



That evening meant everything to us.

It was one of the most gut-wrenching, important and beautiful moments I've ever experienced. The nurses and Foundation took the stress off my shoulders and just made Mum's wish happen. I'm forever grateful.'

Front cover photo:

Hospice patient Susan and her daughter Sam at Henley Beach

Susan's wish was to see a sunset at the beach one last time. The Foundation & Hospice worked together to transport her to Henley Beach with her daughter Sam. Accompanied by a Hospice nurse in an access cab, mother and daughter could just cherish their time together as the sun set, sipping on champagne and sharing fish & chips.

Thank you so much to our donors for making Susan's heartfelt wish possible.

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Message from the Chair

Looking back, and moving forward with deep gratitude



Dear Members and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of The Mary Potter Foundation, it is my privilege to present our 2024/25 report. This is my first Annual Report as Chair, and I'm grateful for the chance to reflect on just some of what has been made possible through your kindness over the past financial year.

Thanks to your generosity, The Mary Potter Foundation continues to support compassionate, individual and meaningful palliative care to patients while also supporting their families.

Not long after I joined the Board, the final stage of the Hospice refurbishment was completed. The Family Kitchen was completely transformed, with a new dining area for families to gather and spend time together. In doing so, the social workers' office and staff room were relocated and revamped. Thank you to every donor who contributed to this remarkable renovation. Artwork was installed in June, completing the works. The result is a warm, modern and welcoming space for Hospice staff, patients and families.

To complete the refurbishment, the Board used bequests that had recently been left to the Foundation. This year, an incredible fourteen bequests were made. Twelve of

these were left by donors – many who had supported the Foundation for years. We are so very grateful for the decision that these kind people made to leave a final gift in their will to ensure care continues beyond their lifetime, for others they will never meet.

I am also pleased to report that after a successful three-month trial, the Complementary Therapy Program has been extended to include an extra day each week. Now available on Saturdays, it ensures that patients and their families have more opportunities to access this valuable program. Thank you to our donors for making this possible.

Following last year's AGM, the first Foundation event I attended was last December, at the Lighting of the Loving Tree & Christmas Carols concert in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. More than 900 people gathered on a very hot night to remember their loved ones. It certainly was a special occasion, with a deep sense of love, connection and community. Thank you to the wonderful choirs and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quintet for giving us an evening of beautiful music.

This year also marked our 38th annual Walk for Love, which surpassed all previous records with 1,300 people walking to honour and remember their loved ones. The support of those who registered, fundraised and donated meant that we raised \$182,883.34 for patient care. Sincere thanks to our sponsors

Message from the Chair continued

RAA and DBH – and to our new sponsor, Genworth Group. This valuable sponsorship assists with event costs so that our donations can go directly to patient care. As such, we remain deeply thankful to these generous organisations.

Four days ago, our patron, Jenny Hurley, helmed her last Chip in for Mary Potter Golf Day. While this is not formally part of the 2024/25 report, I do want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Jenny and the Golf Day committee. Twelve years of highly successful Golf Days has resulted in twelve large and transformative projects supporting family-centred care. We will talk more about this in next year's Annual Report – but for now, our heartfelt thanks to Jenny and the Golf Day committee for their amazing commitment to fourteen incredible years of fundraising for the Foundation.

Finally, this year we mark the retirement of two remarkable individuals who have shaped the Foundation in profound ways, Chris Sharpley and Lorna Riddle.

I want to formally acknowledge Chris Sharpley, who retires after seven years of dedicated service as Board Chair. Chris has led the Board with clarity, purpose and wisdom – steering the Foundation early in his term through the elevation and development of a new Executive Director in Lorna Riddle, the pandemic, Hospice refurbishment, and expansion of the Foundation's services to help patients and their families even further. Thank you, Chris, for your outstanding leadership and commitment to the Board and Foundation.

At the end of June, we farewelled Lorna Riddle, who retired as Executive Director after six years in the role and thirteen years of service with the Foundation. Lorna's diligence and commitment has been inspiring. Her unwavering dedication to the Foundation's mission has guided numerous initiatives that have transformed many aspects of the care we provide. Under her direction, the Foundation launched new programs, expanded our donor community, and deepened its support for patients and families in ways that truly reflect the heart of the care that we provide. Thank you, Lorna, for your integrity, vision and hard work over so many years.

I also wish to warmly welcome our new
Executive Director, Kristen Hardy. The
Board is absolutely delighted with Kristen's
appointment. She brings a wealth of
experience working for not-for-profit charities
– and a true passion for, and knowledge of,
palliative care. With Kristen's dedication to
meaningful person-centred care, and gratitude
for our donor community, we know that the
Foundation will thrive under her leadership.

As we focus on the year ahead and begin shaping a new strategic plan to meet the evolving needs of patients and families, we extend our deep gratitude to our donors and Foundation members.

The care we can provide is only possible because of your generosity. You make a profound difference for those we care for at the end of their lives, and your continued support means more than we can express.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Scott Bryant
Chair, The Mary Potter Foundation

Message from our outgoing Executive Director

Thank you for walking beside us



When I reflect on the past twelve months, I am truly proud of what we have achieved together, and grateful for what you – our extraordinary donors and supporters – have made possible for so many patients and families.

Grateful for your generosity in response to our requests for help — whether donating, volunteering, supporting our events, giving gifts in lieu, for your membership, or for your sponsorship.

Proud of the Hospice refurbishment that is now complete – giving patients, families and visitors a modern and functional space, and reflecting the exceptional standard of care therein.

Grateful for your support of the dedicated Hospice and Calvary Palliative Home Care teams, who truly have the toughest jobs.

Proud to extend support into Calvary's seven aged care facilities.

Proud of the programs that continue to evolve, making sure they provide the individual and meaningful care our patients and their families need. One that particularly stands out is the Caring Hearts Grief Support Group. It has exceeded all expectations in providing a safe, gentle community for those grieving their loved one.

Grateful for your help in making moments that truly matter to patients, while creating treasured memories for their families. You have given gardening and housekeeping assistance to a young family whose mother was receiving palliative care at home. You have provided transport and the care of two nurses for a Hospice patient to attend her daughter's wedding — an unforgettable celebration. These are only two brief examples of the countless other moments of joy, love and meaning you've made possible for so many other patients and their families this past year.

Over the last year – and only because of you – the Foundation was able to help over 600 patients and their families. Thank you for supporting our mission so generously.

We never lose sight of the fact that our donors and supporters make all the difference. You walk beside us in everything we do.

With heartfelt thanks,

Executive Director (retired June 2025)

Message from the Treasurer

Financial Report

During FY25, the Foundation invested **\$1,375,847** in essential programs, facilities and staffing across Mary Potter Hospice, Calvary Palliative Home Care, Calvary Central Districts, Calvary Adelaide and Calvary Aged Care.

Building on the successful completion of the Hospice refurbishment in FY24, this year was focussed on *enhancing patient comfort and strengthening family support services* by refurbishing the family kitchen, dining room etc.

The Foundation achieved a **net operating surplus of \$3,324,544** and was blessed by the generosity of some large bequests, which will strengthen our Corpus and support future programs that deliver exceptional palliative and end-of-life care.

Treasurer, The Mary Potter Foundation

Ishlee Fischer

Income	2025	2024
Individuals, Businesses, Events & Fundraising	1,595,743	1,164,024
Bequests	3,220,923	1,031,831
Realised Investment Gains/(Losses)	(55,176)	140,572
Investment Income	960,951	817,883
TOTAL INCOME	5,722,441	3,154,310
Mission		
Nurse Education and Development	106,678	74,583
Patient Support	507,284	519,594
Equipment and Refurbishment	761,885	1,253,750
Total Mission Expenses	1,375,847	1,847,927
Other Expenses		
Administration	587,472	465,919
Fundraising	174,849	136,146
Other Expenses	259,729	241,321
Total Other Expenses	1,022,050	843,386
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,397,897	2,691,313
Transfer to Corpus Reserve		400,000
NET OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	3,324,544	62,997

Palliative Care Nurse Practitioners play a vital role in Calvary's model of end-of-life care. Hospice nurses Amy & Jacqui are the first Clinical Nurse Specialists being supported by the Foundation to fund their qualification in 'Master in Nurse Practitioner, Palliative Care'.

Empowering Growth - Securing the Future

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are helping Amy and Jacqui further their education as they work towards this valuable qualification. This advanced degree will equip them with enhanced clinical skills, leadership expertise, and research knowledge – strengthening their ability to improve health outcomes for patients and families in our care.

Here Jacqui reflects on what this opportunity means to her:

"I want to sincerely thank your donors for their support in making these roles possible. The Foundation's commitment to funding and championing this work means so much, not only to Amy and I as professionals, but most importantly to the patients and families we have the privilege to work alongside. This opportunity also creates a meaningful pathway for others in the future.

Amy and I are fortunate to rotate working between Mary Potter Hospice and within the Calvary Palliative Home Care team.

Currently I am based in the Home Care team and visiting people in their own homes, supporting them during some of life's most fragile and vulnerable moments. It's hard to truly express what a privilege it is to be welcomed into someone's personal space — offering more than just clinical care, but time, presence, and genuine compassion, which is at the heart of this work.

Working closely with GPs, district nurses, oncologists and other colleagues helps us respond more quickly and holistically to patients' needs.

Of course, there are challenges. Introducing a new role like ours into a healthcare system isn't without its growing pains. In Home Care, no two days look the same, and urgent situations arise without warning. Emotionally charged moments, difficult conversations and the desire to give each person the time they deserve – while managing a full caseload – can feel overwhelming at times. What helps me stay centred ... is to be present, to listen and to focus on what truly matters for each patient and their loved ones.

Though the role can be intense, it's also incredibly rewarding. I'm learning all the time. Not just clinically, but in a deeply human way. I am constantly reminded of the resilience of the human spirit, the dignity everyone deserves, and the extraordinary power of simply being there, giving space for people to express what they need.

I am deeply grateful for the chance to do this work."

Jacqui





Blackfriars Priory School – \$30,000 of support reached in 2024/25

Blackfriars Priory School has been a generous supporter of The Mary Potter Foundation since their first donation to us way back in 1993. It all started with students who had lost family members to cancer and wanted to fundraise to support Hospice patients & their families. Over the years, Blackfriars have consistently supported us in so many different ways.

Blackfriars Greatest Shave has become a major school fundraiser, where brave student volunteers – and some equally brave teachers – first had their heads shaved in 2021 in front of the school community. This year, Blackfriars again showed they were a cut above the rest, raising an incredible \$14,000 for The Mary Potter Foundation – in just one Greatest Shave Day. An incredible achievement.



2025 Greatest Shave



2023 Greatest Shave







Blackfriars fosters a strong community of giving, inspiring their students to give back too. This generous spirit is evident in students like Nathan Bishop, who was motivated by both the values of his school and his personal experiences to start his own charity, *PALS* (Positive Actions, Lasting Solutions). *PALS* have supported the Hospice through new fundraising initiatives and by actively participating in our Walk for Love.

Blackfriars' students often plan other initiatives to boost their fundraising efforts, such as sausage sizzles and Colour Runs. The latest Colour Run in July raised a staggering \$16,000!

Since 1993, Blackfriars have raised over \$30,000 to support our patients and their families. We are truly humbled by the commitment of these incredible Blackfriars students and teachers, and by the love they have for patients and families receiving palliative and end-of-life care. Every dollar they have raised has gone directly to support those patients and their families. Words cannot express our gratitude to this remarkable school community.



Thank you Blackfrians Thanks to donor support,

we were able to provide hundreds of patients and families with access to a range of programs, including Fra Angelico creative arts, beauty therapy, massage, reflexology and pet therapy.

This year:

- We introduced Welcome
 Boxes for patients receiving
 palliative care in their home
- We supplied quilts to Calvary Central Districts
 & Calvary Adelaide
- Life Stories is now available across the Hospice, the home & Calvary Aged Care facilities



"The Welcome pack that nurse Jenny brought over was such a lovely surprise, and so well-timed, as my daughter was away, leaving me by myself."

Myrith, home care patient





"My children loved the Backpacks of Love. The story book 'The Invisible String' meant something very special to us. Someone with a kind and thoughtful heart made these Backpacks of Love, and I think they are what every child needs when someone they love passes away." Backpacks of Love







"So grateful for this family kitchen, just to take a break. Seeing the Breathe' sign in here, is always my reminder to do the same. Something I'm finding hard to do at the moment."

Hospice Family Kitchen

"I came to my first session
two months after the
loss. I didn't know what to
expect. What I found was
a godsend — friendship,
empathy, sympathy, and a
shoulder when I needed it.
A safe place to share and
be understood. I leave each
session feeling lighter in
my mind and less alone."

Caring Hearts Grief Support Group







"A big thank you for running this wonderful program. Our sister Vera loved it, and it gave her joy at a time when she needed it most. Keep doing what you are doing, it's amazing."

Fra Angelico at home and in the Hospice

Engagement





Confetti of rose petals gathered from Calvary grounds for Hospice family's wedding guests





ANZAC Day in the Hospice



National Lamington Day delivery ...

> ... to all Palliative Home Care patients & their families.



St Patrick's Day celebrated in the Hospice





Our donors gave Barry, his wife & daughter their wish to visit the Zoo one last time together.







Nurse Chris on National Croissant Day



Events



Walk for Lnve

This May marked our 38th annual Walk for Love, and surpassed all previous records in registrations, attendees and donations. We are so grateful to everyone for making it such a special event.

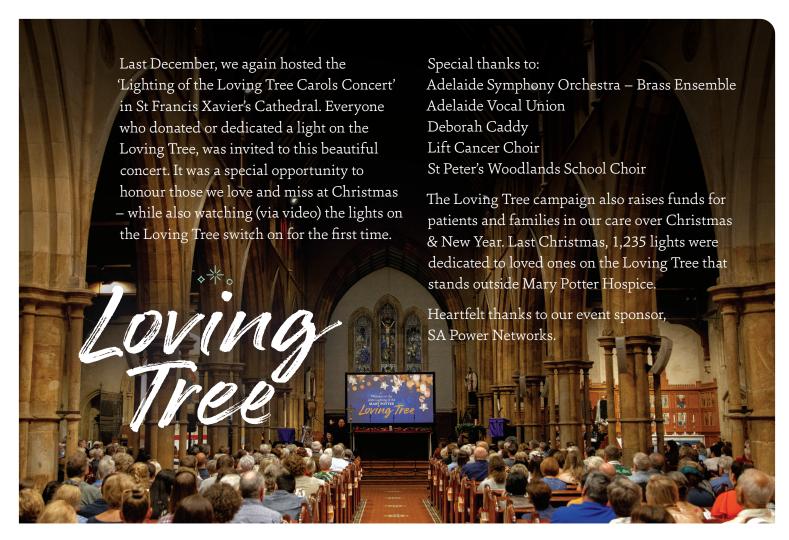
We had a sunny day and a record number of participants at our Walk for Love in May. Over 1,300 family members, friends, donors, staff and volunteers came together at Carclew to remember and honour their loved ones. This event is such a wonderful day. It's a special way to honour those we love and miss, while we also Walk to raise funds for current and future palliative care patients and families.

There is always a deep sense of community and connection at Walk for Love, and this year was no different. \$182,883.34 was raised for palliative and end-of-life care for patients. We were deeply moved by the kindness and generosity of everyone. Thank you so much to each individual/team who fundraised, donated, attended, and all who purchased from our Walk for Love Village.

Our sincere gratitude to our event partners and supporters:

Genworth Group Barton's Crew
RAA Cirelli Coffee
DBH Lawyers Ceravolo

Harrold & Kite Calvary Health Care
... And our deep thanks to our extraordinary
volunteers





addressed in next year's Annual Report.

Looking back to October 2024 – the Chip in for Mary Potter Golf Day Organising Committee put together another exceptional event at Grange Golf Course. Proceeds from the 2024 Golf Day funded the transformation and refurbishment of the Hospice Family Kitchen. The Golf Day committee had previously funded the installation of the old Family Kitchen back in 2013, and this 2024 upgrade was much-needed. It has resulted in a sparkling, modern, functional and welcoming retreat for families to refuel, get a hot drink or snack, or just take a breath.

We are so grateful to the organising committee, and the way they gather such support for this day on the green: the difference their efforts have made to the Hospice environment are profound.

A snapshot of Community Support

A collaborative approach to fundraising...

Without the support of so many of our community fundraisers, The Mary Potter Foundation could not deliver the same level of extraordinary care to patients and their families. We are humbled by their commitment, passion, time, expertise and generosity. Here is a snapshot of some of the support we received during 2024/25.



Gaza Ladies Day

Gaza Sports and Community Club came together to celebrate the women in their community and to raise funds in memory of their dear friend, Janine, for The Mary Potter Foundation. Together, this wonderful community raised a phenomenal \$7,851.98 to support our work with patients receiving palliative care and their families; we are so grateful to them.



Blackfriars Old Scholars Football Club Ladies Day

Blackfriars Old Scholars Football
Club hosted their annual Ladies Day,
a special celebration of the incredible
women in their community, all while
raising funds in support of The Mary
Potter Foundation. BOSFC have stood
alongside the Foundation for many years
now, a connection that began through
long-time volunteer and friend Tony
Harford. We remain truly thankful for
their ongoing commitment to supporting
our patients and families.

PALS for Palliative Care: 'PALS Walk'

In November, the *PALS crew* (Positive Actions, Lasting Solutions) hosted their first fundraising walk for The Mary Potter Foundation, headed by Blackfriars Priory School student, Nathan.

After rallying a team of students, teachers and parents for our Walk for Love in May 2023 (where he was an Ambassador), Nathan decided he wanted to do more to raise awareness and support for the Foundation. The team of 42 students was joined by teachers and family members on an 11km walk. Thank you to Nathan and his *PALS* crew for taking such initiative and highlighting the Foundation's work.





Carissa's Marathon

In mid-2024, Carissa visited the Hospice with some colleagues to assist in our 'Christmas in July' activities. Already having spent the past year training intensely for a 42km run to honour her father who died a year before, Carissa decided to turn the marathon into a fundraiser for the Foundation. She rallied her friends and family to sponsor her and raised an incredible amount - and after learning about her efforts, SA Power Networks Employee Foundation generously doubled Carissa's fundraising. We are in awe of Carissa's remarkable fundraising run, and for the ongoing support from the SA Power Networks Employee Foundation.



Barton's Crew

Barton's Crew is the Andriani family's fundraising team name, under which they have loyally supported the Foundation for many years. In the past year, they have hosted a wonderful High Tea at the Lakes Hotel; and baked delicious treats for their cake stall 'Barton's

Bakehouse' at our Walk for Love in May. Over 2024/2025, Barton's Crew have raised \$12,398.41. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing dedication in supporting the patients and families in our care.



Pro Health Care Golf Day

Thank you so much to the generous Pro Health Care Foundation who again hosted their annual Golf Day in support of The Mary Potter Foundation. They raised an incredible \$15,000. We could not be more appreciative for the generosity shown by this wonderful group of people.





The Family Cook

We're truly honoured to have recently received generous support from the team at The Family Cook. After spending time in the Hospice with her family member, Victoria was moved by the thoughtful care extended not just to her loved one, but to her entire family. When she visited our Family Kitchen, she noticed something that could add a comforting touch — a bowl of homemade soup ready in the freezer. After a few visits to our Foundation office to discuss how they could best support us, The Family Cook stocked the freezer in the Family Kitchen with wholesome, nurturing meals and soups. This meant families were able to quickly prepare a comforting meal in the kitchen and return to their loved ones' side.

We are sincerely grateful to the team at The Family Cook for their delicious generosity.



St Dominic's Priory College

Thank you so much to the talented students and dedicated teachers from St Dominic's Priory College, North Adelaide. We are continually inspired by these incredible students, whose enthusiasm for helping others never fails to impress us. St Dominic's students have volunteered with us on numerous occasions. They write heartfelt cards to patients in the Hospice and those receiving home care; they create beautiful gifts to hand out at our Loving Tree & Carols Concert; they helped set-up and plant the thousands of pink hearts throughout Wellington Square ahead of our Walk for Love in May; and they helped us film the Lighting of the Loving Tree where they performed a Christmas carol to accompany our video of the lights coming on. Their commitment to making a positive impact in their community is truly remarkable, and we are privileged to have their support.



We Care in the West

Nadine & her We Care in the West community have kindly supported the Foundation through a number of donation drives over the past twelve months. These have included replenishing the Kid's Activity Packs — a welcome distraction for children visiting loved ones both in the Hospice, and at Calvary Central Districts Hospital — and supplying a fabulous range of books and puzzles for the Hospice. Families now love the community puzzle space in our new dining room. We are full of thanks to this wonderful community.

The kindness and generosity of the business community, trusts and foundations, schools, community groups and churches, are vital for the ongoing funding of exceptional care in Mary Potter Hospice, Calvary Palliative Home Care, Calvary Hospitals, Calvary Cancer Care and in Calvary Aged Care facilities across South Australia.

Key Partners & Supporters

Thank you for your generous support in 2024/2025

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We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the family trusts and charitable foundations who have asked

to remain anonymous.

Community Groups, Schools, Service Clubs and Churches

Adelaide Symphony Orchestra

Adelaide Vocal Union

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Barton's Crew

Blackfriars Old Scholars Football Club

Blackfriars Priory School

Gaza Sports & Community Club

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Knights of the Southern Cross Copper Coast Knights of the Southern Cross Port Augusta Knights of the Southern Cross Southern Fleurieu Knights of the Southern Cross Woodville-Thebarton

Lift Cancer Choir

Lions Club of Adelaide Italian Lions Club of Blackwood

Lions Club of Prospect-Blair Athol

Lions Club of Richmond Order of St John of Jerusalem

Philopthous Society of St George - Thebarton

Redwood Park Primary School

ReGEN - Gully Environment Network Inc

Rotary Club of Adelaide Rotary Club of Campbelltown Rotary Club of West Torrens St Dominic's Priory College St Francis Xavier Cathedral

St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School

The Howling Owl

The Mary Potter Foundation Associated Auxiliary

We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of the quilting groups and individuals who donate hundreds of quilts each year to our Quilt Program.

