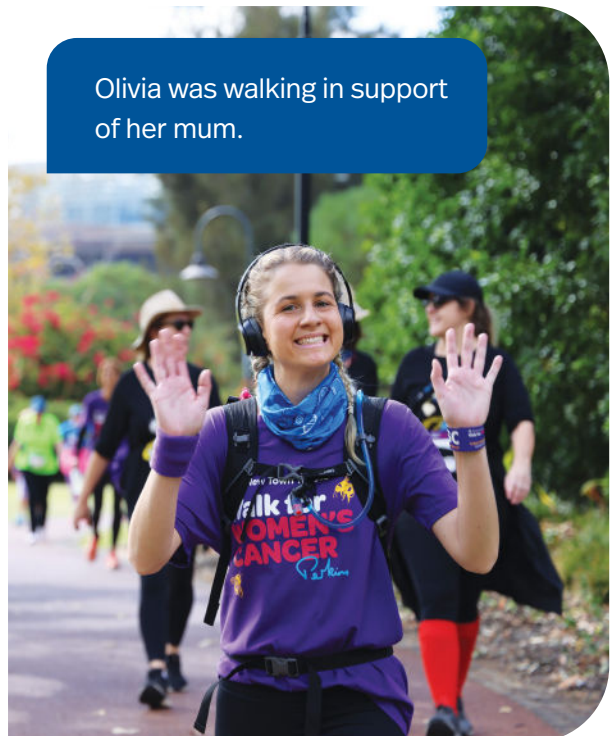
181
teams

1,038
Walkers

\$1,323,103
raised

33,711km
walked

Olivia was walking in support of her mum.



The *Perkins Plunge powered by Mineral Resources* is a unique overnight team relay swim that brings the community together to support life-saving medical research at the Perkins.

Held at Perth High Performance Centre, teams take on the challenge of swimming continuous laps in a relay over 12 hours, raising vital funds to help tackle some of the world's toughest diseases, including cancer, heart disease and rare genetic conditions.

In 2025:

20
teams

197
swimmers

\$313,620
raised

1,200km
swam



Swimming for our lives—
participants in the inaugural
*Perkins Plunge powered
by MinRes.*

Community Fundraising



RUN FOR RESEARCH

This is a 30-day challenge, where participants run or walk 3kms per day to raise funds for research, support and equipment.

2,217

participants

\$186,760

raised

53,056km

run or walked



MELBOURNE MARATHON FESTIVAL

This 42km run raised funds for research, support and equipment.

20

Perkins runners

50,000

participants

\$31,507

raised

780km

run



This 42km run raised funds for research, support and equipment.

58

Perkins runners

35,000

participants

\$141,782

raised

1,772km

run

Cure Community

In 2025, supporters went above and beyond to support medical research.

20

heads shaved at Hale School in support of brain cancer

60

Royal Perth Golf Club members raised \$91,051 for melanoma research

35

fundraising events in 2025

\$529,959

raised



Perkins BioDiscovery Centre: Inspiring future scientists.

The Perkins Lotterywest BioDiscovery Centre is a state-of-the-art PC-2 certified teaching laboratory that brings education and real-world medical research together. Located within the Perkins, the Centre offers hands-on, laboratory-based experiences designed to build practical science skills and inspire the next generation of researchers.

Its programs are tailored across schools, extracurricular experiences and teacher professional development, with curriculum-linked content that aligns to classroom learning while giving students and educators access to authentic research environments.

Operated by researchers and educators, the BioDiscovery Centre plays a key role in connecting the community with medical science and sparking interest in careers that help tackle some of the world's toughest diseases.

In 2025:

3,059
students and teachers
participated

2,665
students on
excursion

91
schools involved

384
students through a
school holiday or after
school program

14,454km
travelled to reach
remote students

10
teachers engaged
in professional
development

Outreach to 13

regional communities (from Pemberton in the South-West to Wyndham in the North Kimberley)

Many students reported increased motivation to pursue careers in science, showing the lasting impact of these programs.



High school students experience PC-2 lab conditions in the Lotterywest BioDiscovery Centre.



The Spark: Powering breakthroughs through monthly giving.

The Spark is the Perkins regular giving program, bringing together the generosity of the community with the expertise of Perkins researchers to drive life-changing discoveries. Through manageable monthly donations, Spark members provide a vital source of stable and predictable funding that helps sustain research into cancer, heart disease, diabetes and rare genetic diseases.

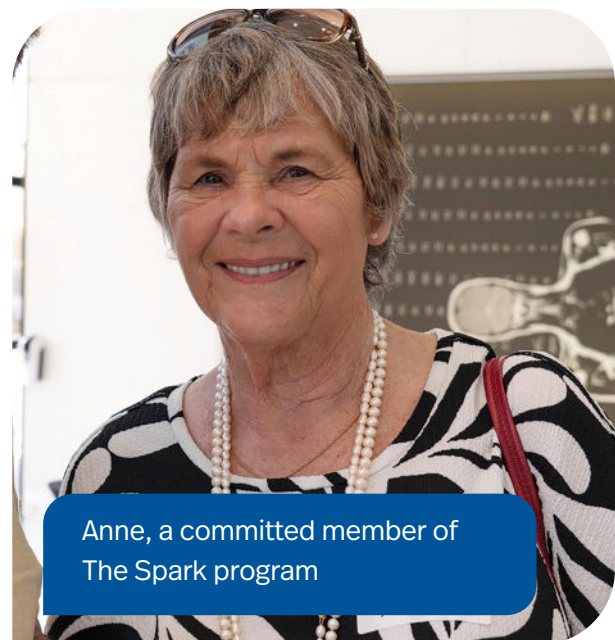
In 2025:

1,001
Spark members

\$300,000
donated

94,000
individual gifts


200
visits from Spark
members to
the Perkins







Anne, a committed member of The Spark program

Thanks to our Key Supporters

Walk Partners

-  **New Town Toyota**
- Como The Treasury
- Instant Products Group
- MooGoo
- Mother SPF
- Podiatry Western Australia
- Sally Skoufis Jewellery
- Smiths Beach Resort
- Star Physio
- The Westin Perth

Ride Partners





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- DFR Commercial
- ETT.com
- KAIS Hire
- Northern Star Resources
- Theiss
- Ultimo
- WesTrac
- Woodside

Plunge Partners

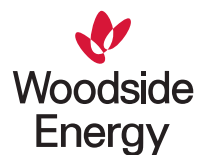
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- Clean Swim
- DFR Commercial
- Formidable
- Masseuse Massage Chairs
- MegaSpa Australia
- Perth HPC
- Swimming WA
- Veeco Laundry Systems
- Venues West
- The Westin Perth



Founding Members

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|  |  |  |  |
| Access Hire Australia | Instant Products Group | The Westin Perth | |
| AutoMasters | Masseuse Massage Chairs | Three Pound Group | |
| Brooks Equipment | MAVA | Venues Live | |
| Budget Car Rental | Merkanooka Haulage | Westside Auto Wholesale | |
| Coates | OTR Tyres | | |
| DFR Commercial | Reeces Event Hire | | |
| Europcar | RPM Hire | | |

Major Partners



Thanks to these research funding partners

Channel 7 Telethon Trust

Cystic Fibrosis WA

Stan Perron Charitable Foundation

Conquer Cystic Fibrosis

HIND's Group

The Tie Dye Project

Cystic Fibrosis Australia

Perth Radiological Clinic Foundation



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Murdoch University

The University of Western Australia

Edith Cowan University

Royal Perth Hospital

WA Department of Health

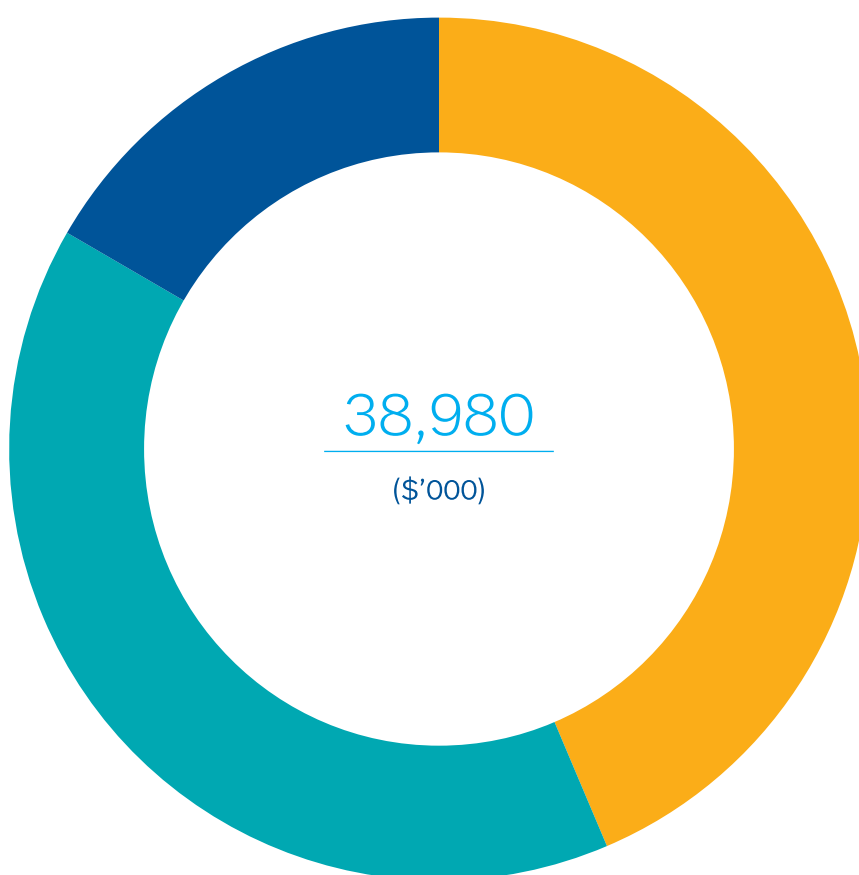
Fiona Stanley Hospital

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

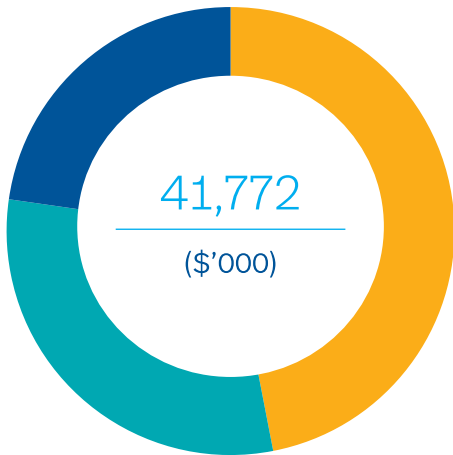
Financial Statements

As at 31 December 2025

For a copy of our audited financial statements, please go to the [Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission website](#).

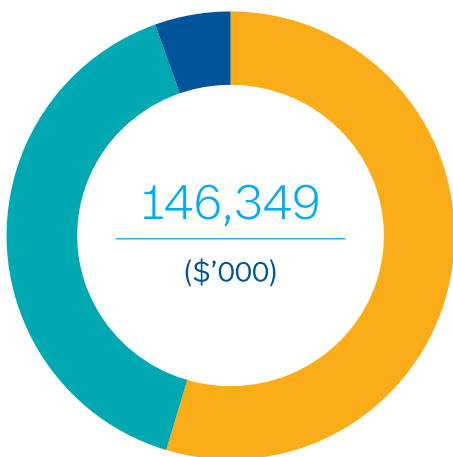


What we earned	(\$'000)
● Event and fundraising income	17,331
● Facilities and other income	15,796
● Operating grants and subsidies	5,853
Total	38,980



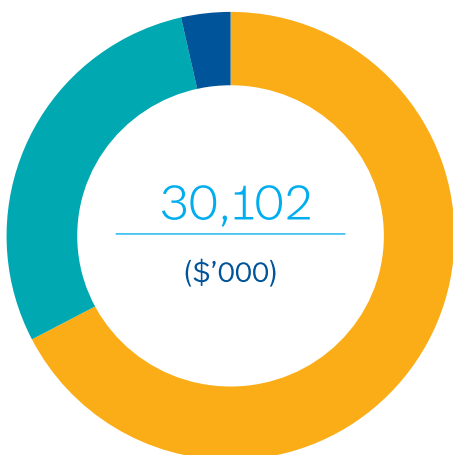
What we spent (\$'000)

● Operational and administrative expenses	19,612
● Research infrastructure and laboratory costs	12,665
● Facilities, maintenance and utilities	9,496
Total	41,772



What we own (\$'000)

● Property, plant and equipment	79,964
● Cash and investment holdings	58,385
● Receivables, prepayments and inventories	8,000
Total	146,349



What we owe (\$'000)

● Grants held in trust	20,277
● Trades and other payables	8,756
● Employee benefit obligations	1,069
Total	30,102

Figures may not sum precisely due to rounding.

Thank you for your support in 2025.

You are giving yourself and those you love the opportunity to live longer, healthier and better lives by helping WA's best medical researchers beat the world's toughest diseases.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research recognises Australia's first healers and scientists, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we live and work and pay respects to their elders past and present.

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