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**FOUNDATION**  
BREWING SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY

**COOPERS FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2023**



Congratulations to the Foundation's Patron Jo Cooper on receiving a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the King's Birthday Honours for significant service to philanthropy and to the Anglican Church of Australia. It is a fitting tribute to the significant generosity and support Jo has provided to the charitable sector.

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# CHAIR'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the Coopers Brewery Foundation for Financial Year 2022-2023.

I'm proud to announce that the Foundation has now awarded more than \$7.2 million to Australian charities since inception in 2006, a significant milestone that could not have been achieved without the generous support of donations from the company, staff, shareholders, corporate partners and the public.

This year, \$644,540 was awarded to 19 charities with recognised strengths in youth education, aged care, medical research and health care, and in fostering family and community support based on Christian values.

In December 2022, youth education charity Opening the Doors Foundation was selected to be the recipient of the Sustainable Giving grant and will receive \$150,000 over three years. This organisation provides support to First Nations students to meet the costs of an education of their choosing.

Past recipients of the Sustainable Giving grant, Neuroblastoma Australia and Prison Fellowship Australia, were awarded the next instalments of funding and reported outstanding results from the projects that have been supported.

Coopers Brewery staff have been very generous in their support of the Foundation again this year, donating over \$63,000. Three charities were supported on their behalf – Association of Australian Assistance Dogs NQ Inc, Global Care, and Story Factory Inc.

The company's shareholders donated \$150,800 from dividends, allowing the Foundation to support two under-privileged communities through St Merkorious Charity Association Inc and Frontier Services.

On a rainy day in May, the 14th Coopers Foundation Golf Day was held at Kooyonga Golf Course with 36 teams playing and 14 Hole Sponsors supporting the event. The fundraiser for medical research organisations Australian Prostate Cancer Research Society, Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation, and the Jodi Lee Foundation raised over \$170,000 and was the Foundation's most successful event to date. Despite the inclement weather, golfers enjoyed on-course activities, a gala dinner with entertainment, major and silent auctions, hosted by Coopers' sixth generation brewer, Iain Cooper.

The Foundation extends its congratulations to Patron Jo Cooper on receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia in the King's Birthday Honours in June. This well-deserved honour is a tribute to Jo's generosity to the Foundation and philanthropic sector.

Coopers Brewery donated \$400,000 to the Coopers Foundation Investment Fund, the second year that 1.5% of pre-tax profits have been donated for investment. The Fund now holds a balanced portfolio of \$11.3m in cash, government bonds, credit, real assets, and domestic and international equities, which performed well this year.

I would like to thank all donors who have contributed this year. In recognition of outstanding contributions, the Foundation introduced a new donor level for those who have donated over \$500,000 in the 17 years since the Foundation was established. These new 'Diamond' donors are Coopers Brewery, Castlegate James, and Jo Cooper AM. Platinum donors have contributed over \$100,000, Gold over \$10,000, Red over \$5,000, and Green over \$50. A list of this year's donors can be found at the end of this Annual Report.

I extend my sincerest gratitude to the Foundation's Patrons, the Board of Governors, Executive Officer Jasmin Barry-Keen, the Investment Committee, and the Coopers Brewery Board of Directors for their unwavering support of the Coopers Foundation. Their dedication and support has been instrumental in enabling the Foundation to continue its mission of giving back to the community.

I would also like to thank KPMG for the review of the accounts and to On:Creative for helping produce this Annual Report.

Throughout the past year, the Foundation has remained steadfast in its commitment to supporting charitable organisations across Australia. I am proud of the impact the Foundation has been able to make, and I look forward to continuing this important work in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



*Melanie Cooper*  
**Melanie Cooper AM**  
 Chair

# SUSTAINABLE GIVING GRANTS

## OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

The Foundation's Sustainable Giving recipient for 2022's focus area of youth education was **Opening the Doors Foundation (OTDF)** – keeping Koori kids in the education of their choice.

This Aboriginal-led community organisation enables vulnerable First Nations students to participate fully and equally in education whilst supporting their families to make choices about their children's future. OTDF believes that consistent support and self-determination are key to raising the dreams and aspirations of the next generation. The funding will assist 180 students over the three-year funding period, providing financial support for educational expenses to ensure they stay engaged in the education of their choosing.

**“OTDF has been instrumental for our large family to access Catholic education, and has always been there to assist us, even through the darkest of times. Having assistance in paying the school levies such as camps, as well as being able to purchase the correct school uniform, has allowed us to feel worthy and the same as everyone else.”**

- Parent of OTDF student



## PRISON FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA

Last year's beneficiary, **Prison Fellowship Australia**, has had great success with its Extraordinary Lives program, supporting children of prisoners.

The program provided 4,035 individual Christmas gifts in 2022, and over the last year 52 children participated in Day Camp experiences and built trusting relationships with guardians who support these children while their parents are incarcerated.

Attendees at the Friends of the Foundation event in March had the chance to hear from Prison Fellowship Australia CEO, Glen Fairweather.



**“Thanks to the Coopers Foundation, we have been able to significantly expand the support offered to the children of inmates across Australia. These unseen victims of crime are up to 6 times more likely than their peers to end up in prison later in life. The Extraordinary Lives program helps to break the generational cycle of crime and provide opportunities for children to thrive.”**

- Glen Fairweather, CEO Prison Fellowship Australia



## NEUROBLASTOMA AUSTRALIA

**Neuroblastoma Australia**, selected for Sustainable Giving in 2021, has received its last instalment of funding. The team are excited to announce that a new drug combination is being tested before moving to clinical trials. All indicators are that this combination will be more effective and less toxic than the current treatments for this childhood brain cancer.



**“Coopers Foundation has enabled us to support an exciting and innovative research project which otherwise may not have progressed. Such funding ensures innovative ideas are not overlooked and that they can be properly developed and tested with the goal of finding better and safer treatments for the young children diagnosed.”**

- Lucy Jones, CEO Neuroblastoma Australia

# STAFF GIVING

More than 100 Coopers Brewery employees donated to the Foundation through workplace giving this year. With over \$63,000 contributed, the Foundation was able to support three charities in the name of Brewery staff:



## ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE DOGS NQ INC (ASDOGS) \$20,000

This organisation raises and trains puppies to become qualified assistance dogs for people living with physical disabilities in regional Northern Queensland. Funding has enabled ASDOGS to update and digitise their training materials, allowing the organisation to induct new trainers and puppy raisers and double the number of dogs that are successfully trained each year.



**“It takes approximately 2 years to train an assistance dog. A lot of time, effort and resources goes into every dog we train. When you finally get to see the difference a dog makes to a recipient’s life, the positive changes and the bond that develops between them, that’s when it makes it all worthwhile.”**

- Marion Adil, Volunteer Assistance Dog Trainer

## GLOBAL CARE \$20,770

The charity arm of the International Network of Churches, Global Care responds to the specific needs of the communities it serves. One year on from the NSW floods, Global Care volunteers are still working in the flood affected communities of Coraki and Woodburn. This contribution paid for a series of workshops to teach residents basic trade skills and then provided them with the tools and equipment to make necessary repairs to their properties.



## STORY FACTORY INC \$30,000

This organisation enriches the lives of marginalised young people through creative writing and storytelling. The programs build confidence, creativity and literacy, and provides a platform for young voices to be heard. This grant funded 36 after-school creative writing sessions for approximately 900 students in the under-resourced communities of Western Sydney. Each eight-week program was delivered by expert facilitators and volunteers who engaged with the students and offered targeted support for each individual.



**“The best thing about this program was the task of writing and presenting. I get to express myself unlike school where I feel anxious about what the teacher and others think.”**

- Program participant

# SHAREHOLDER GIVING

Shareholders donated \$150,800 this financial year, allowing the Foundation to support the following charities:

## FRONTIER SERVICES (UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA) \$30,000

Frontier Services has been supporting people in rural and remote Australia for over 110 years, through bush chaplaincy and the Outback Links program. The tireless work of Bush Chaplain Pastor Julia Lennon raised enough funds to build a new church and community space in the remote South Australian community of Oodnadatta, which is 3 hours' drive from the nearest church. This grant paid for the installation of a commercial kitchen, which will be used for community meals, district events, and to teach local students hospitality skills.



## ST MERKORIOUS CHARITY ASSOCIATION INC \$30,000

This organisation's mission is to relieve hunger and poverty over Greater Sydney by providing access to healthy food, clothing and essential items. With the cost-of-living crisis now a reality, St Merkorious is dealing with more requests for assistance than ever before. This contribution will provide weekly community meals for more than 100 people and will help St Merkorious expand its food delivery service to a further 100 homes.





# FOUNDATION GOLF DAY

On the first Friday in May, the 14th Coopers Foundation Golf Day was held at Kooyonga Golf Club. Despite the persistent rain, this was the Foundation's most successful event yet, raising over \$170,000 for three charity partners – Australian Prostate Cancer Research Society, Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation, and the Jodi Lee Foundation.

Thanks to the hole sponsors, golfers were offered a variety of on-course activities including giant beer pong, chipping marshmallows into a bucket, and the option for the Golf Pro to take their shot on Hole 14. They also enjoyed whisky tastings thanks to Archie Rose Distilling, food thanks to Vilis, Taylor & Holmes Catering and Daisy Burger, and drank Coopers Vintage Ale and Draught, Carlsberg and Kronenbourg from the two on-course bars.

Master of Ceremonies, sixth generation Coopers brewer Iain Cooper, had the crowd entertained with his 'family roast', and attendees had a chance to hear from each of the charity partners. The major auction provided lively entertainment during dinner thanks to auctioneer Nathan Casserly, along with a competitive silent auction and roving magician.

The Foundation thanks the many individuals and volunteers involved, together with the players, sponsors, teams and businesses giving their time and generosity to make the event a success.

## HOLE SPONSORS

- A&G Engineering
- Ahrens
- Blackwoods
- Cold Logic
- Collins Transport
- Coopers Brewery
- Ecolab
- Ellerslie Australia
- Jamestrong Packaging
- KPMG
- One Toyota
- Ouwens Casserly Real Estate
- SPX Flow
- West Rock

## IN-KIND SUPPORTERS & PRIZE DONORS

- Aaron Bain Racing / Summit Bloodstock / HorseMed Hills
- AME Pump Specialists
- ANZ volunteers
- Archie Rose Distilling
- Australian Coffee Distributors
- Blackwoods
- Breakthrough Mental Health volunteers
- Carlsberg
- Charlesworth Nuts
- Cooper, Andrew
- Cooper, Verity
- Corpralite Audio Visual
- EDP Hotels
- Eos by SkyCity
- Fitness Factory
- Haighs
- Hospital Research Foundation volunteers
- Hurley Group
- Jodi Lee Foundation volunteers
- Kooyonga Golf Club
- Opal
- Orora
- Ouwens Casserly Real Estate
- Shearer, Michael & Jo
- Shout For Good
- Taylor & Holmes Catering
- Telstra
- Topline Promotions
- Vacay Swimwear
- Vili's

# GENERAL GIVING GRANTS



## CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP) \$30,000

The recipient of our Sustainable Giving grant in 2018, CAP was selected to receive funding again this year to further the impact of the Money Mentoring program. The number of people experiencing financial distress is growing year-on-year, and CAP volunteers are working from churches around Australia every day to support those in the community experiencing hardship. CAP trains Money Mentors to help people manage expenses and reduce debt while also helping them save for the future.



## EAGLES RAPS INC \$24,400

Supporting at-risk young people aged 14-24, Eagles RAPS provides alternative vocational training and further education opportunities. This grant supported RESET, an induction program for students struggling to engage in mainstream school. The program was developed in response to the increase in mental health issues experienced by young people during the Covid-19 pandemic and connects them to other programs and support options.



## MERCY WORKS LTD \$25,000

Mercy Works partners with vulnerable communities and helps them work towards opportunity, dignity, and self-reliance. The Mercy Connect program provides education support to Indigenous, refugee and asylum seeker students (K-12) in Australia. Grant funding was used to recruit, train, and support the volunteer mentors who work with these children and provide them with the confidence to engage with school and their peers.



## MERRI OUTREACH SUPPORT SERVICE LTD (MOSS) \$18,000

Committed to ending homelessness in the community, MOSS supports individuals who are at risk through a range of programs that address the root causes of homelessness, such as family violence and mental health issues. The Foundation's contribution financed the Decreasing the Digital Divide program, providing one-on-one digital literacy training for seniors residing in two welfare housing high-rises in Melbourne. These residents, who are disengaged from their community and available services, will be provided with laptops and volunteer support to connect with the world.







## SUDBURY COMMUNITY HOUSE ASSOCIATION INC \$30,000

Part of the Mirrabooka community in WA since 1986, Sudbury Community House provides a range of services and facilities to support its local community. Along with running an early learning centre, it hosts friendship groups, conducts a community choir, provides food relief and a safe place to shower and wash clothes. Funding supported an arts therapy program for youth, dedicated to enhancing the socio-emotional wellbeing and community connection for children who have disengaged from school. This program also connects young people who have complexities around homelessness, juvenile offending, mental health issues, and family-dysfunction to professional support services.



## UNCLE BOB'S CLUB \$6,000

Established in 1941 by four men who decided to contribute one shilling (or 'bob') a week to the local Children's Hospital, Uncle Bob's Club now has groups across Victoria that raise funds for a range of children's health services. The organisation has provided more than \$17m of support through the purchase of medical equipment and the funding of research into children's diseases. This grant provided a marquee and signage for the Snags 4 Kids BBQ, providing a safe and sustainable fundraising environment for volunteers of varying abilities.



## WARRINA HOMES INC \$30,000

Warrina Homes is a residential aged care provider that is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive community across its six facilities in the north-eastern suburbs of Adelaide. These funds were used in two of the memory support units, covering the purchase and installation of the Tovertafel - a 'magic games table' that promotes social activity for elderly people. This ceiling-mounted projector uses interactive light, colour, and music to stimulate movement and social interaction for users living with dementia.



## YELLOW LADYBUGS \$30,000

Yellow Ladybugs is dedicated to promoting the happiness, success, and celebration of girls and women living with autism. It seeks to address the many challenges that this cohort faces including barriers to diagnosis, lack of inclusion in school and employment, and access to support services. This contribution funded the YellowCraft holiday program which is designed to assist autistic girls aged 12-17 to develop friendships and build social competencies. Providing a neurodiverse-friendly framework, this online program uses the Minecraft platform to encourage interaction in a safe environment for participants.



# BENEFICIARIES

The following charitable organisations received funding from the Foundation during the year:

## AGED CARE & DISABILITY

Merri Outreach Support Service Ltd	\$18,000
Warrina Homes Inc	\$30,000

## HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Association of Australian Assistance Dogs (NQ) Inc	\$20,000
Australian Prostate Cancer Research Society Ltd	\$56,790
Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation Ltd	\$56,790
Jodi Lee Foundation	\$56,790
Neuroblastoma Australia	\$50,000
Uncle Bob's Club	\$6,000

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Christians Against Poverty	\$30,000
Frontier Services (Uniting Church in Australia)	\$30,000
Global Care	\$20,770
Prison Fellowship Australia	\$50,000
St Merkorious Charity Association Inc	\$30,000

## YOUTH EDUCATION

Eagles RAPS Inc	\$24,400
Mercy Works Ltd	\$25,000
Opening the Doors Foundation	\$50,000
Story Factory Inc	\$30,000
Sudbury Community House Association Inc	\$30,000
Yellow Ladybugs	\$30,000



The Foundation thanks the following people for their time and expertise during the year:

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- Melanie Cooper AM Chair
- Dr Tim Cooper AM
- Haydn Duffield
- Leanne Gelly
- RADM The Hon Kevin Scarce AC CSC RAN (ret'd)
- Jasmin Barry-Keen Executive Officer

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- Alexander Cooper
- Melanie Cooper AM Chair
- Haydn Duffield
- Brad Grunert
- Simon Hele
- Michael Shearer
- JB Were Advisors

## PATRONS

- Glenn Cooper AM
- Jo Cooper AM

# DONOR LIST

A Friends of the Foundation event was held for donors at Sunnybrae gardens in March, where guests heard from Chair Mel Cooper and Sustainable Giving grant recipient, Prison Fellowship CEO Glen Fairweather.

Staff, shareholders, Patrons, Governors and corporate partners enjoyed the beautiful venue at this event, held every 18 months. The next Friends of the Foundation event will be held in the new visitor centre currently under construction at Coopers' Regency Park site.

The Foundation has created a new 'Diamond' donor category to highlight the particularly generous support of our top donors.

Thanks to the following donors for their support this financial year, shown in their relative cumulative donor giving category.



## DIAMOND \$500,000+

Castlegate James  
Cooper, Jo  
Coopers Brewery

## PLATINUM \$100,000- \$499,000

Cooper, James & Christina  
Gill, Bill & Kathy  
Maxwell Cooper Family Trust

## GOLD \$10,000 TO \$99,999

Allianz Australia  
Cooper, Louise  
Cooper, Melanie  
Cooper, Peter & Rosemary  
Cooper, Tim & Barbara  
Cooper, Verity  
Cooper & Pearce, Robyn & Cam  
Corporate Conversation  
Gelly, Leanne  
Holton, Graham  
Khorasaneh, Alison  
McCarthy, Paul & Tania  
National Beer Can Collectors  
Perrotta, Frank  
Sage, Jean  
Shearer, Michael & Jo  
WG Builders  
WIN Television

## RED \$5,000 TO \$9,999

Coad, Rosalie and Peter  
Cross, Louise  
Duffield, Haydn & Lorraine  
Grunert, Brad  
Matto, Renato  
McConnell, Greg  
Nardi, Ross  
Orchard, Ginta  
Reynolds, Nicholas  
Roofing Constructions  
Ryan, Deon  
Thomson, Lyndley

## GREEN \$50 TO \$4,999

Aceska, Suzana  
Armstrong, Ben  
Ashcroft, Duncan  
Attana, Grace  
Banks, Elisabeth

Barry, Alison  
Barry-Keen, Jasmin  
Bartsch, Chester  
Bastock, Daniel  
Berryman, Ian  
Bingos, Dylan  
Blight, Tim  
Bowden, David  
Bower-Kemp, Richard  
Braund, Nicholas  
Brien, Richard  
Camilleri, Ellie  
Cebo, Manny  
Child, Aaron  
Clark, Jason  
Clayton, Adam  
Cooper, Andrew  
Cooper, Dale & Elizabeth  
Cooper, Francie  
Cooper, Iain  
Cooper, Rebecca  
Cooper, Robert  
Cooper, Sarah  
Cooper-Casserly, Rachel  
Craggs, Emma  
Crouch, Peter  
Crowe, John  
Cullen, Sean  
Davila, Daniel  
Denis, Michael  
Donaldson, Darren  
Donaldson, Scott  
Drzal, Brett  
Elverd, Mark  
Fallah, Omar  
Fassina Liquor Stores  
Faul, Brad  
Ferguson, Darren  
Fetzer Family  
Freundt, Lee-Anne  
Fromm Packaging  
Fuller, Mark  
Futura Metalcraft  
Gibson, Phil  
Giglio, Corey  
Gilbert, Alice  
Goulmy, Mark  
Gracez, Mark  
Grant, Carolyn  
Grosvenor, Heath  
Grunert, Brad  
Harber, Nicholas  
Hardy, Patricia  
Harris, Wendy  
Hazeal, Clayton  
Healy, Sean  
Heiniger, Stuart  
Herrick, Danielle  
Iyengar, Aruna  
Johnston, Chris  
Jones, Colin  
Karafylidis, Theo  
Kearney, Amelia

Lacey, Helen  
LaForgia, Sergio  
Lepera, Rodrigo  
Logan, Stuart  
Long, Rith  
Loots, Sharon  
Macaulay, Gary  
March, Amy  
Matthews, Allison & Brian  
Mazzagatti, Rocky & Nancy  
McDonald, Graham  
Medlyn, David & Lisa  
Mitchell, Tammy  
Moller, Naomi  
Morina, Dean  
Musolino, Rocco  
Neindorf, Briony  
Noblet, Lucy  
O'Donoghue, Steven  
Orchard, Ginta  
Osborne, Daniel  
Osman, Sinan  
Othman, Hisham  
O'Toole, Floyd  
Peacock, James  
Pickering, Bettina  
Pisaniello, Tony  
Rahkola, Caitlin  
Reed, Adam  
Rodrigo, Sheahan  
Romeo, Frank  
Secomb, Susan  
Siegel Adhesives  
Smith, David  
Spence, David  
Sterenber, Nick  
Stewart, Doug  
Strong, David  
Sutton, Arron  
Swift, Grace  
Sydow, Christian  
Tascione, Errico  
Taylor, Helen  
Thomson Geer  
Tillett, Steve  
Trojan Recruitment Group  
Van Capelle, Timothy  
Webster, Brodie  
Whybrow, Jacqueline  
Williams, Heath  
Woolford, Victoria  
Wysling, Carol  
Yorke, Liam

## IN-KIND SUPPORTERS

Allianz  
ANZ Bank  
KPMG  
On:Creative

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ending 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Revenue</b>		
Fundraising revenue	879,205	938,594
Returned donation income	-	28,000
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>879,205</b>	<b>966,594</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administrative expenses	(192,347)	(129,809)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(192,347)</b>	<b>(129,809)</b>
<b>Net fundraising surplus</b>	<b>686,858</b>	<b>836,785</b>
Donations made to charitable beneficiaries	(644,540)	(761,332)
<b>Net funds after charitable distribution</b>	<b>42,318</b>	<b>75,453</b>
Dividend, distribution and investment income	639,299	407,197
Realised gains on sale of listed unit trusts	25,900	-
Interest income	15,201	2,936
Net unrealised gain/(loss) in fair value of listed unit trusts	215,667	(276,632)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>938,385</b>	<b>208,954</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</b>		
Net change in fair value of shares and investments	628,948	(917,431)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>1,567,333</b>	<b>(708,477)</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	876,291	664,918
Receivables	107,938	39,749
Investments	10,402,401	9,106,655
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>11,386,630</b>	<b>9,811,322</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>11,386,630</b>	<b>9,811,322</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	17,443	9,468
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>17,443</b>	<b>9,468</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>17,443</b>	<b>9,468</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>11,369,187</b>	<b>9,801,854</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated funds	10,691,342	10,036,081
Fair value reserve	677,845	(234,227)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>11,369,187</b>	<b>9,801,854</b>



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