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> “The support that Arrow Foundation gives to patients in incredible. I will always be grateful for their help.”

Aura,
Stem cell transplant patient

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Our Impact

In the 2026 financial year, we supported:



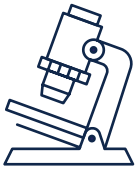
696

stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients and carers



29

healthcare professionals



4

medical researchers



Our Organisation

At Arrow our target is clear.

We aim to provide personalised support, healthcare training and research funding to help every Australian enduring tough but lifesaving stem cell transplants and cellular therapies.

For more than 30 years, Arrow has focused exclusively on supporting the stem cell transplant community. No other organisation in Australia is dedicated solely to this mission.

Each year, over 19,000 Australians are diagnosed with blood cancers such as leukaemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Many more face autoimmune diseases like multiple sclerosis, blood disorders such as anaemia, and other non-malignant conditions.

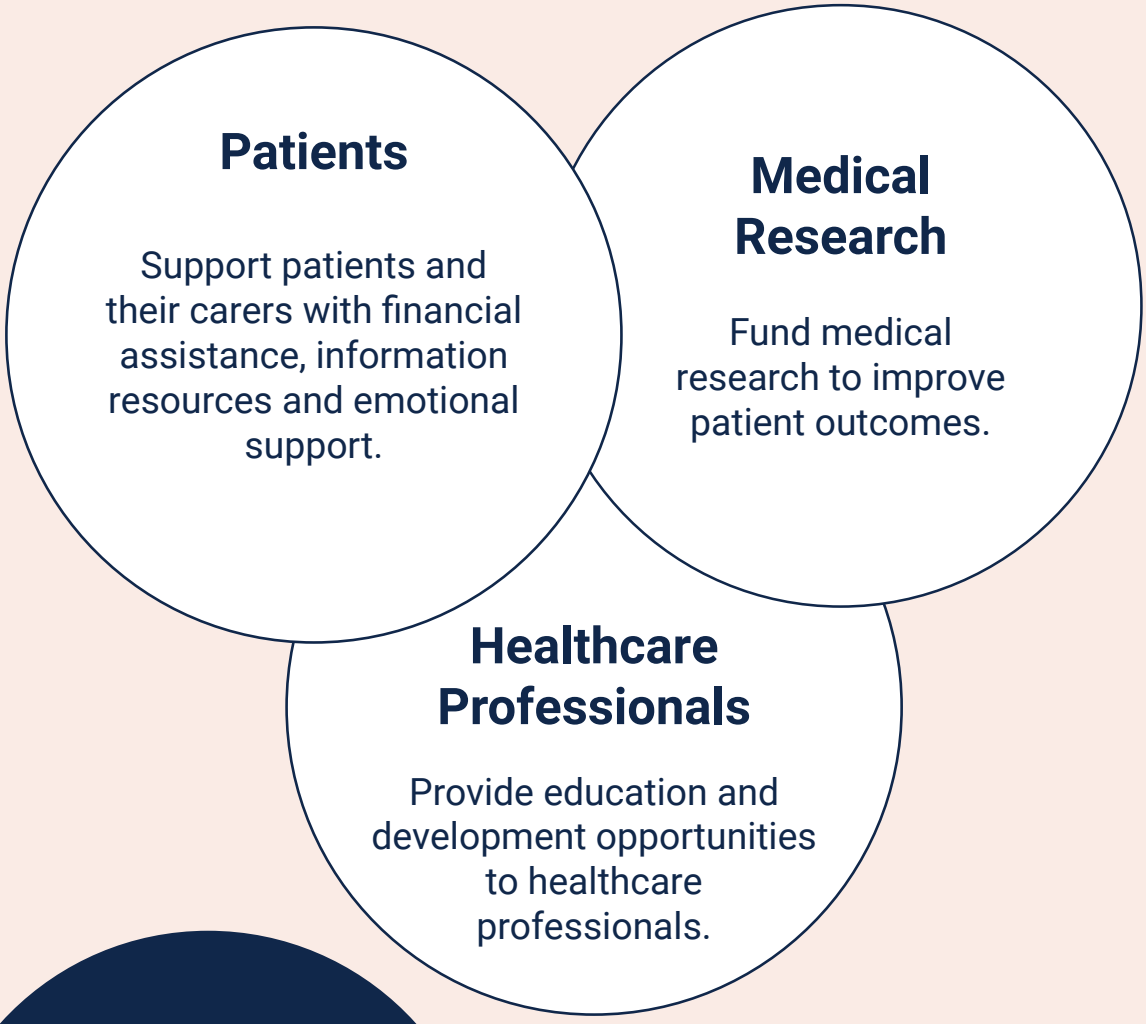
In many cases, a stem cell transplant offers the best chance of recovery.

More than 2,000 patients undergo these life-saving procedures in Australia annually. While transplants can be transformative, they also carry risks and significant side effects.

Through personalised care, training for healthcare teams, and funding of vital research, we aim to improve the quality of life for every Australian facing these demanding treatments.

Our Mission

Targeting the care and treatment of stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients.



Our Vision

To improve the quality of life of all people receiving a stem cell transplant or cellular therapy.

Our Values

We act with integrity and compassion, and have patients at the heart of everything we do.

Message from the Chair

As I write my final report as Chair of Arrow, I reflect on the past five years with a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to have served the organisation and its community.

It has been a privilege to see Arrow grow and expand its support for stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients, carers, healthcare professionals and researchers. This progress is a reflection of the commitment of the Arrow team led by CEO Richelle Koller, together with the generosity and support of the many people who contribute to the organisation's work.

When I joined the Board in 2022, Arrow provided financial assistance to 95 patients and carers. This year, 696 patients and their carers accessed support through five programs encompassing financial assistance, information resources and emotional support.

Our healthcare professional scholarship program has also grown significantly. In 2022, Arrow awarded five nursing scholarships. This year, we supported 27 healthcare professionals from a range of disciplines working in stem cell transplant and cellular therapies through postgraduate education and conference travel scholarships.

Equally pleasing has been the growth of our research program. In 2022, Arrow supported one PhD researcher. Today, we are supporting four PhD scholarship recipients, including our first nursing PhD scholar. It has been inspiring to see the calibre of recipients and the important contributions their research is making to the field.

Over this period, Arrow's fundraising activities have expanded and diversified across multiple income streams. A particular highlight during my time was the extraordinary generosity of the late Anne Robertson, whose transformational bequest has strengthened the organisation's future and will enable Arrow to support many people in the years ahead.

We have also continued to strengthen the governance of the organisation, ensuring that Arrow is well positioned to deliver on its mission and future growth. I thank my fellow directors, past and present, for their commitment, expertise and contribution throughout my time on the Board. I acknowledge and thank Stuart Snell who is retiring from the Board for his generous and valuable contribution.

During the year, we were delighted to welcome four new directors to the Board: Brianna Fallins, Pascal Gouel, Stuart Darracott, and Paul McGrath, who succeeds me as Chair. Each brings valuable skills, experience and perspectives that will help guide Arrow through its next phase of growth and ensure we continue to deliver meaningful impact for the community we serve.

As my time on the Board comes to an end, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve Arrow and to work alongside so many people who care deeply about its purpose. I am confident that, under incoming Chair Paul McGrath and CEO Richelle Koller, and with the dedication of the Arrow team and Board, the organisation is well placed for the next chapter. I leave with great appreciation for everyone who has contributed during my time with Arrow and wish the organisation every success as it continues its important work for stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients, carers and families.

Chris Murray
Chair



Message from the CEO

2026 was another successful year. This year, we launched a number of new initiatives as we continued to expand our programs and services in support of stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients and carers.

One of the highlights was the release of our new allogenic stem cell transplant information guide for patients and carers. Many years in the making, it was incredibly rewarding to see this project come to fruition. This guide is the result of the collective efforts of many patients, carers, healthcare professionals and partner organisations, and will help future transplant patients and their families feel more informed, prepared and supported.

We were also proud to introduce Arrow Patient Care Packs at three hospitals this year. Providing comfort, practical support and information during hospital stays, the packs have been made possible through the generosity of donors, healthcare workers and the dedicated Arrow team. The positive feedback received highlights the value of this initiative, and we look forward to expanding the packs to more hospitals in the years ahead.

There have also been exciting developments on the fundraising front. This year, we launched our Friends of Arrow program, recognising the regular donors and supporters whose ongoing generosity makes so much of our work possible. It was wonderful to celebrate the launch alongside passionate and committed supporters, and we look forward to welcoming many more Friends of Arrow and growing this wonderful community.

We were also thrilled to become a charity partner of Sydney Marathon for the first time. During the year we launched our Sydney Marathon campaign and welcomed an incredible group of runners to Team Arrow. Each participant brought their own connection to Arrow, making their support particularly meaningful. We look forward to following their marathon journey and building the Sydney Marathon into a significant fundraising initiative for Arrow in the future.

Another milestone this year was the launch of our new website. Aligned with our refreshed Arrow Foundation brand, the new site strengthens our ability to connect with and support patients, carers, healthcare professionals, researchers and donors.

Alongside these new initiatives, we continued to strengthen our existing programs, including patient financial support, information resources, emotional support services, and scholarships for healthcare professionals and researchers. Our scholarship program continued to reflect the multidisciplinary nature of transplant care, with support extended to social workers for the first time. We were also proud to see our PhD recipients recognised for their outstanding achievements and nurses supported by Arrow showcase their research on the global stage.

Finally, I would like to thank Chair Chris Murray and Board member Stuart Snell, who will retire from the Board later this year. On behalf of everyone at Arrow, thank you both for your leadership, commitment and contribution to the organisation's growth and strategic direction. It has been an absolute pleasure working alongside you.

I would also like to thank the Arrow team for their dedication, passion and hard work through the year, together with our donors, supporters and healthcare partners who make our work possible. As we look ahead, we remain focused on expanding support for patients and carers, strengthening healthcare education and research, and growing our impact across the transplant and cellular therapy community. Together we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Richelle Koller
Chief Executive Officer



Patient Support

This year, we supported 696 stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients and their carers through our patient programs, which provide financial assistance, emotional support and information resources.

We also introduced two new patient programs to support patients and carers throughout treatment.

Patient Information Guide

The launch of *Arrow's Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant Patient Information Guide* was a significant milestone this year. Developed over several years in collaboration with healthcare professionals, patients, carers and partner organisations, the guide provides clear, practical and compassionate information to help patients and families navigate the transplant journey.

We thank our valued partners, Australia and New Zealand Transplant and Cellular Therapies (ANZTCT) and Stem Cell Donors Australia, the many healthcare professionals who contributed their expertise, the patients and carers whose experiences and insights helped inform the guide's content, and our editor, designer and Philip Hartog, whose generous support of the guide's printing costs helped make this publication possible.You can access a digital version of the guide on our website: https://arrow.org.au/patient-support/



"What a great resource. This is so helpful . Well done and a heartfelt thanks to all the people involved."

Pru, Stem cell transplant patient

Patient Care Packs

Arrow proudly launched the pilot phase of its Patient Care Packs initiative during the year, with 300 packs distributed across participating transplant centres including Royal Melbourne Hospital, Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and St Vincent's Hospital Sydney. Designed to provide comfort, practical support and access to information and support services during treatment and recovery, the packs have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from patients, families and healthcare teams.

We thank our generous sponsors, La Roche-Posay, Cotton on Foundation, Moo Goo Skincare, Carman's Kitchen, Bellarine Sewing Centre and ANZTCT, for making this initiative possible.

We also thank the healthcare professionals whose support and collaboration have been instrumental in the program's success.



Financial Assistance

We provided financial assistance to 552 patients and their families, approving 1,175 requests for support and distributing a total of $275,000. Support was provided in the form of grocery, petrol and uber vouchers, accommodation support, and help with household bills such as electricity, water and car registration.This vital support was made possible through our strong national referral network, which includes 113 healthcare professional referrers from 39 hospitals across Australia. We are deeply grateful to these professionals for connecting us with patients in need and for their ongoing collaboration.

Transplant Tribe

Our monthly Transplant Tribe support groups offered patients and carers a safe space to connect, share experiences, and support one another. These sessions fostered rich discussions and a sense of community.

We recorded 120 registrations across the year, representing 41 individual participants, many of whom returned month after month.

Transplant Talk Live Webinars

We continued our bi-monthly Transplant Talk Live webinars, exploring key topics such as exercise after transplant, clinical trials, stem cell donation, as well as young adult and paediatric perspectives on transplantation. Each session featured a guest speaker, and we thank all patients and healthcare professionals who presented in the webinars and generously shared their expertise and experiences.

Across six sessions, we had 608 registrations, including patients, carers, and healthcare professionals. In total, there were 410 unique registrations.

Straight and Marrow Podcast

We continued our support of the Straight and Marrow podcast, hosted and produced by Yvonne Panek-Hudson and Alex Rivalland. The podcast remains hugely popular, with over 6,000 downloads this financial year from listeners around the world.

This year's episodes included discussions on the impact of treatment on fertility, as well as a young adult's experience of CAR-T therapy.

You can listen to the podcast at https://www.straightandmarrow.net/

> "Being so far from home means many unexpected expenses. Receiving this gift card is like a little rainbow of hope amidst the clouds."
>
> **Sally & Peter,**
> **Stem cell transplant patient and carer**


Room 40
Infusion pumps

Brett's Story

Every Little Bit Counts

When Brett looks back on the start of 2025, he still finds it hard to believe how quickly life changed. Just days before Christmas, the 58-year-old was playing competitive volleyball and enjoying time on the jet ski. A slight backache was the only sign that something might be wrong.

Within weeks, the pain had become so severe that he struggled to get in and out of bed. Following a series of urgent appointments, Brett was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a blood cancer that had already caused damage to his lower spine.

"I'd never even heard of myeloma," Brett recalls. "It was a real shock. One week I was playing sport, the next week I could barely move."

Living in Port Lincoln, Brett faced an additional challenge. Specialist haematology care was only available in Adelaide, 650 kilometres from home. Throughout treatment, he spent around two weeks each month away, travelling for chemotherapy, scans, IV treatments and eventually an autologous stem cell transplant.

While many medical costs were covered, the expenses associated with treatment quickly added up. Brett's wife Jo, travelled frequently to support him, and the cost of flights, meals and extended time away from home created added financial pressure.

Through a referral from the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Brett received support from Arrow.

"Most of my treatment costs were covered by Medicare and private health, but we were out of pocket for Jo's flights and our living costs," he says. "Arrow's support made a real difference – every little bit counts."

Today, Brett is back at work, enjoying life with his family and grateful for the support he received along the way.

> "We are so thankful for Arrow's support. It really does make a difference."

Healthcare Professional Education

This year, we invested more than $58,000 in education and travel scholarships, supporting 29 healthcare professionals involved in stem cell transplantation and cellular therapies.

Graduate Certificate Scholarships

The following six nurses received a Graduate Certificate scholarship through the **Professional Geoffrey Driscoll Scholarship Fund**:

- Kate Park, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, QLD
- Madison Norman, Westmead Hospital, NSW
- Jackie Edmunds, Austin Health, VIC
- Monique Ward, Royal Melbourne Hospital, VIC
- Xin Zhao, Canberra Hospital, ACT
- Pou San Kuong, Liverpool Hospital, NSW

Each recipient received support to complete a Graduate Certificate module in cancer care principles or a specialist nursing area including apheresis, haematology, oncology and advanced practice nursing.

Masters Scholarships

This year, we were pleased to award two Masters Scholarships through the support of new partners, **Therakos** and the **Seshold Family**, while continuing our support of previous recipients **Desiree Blicharz** and **Sylvia Hartog Nursing Scholarship Awardee Susan D'Arcy.**

Guili (Grace) Liu, a Registered Nurse at **St Vincent's Hospital Sydney**, received the inaugural **Paul Seshold Family Nurse Masters Scholarship** to undertake a Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing at the University of Sydney. Grace aspires to become a Clinical Nurse Specialist, using advanced knowledge and skills to advocate for patients, support colleagues and contribute to improving haematology care.

Tracy King, a Myeloma Clinical Nurse Consultant at **Royal Prince Alfred Hospital**, received the inaugural **Therakos Masters Scholarship** to continue her Master of Nurse Practitioner studies at the University of Sydney. With more than 20 years of experience in haematology nursing, Tracy is working towards endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner, enabling her to further enhance care for patients undergoing complex myeloma treatments, including cellular therapies and clinical trials.

> "Financially, the scholarship will allow me to dedicate myself fully to the program, and personally, it has provided the motivation to pursue further study and strengthen my expertise in cancer care – an opportunity that would otherwise be difficult to undertake."
>
> **Kate Park, Registered Nurse**



Jackie Edmunds



Monique Ward



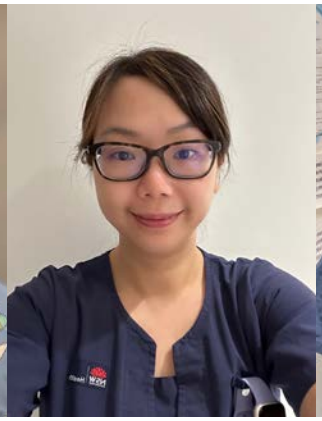
Kate Park



Madison Norman



Xin Zhao



Pou San Kuong



Grace Liu



Tracy King

> The provision of scholarships for nurses to help mitigate the economic burden of undertaking further education can not be understated... Thank you to Arrow Foundation and their many supporters for helping me achieve my education goals.
>
> **Tracy King,**
> **Myeloma Clinical Nurse Consultant**

> I am deeply grateful to the Arrow Foundation and its donors for their generosity and belief in me.
>
> **Grace Liu,**
> **Registered Nurse**

Travel Scholarships

Our ever-popular Travel Scholarship Program continued to expand this year, supporting 19 multi-disciplinary healthcare professionals to attend conferences across Australia and overseas. Thanks to our corporate scholarship partner **Jazz Pharmaceuticals Australia**, the following healthcare professionals received scholarships to attend key education events:

EBMT-EHA European CAR-T Cell Meeting, Spain:

- Jemma Stewart, Practice Development Nurse, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, VIC
- Ella Weisser, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, VIC

European Bone Marrow Transplant (EBMT) Conference, Spain:

- Heather Weerdenberg, Senior Bone Marrow Transplant Pharmacist, Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, VIC

MASCC/ISO 2026 Meeting, Melbourne:

- Anna Li, PhD Student, Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA

Australasian College of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne:

- Suzannah Michel, Physician Trainee, Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA

Lymphoma Australia Conference, Sydney:

- Vicky Andrews, Clinical Nurse Educator, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, NSW

Haematology Society of Australia and New Zealand (HSANZ) Blood Conference, Perth:

- Katrina Debosz, CAR-T Nurse Practitioner, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, NSW
- Brooke Grech, Registered Nurse, Royal Melbourne Hospital, VIC
- Katrina Wragg, Cellular Therapies Clinical Nurse Consultant, Box Hill Hospital, VIC



Jemma Stewart



Ella Weisser



Heather Weerdenberg



Anna Li



Suzannah Michel



Vicky Andrews

> This scholarship means a great deal... it recognises the important contribution of the wider multidisciplinary team. Without this support, it would not have been possible for me to attend the conference.
>
> **Heather Weerdenberg, Senior BMT Pharmacist**

Katrina Debosz, Katrina Wragg, Brooke Grech and Richelle Koller at Blood Conference 2025 Perth.




EMMA
STEWART
Delegate
ELLA
WEBNER
Delegate

From Melbourne to Mallorca

Nurses Driving Global Innovation in CAR-T Care

In February 2026, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre nurses Jemma Stewart and Ella Weisser travelled to Spain to attend the EBMT European CAR-T Cell Meeting, thanks to Arrow Travel Scholarships supported by Jazz Pharmaceuticals Australia.

Passionate about advancing care for patients undergoing CAR-T therapy, Jemma and Ella embraced the opportunity to learn from international colleagues and share innovative Australian nursing practice with a global audience.

The pair presented their work on improving the early detection and management of immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS), a potentially serious complication of CAR-T therapy. As frontline clinicians, nurses play a critical role in recognising early signs of deterioration and escalating care, making timely intervention essential for patient safety.

The response exceeded expectations. Following their presentation, nine hospitals across the UK, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany requested access to the protocol developed at Peter Mac, creating opportunities for ongoing international collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The conference also provided valuable insights into emerging CAR-T therapies, patient education and evolving models of care. Both nurses returned home with new knowledge and perspectives that are already informing their clinical practice and patient interactions.

> “This scholarship has been very meaningful to me. It reignited my passion by showing that our frontline innovations can influence global practices and improve lives. Thank you for empowering inpatient nurses to share CAR-T innovations on a global stage. Your support is transforming patient care worldwide.”
>
> **Jemma Stewart,**
> **Practice Development Nurse**

We were also pleased to expand our scholarship program this year to support social workers who help patients and families navigate the emotional, practical and psychosocial challenges of stem cell transplantation. Through funding from the **Professor Geoffrey Driscoll Scholarship Fund**, six social workers (pictured below) attended the the **Oncology Social Work Study Day** at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre:

- Megan Delaney, Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick, NSW
- Georgia Janas, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, QLD
- Janelle Ward, Wollongong Hospital, NSW
- Lara Castley, Princess Alexandra Hospital, QLD
- Marion Adams, Austin Hospital, VIC
- Olivia Choi, Alfred Hospital, VIC

> "It reminded me why this work matters – supporting patients and families through some of the most challenging periods of their lives."
>
> **Georgia Janas, Social Worker**





This year, we again partnered with the **Australia and New Zealand Transplant and Cellular Therapy (ANZTCT)** in the delivery of its Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The ANZTCT ASM continues to grow and is a highly valued multidisciplinary forum for the transplant and cellular therapy healthcare community.

Professor Geoffrey Driscoll Travel Scholarships were awarded to four healthcare professionals (pictured above) to attend the meeting:

- Julia Perich, Bone Marrow Transplant Information Manager, Liverpool Hospital, NSW
- Danielle Fox, Transplant Data Manager & Clinical Trials Coordinator, Sydney Children's Hospital, NSW
- Jillanne Rau – Accredited Practising Dietician, The Wesley Hospital, QLD
- Anna Ayoub – Clinical Nurse Consultant, St George Hospital, NSW

> "Your commitment to foster our learning only strengthens our platform to deliver high-quality care in real time."
>
> **Anna Ayoub, Clinical Nurse Consultant**

ANZTCT



A Legacy of Gratitude and Purpose

Mrs Jan Driscoll

Following the loss of her husband, Professor Geoffrey Driscoll OAM, to acute myeloid leukaemia in 2016, Mrs Jan Driscoll and her family chose to honour his memory in a way that would create lasting impact for patients and healthcare professionals alike.

During Professor Driscoll's treatment, which included chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant, Jan and her family experienced firsthand the expertise, compassion and dedication of the nurses who cared for him.

Grateful for the support they received, they established the Professor Geoffrey Driscoll Nursing Scholarship to strengthen the cancer nursing workforce and ensure future patients received the highest standard of care.

Since its inception in 2021, the scholarship has supported more than 30 nurses across Australia to undertake postgraduate education in cancer and haematology nursing. Through their studies, recipients build advanced knowledge and clinical skills in areas such as cancer care, haematology, cellular therapies and therapeutic apheresis, equipping them to provide expert care to patients facing complex treatment journeys.

The Driscoll Family's support also extends to professional development opportunities through the Driscoll Travel Award, enabling nurses to attend conferences, expand their knowledge and bring back new insights into their workplaces and patients.

Reflecting on the scholarship recipients, Jan says she is inspired by their commitment to advancing their skills while balancing the demands of full-time nursing.

Through Jan and her family's ongoing support, Professor Driscoll's legacy lives on in every nurse empowered through education and in every patient who benefits from their expertise, care and compassion.

> "It's heartwarming to hear about the recipients of the Professor Geoffrey Driscoll Scholarship Fund and how dedicated and diligent they are in their studies to improve outcomes for their patients. I'm so proud, as Geoffrey would be, to know he's helping make a real difference in strengthening Australia's cancer care workforce."

Medical Research

This year, we contributed $175,000 towards medical research through our PhD Scholarship Program and supported several national research projects in their applications for government funding.

We also assisted researchers to connect with patients and healthcare professionals, helping to inform their studies and provide patient perspectives on research priorities, treatment approaches and long-term follow-up care.

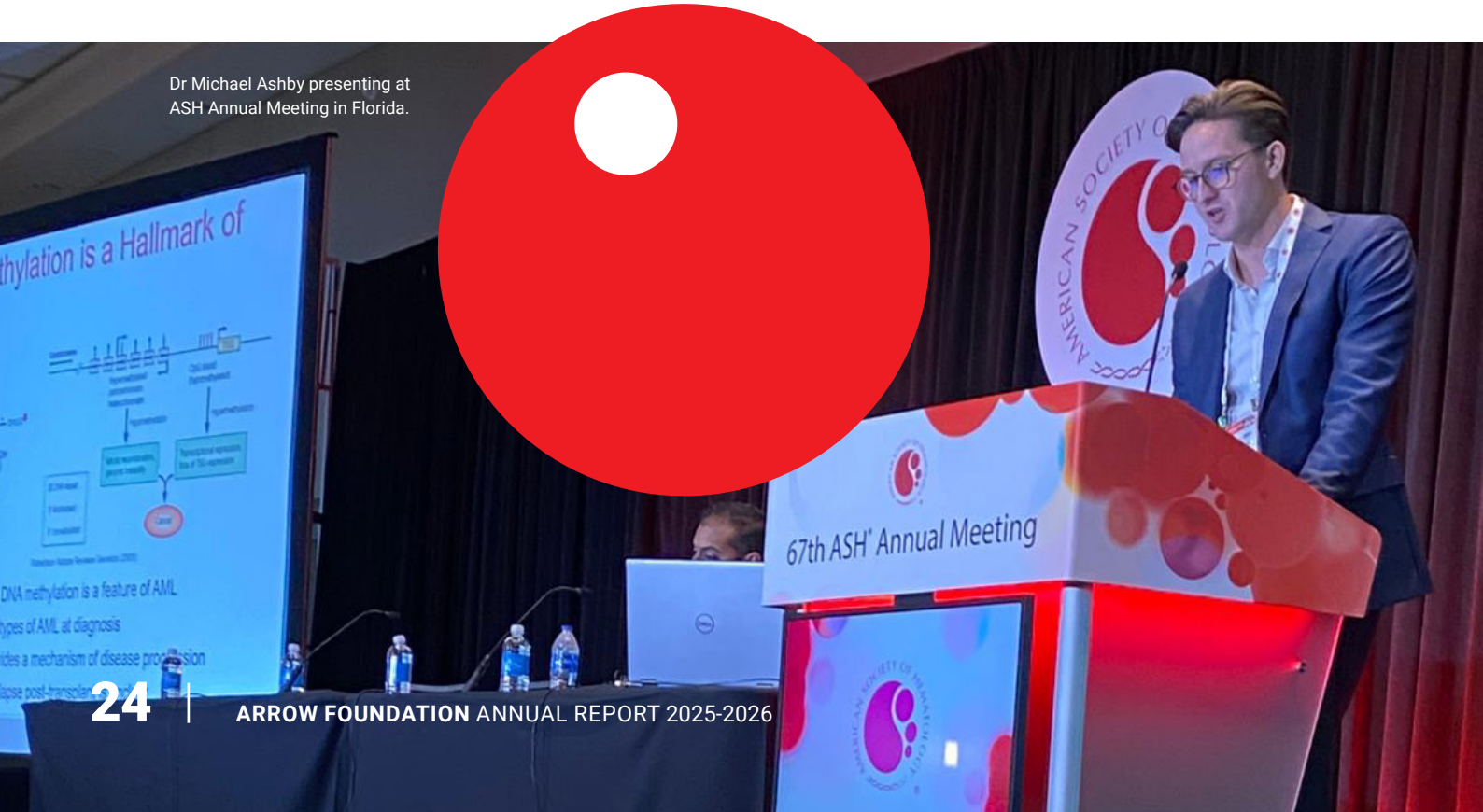
PhD Scholarships

This year, we awarded an **Arrow Hawkesbury Canoe Classic PhD Top Up Scholarship** to **Katerina Terolli** from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Katerina's research explores the use of induced pluripotent stem cells to generate healthy blood stem cells, work that could pave the way for highly personalised therapies tailored to individual patients. She is a member of the Blood Development Laboratory team, alongside **Dr Ritika Saxena**, a previous scholarship recipient who completed her PhD last year. This year, Ritika was awarded a **Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Research** from the University of Melbourne.

We also continued our support of **Liverpool Catholic Club PhD Scholarship** recipient **Cathy Pendergrast** from the University of Queensland, who is is researching the early detection of pulmonary graft versus host disease (pGvHD) in children following stem cell transplantation. We also continued out support of **Dr Michael Ashby** from Monash University, who is preparing to commence the final year of his research into preventing relapse of acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) following allogeneic stem cell transplant.

This year, Michael presented his research at the **American Society of Haematology (ASH) Annual Meeting** in Orlando, Florida, where he was awarded the prestigious **ASH-HSANZ Abstract Achievement Award**, for the most outstanding trainee abstract from Australia and New Zealand.

We were also pleased to award our first **Katherine Robertson Nursing PhD Scholarship**. Made possible through the generous bequest of Anne Robertson, this scholarship supports the development of nursing-led research in stem cell transplantation and cellular therapies. We look forward to announcing the inaugural recipient next year.



Dr Michael Ashby presenting at ASH Annual Meeting in Florida.



Ritika Saxena receiving a Deans Award for Excellence in Graduate Research.



Katerina Terolli

Turning Personal Experience into Research Impact

The 2025 Arrow Hawkesbury Canoe Classic PhD Scholarship was awarded to Katerina Terolli, an emerging researcher whose passion for improving patient outcomes has been shaped by both personal experience and a lifelong interest in science and medicine.

After migrating to Australia from Greece as a child, Katerina developed the resilience and determination that would later guide her academic and research career. From a young age, she was fascinated by science and the human body, always imagining a future in medicine.

The interest became deeply personal when, at 18, her father was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Watching him undergo treatment, including an allogeneic stem cell transplant from his sister, gave Katerina a firsthand understanding of the life-changing impact of stem cell transplantation on patients and families.

"I will always be incredibly grateful to the stem cell donor community and the healthcare teams who supported us during that time," she reflects.

During a university placement at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Katerina discovered her passion for research and the opportunity it provides to improve treatments for future patients. She has since built an impressive academic and research record and is now undertaking her PhD at the University of Melbourne.

Katerina's research focuses on developing safer, more personalised treatment options for people with germline GATA2 mutations, a condition that significantly increases the risk of bone marrow failure and leukaemia. Her work aims to lay the foundation for therapies that use a patient's own genetically corrected cells, potentially reducing the risks associated with current treatment approaches.

Funded through the generosity of the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic community, the Arrow top-up scholarship provides $25,000 over 2.5 years, helping Katerina focus on her research.

> "I'm driven by the hope that the work I do can make a difference in the lives of others."

Our Supporters

This year, thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, fundraisers and supporters, we raised more than $517,000 to support stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients and their families.

Friends of Arrow

This year we launched **Friends of Arrow**, our new monthly giving community. Regular donations provide reliable income that allows us to plan ahead, grow our programs and ensure support is available whenever patients need it most.

FRIENDS OF ARROW
Our Monthly Giving Community

We celebrated the launch at an intimate gathering kindly hosted by the **Chapman family** and proudly presented our Friends of Arrow with a special lapel pin in recognition of their support. We thank both our long-standing supporters and those who joined during the year and look forward to watching this wonderful community continue to grow.







Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

We were once again thrilled to be part of the annual **Hawkesbury Canoe Classic**, now in its 46th year. There was strong growth in participation this year, with 219 paddlers taking to the course and raising $93,000 for Arrow.

Among them were two very special paddlers. **Courtney Hughes**, a two-time stem cell transplant survivor, courageously completed the course for the first time and was also the event's highest fundraiser, raising more than $6,500. **Rhys Hibbert**, the event's youngest paddler at just 18 years of age, was diagnosed with leukaemia as a child and proudly completed the 111 kilometre paddle on his second attempt.

We thank the paddlers, support crews, fundraisers, more than 350 volunteers and the dedicated committee who work year-round to make this outstanding event possible.









Team Arrow

Challenge events proved a popular way to support Arrow this year. We were delighted to become a charity partner of the **Sydney Marathon** in 2026, offering charity places for runners in this highly sought-after event for the first time. 21 people joined Team Arrow during the year, raising more than $50,000 in financial year 2026 ahead of the September event.

Running was certainly a theme thoughout the year, with supporters also participating in events including the **City 2 Surf** and **Sutherland to Surf**. The Arrow City2Surf team collectively raised more than $2,000, while **Charlotte Pinney** and her family contributed a futher $2,000 through the Sutherland to Surf, and **Laura Garbo** also raised more than $2,000 through the 2025 Sydney Marathon.

Dry July

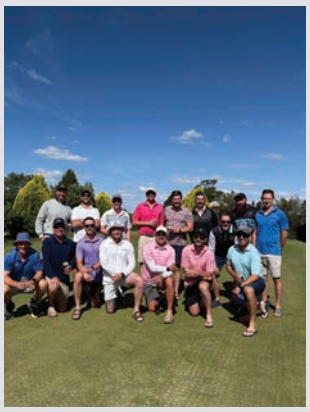
There were many other ways people challenged themselves to raise funds for Arrow this year, including participating in **Dry July**. Thanks to 64 participants who gave up alcohol for the month, more than $48,000 was raised to support Arrow's patient programs.

Paint the Town Red

Our annual fundraising campaign, **Paint the Town Red**, returned for its second year, with supporters finding creative and inspiring ways to host red-themed fundraisers in support of Arrow. Together, more than $30,000 was raised through activities including discos, golf days, morning teas, red nail painting, fun runs and gym sessions. We thank **ANZTCT** for once again hosting a Paint the Town Red dinner as part of its Annual Scientific Meeting, **Liverpool Catholic Club** for its support, and **Lisa Cuthbertson, Sage Wilder, Graham Lewis, Jodie Mason**, and **Bradley Collins** for hosting Paint the Town Red community fundraising events.















Local Clubs, Scholarship Supporters and Partners

Liverpool Catholic Club continued its long-standing support of Arrow with a generous $50,000 contribution towards our PhD scholarship programs and support of PhD candidate Cathy Pendergrast.

We also thank new Club sponsor **Mounties Group** for its generous support of our South Western Sydney patient support program, along with seven other NSW Clubs that collectively contributed $35,000 through the ClubGRANTS program.

We are grateful to our scholarship supporters, **Mrs Jan Driscoll**, **Jazz Pharmaceuticals**, **Philip Hartog** and new partners **Therakos** and the **Seshold family**, whose generosity continue to strengthen healthcare education.

We also thank our corporate partners and grant funders including **ASX Refinitiv Charity Foundation, Tour de Cure, James N. Kirby Foundation** and **Sparke Helmore**, for their ongoing support.

We thank those who made gifts in memory of loved ones, including **Garry and Joan Brown**, who made a generous bequest in memory of their son, Michael.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to Arrow during the 2026 financial year. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us continue providing support, education and hope to patients and families affected by serious blood disorders, cancers and other conditions treated with stem cell transplantation and cellular therapies.



Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors

> We are incredibly grateful for the support and generosity Arrow has shown us throughout this journey. Your kindness has made a real difference during such a challenging time.
>
> **Melanie, Carer**

Our Team

Our small but mighty team continued to deliver patient support programs, healthcare professional education initiatives, research activities, and fundraising campaigns throughout the year.

The Arrow team:

Richelle Koller – Chief Executive Officer
Janna Gibbs – Programs Officer
Ange Allardyce – Patient Liaison and Communications Officer
Kags Garrard – Fundraising and Partnerships Manager
Bree Sutherland – Donor Development Lead
Jennifer Taylor & Ciara Flynn – Marketing and Communications Coordinator

Thank you to the team for their dedication and commitment to helping Arrow create meaningful impact for patients, families and healthcare professionals across Australia.



Our Board

Arrow is guided by a volunteer Board of Directors whose expertise and leadership help shape the organisation's strategic direction and strengthen our impact.

The Board is supported by three committees that provide valuable oversight and specialist expertise across key areas of the organisation: the Finance and Governance Committee, Fundraising and Marketing Committee and Patients and Programs Committee.

During the year, we welcomed four new directors to the Board in preparation for a planned Board transition later in 2026:

Paul McGrath
Brianna Fallins
Pascal Gouel
Stephen Darracott

Together, they bring valuable expertise across finance, investment, business management, fundraising, the not-for-profit sector and lived patient experience, joining existing directors **Chris Murray, Stuart Snell, Roberto Trinchero, Yvonne Panek-Hudson, and Associate Professor John Moore**.

Following the end of the reporting period, long serving directors Chris Murray and Stuart Snell will retire from the Board after five years of dedicated service. Throughout their tenure, Chris and Stuart have played an instrumental role in shaping Arrow's strategic direction and supporting the organisation's growth. We are deeply grateful for their leadership, commitment and lasting contribution.

We extend our thanks to all Board and Committee Members for their ongoing support of Arrow's mission.



Chris Murray, Chairperson



Yvonne Panek-Hudson, Patients and Programs Committee Chair



Stuart Snell, Finance and Governance Committee Chair



Roberto Trinchero, Fundraising and Marketing Committee Chair



Associate Professor John Moore, Director



Paul McGrath, Director



Pascal Gouel, Director



Stephen Darracott, Director



Brianna Fallins, Director

To learn more about the background and credentials of our directors, please visit: www.arrow.org.au/about-us

Message from the Chair of Finance and Governance

Arrow remains in a strong financial position at year's end with net assets of $5.285 million, boosted by the generosity of previous years' bequest donors.

During the year, fundraising revenue totalled $517,301, reflecting the growing support of our donors and the dedication of our fundraising team. This was complemented by investment income of $279,671. While investment returns were below expectations due to prevailing economic conditions, the portfolio continued to deliver a positive return of 5.6% for the year and over 10% for the past four years.

The Arrow Board made a conscious decision over two years ago to invest into Arrow, to diversify revenue sources, to deliver more services to patients and their carers, and to grow its support of health practitioners and researchers, as we expanded our primary patient and carer support services out of NSW to all states and territories. This is why we recorded a net operating loss of $435,020, which was ahead of budget projections.

For the year, a total of $664,142 was invested in program delivery, providing direct support to patients, carers, healthcare professionals and researchers in line with our mission. This represents a number of year-on-year expansions of our programs and services, enabling Arrow to reach and support more people affected by stem cell transplant and cellular therapy.

The Finance and Governance Committee continued to provide oversight of the organisation's financial management, investment portfolio, key risks and governance. During the year, the Committee reviewed and updated Arrow's investment policy and will continue to monitor this framework to ensure it remains aligned with the organisation's long-term objectives.

The Committee also led the recruitment of four new volunteer directors across two separate processes over the past 12 months, following a board skills review as part of our Board succession planning. Other key areas of focus this past year included a cyber security assessment and the engagement of outsourced company secretarial services to further strengthen governance practices and more effectively utilise our resources.

As this is my final report before retiring from the Board, I would like to sincerely thank my fellow directors (past and current) for their commitment and contribution over the past five years. When I joined a mostly brand-new Board in 2021, we had a part-time CEO, no other staff, and significant opportunities to expand our service offerings and develop a formal strategic plan to guide our future growth. We now have six highly engaged employees – supported by a highly skilled and credentialled Board – delivering more services and support initiatives than we initially imagined.

I am proud of what has been achieved during this period and wish the Board and staff every success as they continue to support stem cell transplant and cellular therapy patients, carers and their families across Australia.

Thank you.

Stuart Snell
Chair Finance and Government Committee



Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	360,135	647,988
Trade and other receivables	58,043	45,522
Other current assets	66,912	89,088
Total Current Assets	**485,090**	**782,598**
Non-Current Assets		
Financial assets	5,145,762	4,974,589
Property, plant and equipment	2,349	5,561
Total Non-Current Assets	**5,148,111**	**4,980,150**
Total Assets	**5,633,201**	**5,762,748**
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	152,079	100,591
Employee provisions	46,595	37,438
Total Current Liabilities	**198,674**	**138,029**
Non Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	140,000	75,750
Employee provisions	9,404	–
Total Non-Current Liabilities	149,404	**75,750**
Total Liabilities	**348,078**	**213,779**
Net Assets	**5,285,123**	**5,548,969**
Equity		
Retained surplus	4,741,477	5,176,497
Reserves	543,646	372,472
Total Equity	**5,285,123**	**5,548,969**

For further details refer to Arrow's full audited financial statements available at https://www.acnc.gov

Statement of Profit or Loss

As at 30 June 2026

	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue		
Donations	190,229	149,997
Bequests	12,585	1,540,191
Grants	69,800	53,500
Fundraising events	243,978	147,056
Membership revenue	709	627
Investment income	279,671	274,725
Total Revenue	**796,972**	**2,166,096**
Expenditure		
Program expenses		
Patient and carer support	(307,007)	(247,679)
Healthcare professional education	(58,001)	(46,787)
Medical research	(175,000)	(222,201)
Program IT expenses	(9,900)	-
Program employment costs	(114,234)	(130,483)
Total Program Expenses	**(664,142)**	**(647,150)**
Admistration expense	(204,084)	(73,478)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(3,806)	(3,591)
Rental outgoing expense	(2,140)	(2,325)
Audit, legal and consultancy fees	(5,600)	(6,400)
Marketing expenses	(145,370)	(113,210)
Fundraising expenses	(171,571)	(120,609)
Other expenses	(35,279)	(33,024)
Total Operating Expenses	**(567,850)**	**(352,637)**
Total Expenses	**(1,231,992)**	**(999,787)**
Profit/ (Loss) for the year	**(435,020)**	**1,166,309**

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