

# 2023-24

INSURANCE ADVISERNET FOUNDATION

*ANNUAL REPORT*



# ABOUT THE *Insurance Advisernet Foundation*

The Insurance Advisernet Foundation was established in 2015 as a way to consolidate the considerable goodwill that already existed amongst our Authorised Representatives across Australia. We feel very fortunate to be part of a dynamic and successful business. The Foundation will remain part of our ongoing commitment to our people, our clients and the wider community.



## *Why* does the IA Foundation *exist*?

The IA Foundation exists to support local Australian organisations that work to help change the lives of individuals, families and communities for the better.

## *What* does the IA Foundation *do*?

The IA Foundation reaches out to our adviser practices, insurers and business partners who have the passion, commitment and social conscience to help those more disadvantaged than themselves. Individually and collectively, advisers identify not-for-profits that are deserving of donations and in many cases, give their time and skills.

## *How* does the IA Foundation *donate*?

Donations are given directly to community not-for-profits and/or charities and each year the IA Foundation strives to make a difference!

# OUR IMPACT

## 2023/2024

*Helping to change the lives of individuals, families and communities for the better.*

Insurance Advisernet and its Foundation has contributed over \$4 million over the last 8 years to over 30 different charities. We aim to donate over \$500,000 each year through a variety of fundraising initiatives. By working closely with our staff, advisers and our insurance underwriting partners we aim to leave a social legacy for generations to come.



# MESSAGE FROM

## *Our Founder & Chairman*



It is with deep humility and immense pride that I share the remarkable achievement of our Foundation in 2023/2024: we contributed nearly \$700,000 to over 30 registered charities. This substantial support has directly impacted those who need it most, reinforcing the vital role our Foundation plays in the community.

Our success is fueled by the unwavering commitment of our AR practices, IA staff, insurer partners, and business associates. Your generosity to the IA Foundation is not just about making donations; it's about offering a lifeline, extending hope, and creating brighter futures for those in need.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are more committed than ever to making a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Together, through our shared dedication and collective efforts, we will continue to reach out and uplift those who need our support the most.

Hell Yeah!!!

*Ian Carr*

*Founder & Chairman*

REACHING  
*out* IN THE  
*community*

DONATIONS GRANTED  
IN 2023/24

# MENS SHED ASSOCIATION

**\$70,000**  
Donation

The Insurance Advisernet Foundation, in partnership with IA Practice, Everest Risk Group, has once again donated \$70,000 to the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA). This contribution highlights their ongoing commitment to supporting AMSA's 1200+ sheds across Australia. The Foundation's passion for AMSA's mission remains strong, and they are delighted to assist in sustaining the AMSA program.

Since its establishment in 2007 by various independent, community-based Men's Sheds, AMSA has played a crucial role in representing, supporting, and advancing the Men's Shed movement. AMSA was founded on the principles of information sharing between Sheds and communities interested in developing and maintaining a Men's Shed.

AMSA provides hands-on support to Men's Sheds, offering a wide range of services aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of its members. The goal is to reduce the risk of preventable health issues often caused by isolation. AMSA's primary mission is to promote the wellbeing of all men by providing a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment where they can engage in meaningful projects and positively impact the broader community.



**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER



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# TOUR DE CURE

**\$60,000**  
Donation

For the past seven years, the IA Foundation has proudly supported Tour de Cure (TDC), a cycling event dedicated to raising funds for cancer research, support, and prevention programs. In 2023, our authorised representatives took on the challenge, pedaling to raise money and awareness for this vital cause. We believe it is our responsibility to positively impact the lives of Australians, which is why we partner with TDC, an organisation equally committed to the fight against cancer.

Together, we are tackling this challenge and making a difference for those affected by the disease. Our representatives have the opportunity to give back to their communities in a meaningful way through their participation. They connect with clients, colleagues, and friends while raising funds for an important cause. Many participants have shared personal stories of being touched by cancer, whether through their own experiences or those of loved ones.

The funds raised by TDC support various cancer research, support, and prevention programs. These initiatives include purchasing vital equipment for cancer research, funding clinical trials, and providing support for cancer patients and their families. Since its inception in 2007, TDC has raised over \$130 million, and the IA Foundation is proud to contribute to this remarkable achievement.



# BLACK DOG

*\$35,000*  
Donation

In our ongoing commitment to fostering mental health and well-being, the IA Foundation proudly donated \$35,000 to the Black Dog Institute last year. This contribution underscores our dedication to supporting vital mental health research and programs that make a real difference in the lives of individuals facing mental health challenges.

The Black Dog Institute, a leader in mental health research, focuses on the prevention and treatment of mental illness through innovative solutions. According to recent statistics, one in five Australians experience symptoms of mental illness each year, highlighting the critical need for effective mental health resources and support.

Our donation will aid the Black Dog Institute in expanding their outreach and continuing their groundbreaking work in areas such as suicide prevention, digital mental health interventions, and support for youth mental health. By contributing to these efforts, we aim to help pave the way for a future where mental health support is accessible to everyone.

We look forward to continuing our support for this important cause, and we remain committed to making a positive impact on the lives of those affected by mental health issues.



## Black Dog Institute



# STARLIGHT

*\$40,000*  
Donation

The IA Foundation is proud to continue its annual tradition of supporting the Starlight Children's Foundation with a \$40,000 donation this year. Our commitment to making a difference in the lives of seriously ill children and their families is reflected not only in our financial contributions but also in our active participation in the Starlight Balls, where we come together to celebrate and raise further funds for this worthy cause.

Each year, the Starlight Children's Foundation brings joy and hope to thousands of children facing serious illnesses, providing them with much-needed positive experiences during challenging times. Our support, through donations and by purchasing tables at their annual Starlight Balls, helps ensure that Starlight can continue its invaluable work.

By contributing to the Starlight Children's Foundation, we are investing in a brighter future for these children and their families. We remain committed to supporting Starlight in its mission to bring smiles, laughter, and relief to those who need it most, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the years to come.

Proudly supporting



# SAHMRI

**\$25,000**  
Donation

In our ongoing commitment to advancing health and medical research, the IA Foundation has donated \$25,000 to the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) this year. As a long-term supporter of SAHMRI, we recognise the critical role this institute plays in driving innovation and improving health outcomes across Australia.

SAHMRI's research spans a wide range of areas, including cancer, heart disease, and mental health, with a strong focus on translating discoveries into real-world health solutions. In 2023, SAHMRI's efforts contributed to significant advancements, including a 15% increase in research publications and a 10% rise in clinical trials conducted, further solidifying its position as a leader in medical research.

Our partnership with SAHMRI not only reflects our shared values but also our commitment to supporting research that has the potential to save lives and improve the quality of life for millions. We are proud to be part of this journey and look forward to seeing the continued impact of SAHMRI's groundbreaking work.



# THANK YOU!



# BRISBANE YOUTH SERVICE

**\$25,000**  
Donation

Insurance Advisernet Foundation is proud to continue its longstanding support for Brisbane Youth Services (BYS) with a generous donation of \$25,000. BYS has a rich legacy of developing innovative services that address the evolving needs of vulnerable youth and young families in Brisbane. Currently, BYS employs nearly 100 dedicated staff members who offer a comprehensive range of programs and services to support young people aged 12-25 and their children.

In the 2023-24 period, BYS reported that almost 50% of the young people seeking their help were homeless, with 77% living in unsafe, temporary, or overcrowded housing. Laura Watson, Fundraising Coordinator, emphasised the severity of the situation: "The ongoing lack of safe and affordable housing options, combined with insufficient support services, has left a growing number of youths vulnerable or homeless."

The donation from the Insurance Advisernet Foundation will directly support BYS in delivering critical services such as emergency relief, housing provisions, physical and mental health initiatives, drug and alcohol intervention programs, parenting guidance, and domestic violence prevention measures. These services are essential in helping young people transition out of crisis and into safer, more stable futures.

**BRISBANE  
YOUTH  
SERVICE**  
NEW FUTURES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



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# WHAT ABILITY

**\$25,000**  
Donation

This year, we are proud to have donated \$25,000 to What Ability, an organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities through sport and recreational activities. Our partnership with Matt Formston, an inspiring Paralympian and advocate for inclusivity, underscores our commitment to fostering a world where everyone can participate and thrive.

Matt's passion and dedication resonate deeply with our mission, and we are honored to support his endeavors through our brand ambassador partnership.

What Ability exists to bring happiness to people living with a disability.

They provide 1:1 support that puts FUN first for their participants; from bushwalks to beach days, cafe trips and holiday camps.

What Ability, aims to break down barriers and create opportunities for individuals of all abilities, reinforcing belief in a more inclusive and empowering future, something we are proud to be aligned to.



# SACRED HEART MISSION

**\$25,000**  
Donation

Since its inception in 1982, Sacred Heart Mission has been a beacon of hope for those experiencing homelessness, disadvantage, and social exclusion, guiding them towards a better quality of life. The Mission's initial endeavours revolved around ensuring food security and providing shelter, but swiftly expanded to include facilitating stable housing and fostering the potential for a safe, independent, and vibrant community life. Over the years, Sacred Heart Mission, unfettered by age or background, has been instrumental in helping thousands of underserved individuals across Australia piece their lives back together.

Therefore, we're immensely gratified to continue supporting the meaningful work of the Sacred Heart Mission with a donation of \$25,000 this year. This contribution will augment the Mission's resources, thereby empowering them to sustain their commendable efforts in assisting those who are less fortunate in society.

*The Sacred Heart Mission have become one of the recognised leaders in social research and a passionate advocate for an inclusive, fair and compassionate community where people can overcome disadvantage and realise their full potential.*



# ZIG ZAG WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE

**\$10,000**  
Donation

IA Authorised representatives, Chantelle, Natasha, and Nigel, had the honour of presenting a generous donation of \$10,000 to Zig Zag, a vital resource centre dedicated to aiding young, vulnerable women across Queensland. This contribution underscores the foundation's commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need, particularly in supporting women's empowerment and well-being.

Zig Zag has long stood as a beacon of hope and support, providing a wide range of services designed to assist young women facing challenging circumstances. From housing and counselling to essential support services, Zig Zag's efforts are critical in offering a lifeline to many. "It was great to hear about the work that Zig Zag does in the community, assisting young women at a time of need," shared Nigel, reflecting on the importance of the centre's mission.

The donation from the IA Foundation will bolster Zig Zag's capacity to serve its community, especially during these tough times. Beyond its core services, Zig Zag also extends its support by distributing food and clothing, kindly donated by the local community. This comprehensive approach not only addresses immediate needs but also fosters a sense of belonging and community among the women it serves.



# DONATIONS



## Men's Shed Association

Prioritises the wellbeing of all men by providing a safe, friendly and welcoming place for men to work on meaningful projects and to contribute to the



## Tour De Cure

Tour de Cure raises vital funds to support the researchers, surgeons and clinicians who dedicate their lives to finding a cure for cancer.



## Starlight

For over 30 years Starlight have used play, social connection and creativity to support children and young people in some of their toughest times and to positively change their healthcare experience.

## Geoff Ogilvy Foundation

The Geoff Ogilvy Foundation was created to assist younger golfers establish a career in golf at the elite level. The Foundation also runs school programs, to teach young golfers how to play & education that golf is fun & for everyone.



## Black Dog Institute

The only medical research institute in Australia to investigate mental health across the lifespan, our aim is to create a mentally healthier world for everyone.

# DONATIONS



## Pregnancy & Family Support Association

Raise public awareness about some of the most pressing issues facing today's society, including poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, families living with chronic physical illness or mental health difficulties.

## Sacred Heart Mission

Sacred Hearts mission is to build people's capacity to participate more fully in community life, by addressing the underlying causes of deep, persistent disadvantage and social exclusion.

## Prostate Cancer Foundation

Australia's leading community-based organisation for prostate cancer research, awareness, and support.

## What Ability

What Ability exists to bring happiness to people living with a disability. They provide 1:1 support that puts FUN first for their participants; from bushwalks to beach days, cafe trips and holiday camps.

## Staying Alive Foundation

Creating Heart Safe Communities across Australia by donating defibrillators and raising awareness and education with the 3-Steps to help save a life in case of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) out-of-Hospital.

## Pancare Foundation

Pancare Foundation are a leading charity committed to inspiring hope, raising awareness, supporting families and funding research for upper gastrointestinal (GI) cancers.

## Bill Crews Foundation

Rev. Bill Crews and his team give free meals and support to thousands of homeless, poor and disadvantaged Australians every week and is trusted by the community to improve the lives of the homeless and needy.

## Beyond Blue

This foundation exists to ensure a wide range of young players, boys and girls, can enjoy this wonderful game while they are growing up.

## SAHMRI

An independent flagship organisation dedicated to improving health outcomes, both in Australia and around the world.

## Brisbane Youth Services

Supporting homeless and disadvantaged young people (aged 12-25 years) and their children, to secure and maintain housing. They provide emergency support to assist young people to address physical & mental health issue.



# DONATIONS



## Top Blokes

Promotes the wellbeing of young men in Australia, aged from 11 to 24 years of age with a vision of ensuring that young men are happy, healthy and safe within their communities.



## Zig Zag

Zig Zag is a community based not-for-profit organisation in Brisbane that provides a number of services to young women, trans and gender diverse young people aged 12-25 and the wider community.

## Austism Spectrum

Exist to support and empower our participants to live the best life possible. Their focus is on the strengths and interests of people on the autism spectrum.

## The Board Meeting

Exists to raise much-needed funds for families who have fallen through the cracks of Government support, are doing it extremely tough financially and have children with needs, those of us with healthy kids could hardly fathom.

## Leukodystrophy Australia

The organisation exists to provide information, support and advocacy to individuals and families affected by leukodystrophy, to raise awareness of this group of conditions, and to encourage leukodystrophy-related research.

## Shake It Up

Shake It Up Australia Foundation promotes and funds Parkinson's disease research in Australia aimed at better treatments and ultimately a cure.

## Healthy Heads in Trucks and Sheds

Dedicated to improving mental health and physical wellbeing in Australia's road transport, warehousing, and logistics sectors.

## Sony Foundation

Aims to improve young Australian's health and wellbeing through positive experiences and social change in areas underfunded by society.

## St Vincent De Paul

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has more than 45,000 members and volunteers, who work hard to assist people in need and combat social injustice across Australia.

## Life Ed Australia

Teach children and young people aged 3-13 the health, safety and wellbeing skills to make better decisions throughout their lives, creating a holistic impact on their long-term health.

## MND & Me Foundation

MND and Me Foundation is striving to raise much needed funding to understand the causes, find effective treatments and discover a cure for MND.

# DONATIONS



## iDareDream

iDareDream offers grandchildren being raised by their grandparents, opportunities to participate in the same activities and programs most other children enjoy.

## Albany Community Foundation

The Albany Community Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation who collaborate to assist local people in our community who have fallen on hard times and are in genuine need.



## Australia Childhood Foundation

On their own, children do not recover from the devastating impact of abuse, neglect and family violence. ACF provides therapeutic services to children so they can recover from trauma.

## KidsXpress

KidsXpress works to transform the most vulnerable members of society, intervening early to improve children's emotional wellbeing, potentially breaking a cycle of trauma and giving children a better chance to achieve their potential.

## Pink Silks

Have a strong focus on assisting local women's health organisations with much needed equipment and services, as well as contributing to national research foundations.

## Never Alone

Provide education, resources and support to those struggling and their communities.

## Cancer Research Foundation

Their mission is to back brilliant research by giving scientists the technology and equipment they need to find new and improved ways to prevent, detect and treat ALL types of cancer.

## Love Me Love You

Aims to make a positive social change in the mental health space by providing support and educational programs.

# 2023/2024

## Supporters

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