The Mary Potter Foundation Inc

ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you

for the difference you made in the lives of patients and families throughout 2025/26.



Front cover photo:

Our front cover features Mel, Patient & Family Support Coordinator, in the Family Kitchen at Mary Potter Hospice, surrounded by fresh cakes ready to be shared.

Stocked each day with cakes, sandwiches, soup, snacks and warm cups of tea and coffee, the Family Kitchen in Mary Potter Hospice means families can stay close to their loved ones when it matters most.

But it offers more than food. It is a place to pause, take a breath and connect with others who understand.

Thanks to our community, this welcoming space continues to support the thousands of family members and friends who visit the Hospice each year.

Our Mission

With the support of our compassionate community, we nurture meaningful care that embraces respect, comfort and warmth – creating a lasting impact at the end of life.

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Message from the Chair

A year of milestones, meaningful impact and gratitude



Dear Members and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of The Mary Potter Foundation, it is my privilege to present our 2025/26 Annual Report.

As I reflect on my second year as Chair, I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge the many ways in which the generosity and kindness of our supporters have made a meaningful difference throughout the past financial year.

Thanks to your ongoing support, The Mary Potter Foundation continues to contribute to the delivery of compassionate, and meaningful care for patients and their families.

Your generosity enables us to support care that respects and recognises each person as an individual and provides comfort and support during some of life's most challenging and vulnerable moments.

As briefly mentioned in my last report, the final Chip in for Mary Potter Golf Day was held in October last year. Across the twelve events, more than $1.4 million was raised which is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the dedication and commitment of our patron, Jenny Hurley, her faithful committee and the many supporters who embraced the event over the years.

The legacy created by these events extends far beyond the improvements made to the Hospice. The impact on the thousands of patients and families who have benefited from this support is immeasurable. Through the funds raised, we have been able to help create and maintain a welcoming, peaceful and compassionate environment where patients can receive meaningful, individualised care and families can find comfort and support.

The ripple effect of this generosity will continue to be felt for many years to come. We are deeply grateful to Jenny, her committee, sponsors, participants and supporters who made the Chip in for Mary Potter Golf Day such an extraordinary success and an enduring part of the Foundation's history.

Last year also marked the 125th anniversary of Calvary in South Australia. Milestone celebrations have a unique way of inspiring reflection and deepening our appreciation for the legacy we are privileged to walk alongside. Our Board and staff were truly honoured to join in the Gala celebration, and what a wonderful night it was.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity shown through the fundraising activities,

with an incredible $17,885.05 raised for the Foundation. This remarkable support reflected the evening's strong sense of purpose, connection, and shared celebration.

For our Board members and staff, the evening also offered a meaningful opportunity to deepen their understanding of the heritage begun so long ago by Venerable Mary Potter, and to reflect on how that legacy continues to guide our work today.

It is both an honour and a privilege to walk together with Calvary and to support their profound mission.

Our annual Walk for Love, held in May, once again surpassed all previous records, with an incredible 1,793 participants and an amazing $187,223 raised. Whether walking the trails and streets around North Adelaide, choosing to complete their own walk, or having a student walk on their behalf, the opportunity to walk in honour and memory of a loved one is something very special to our community.

Our sincere thanks go to our major sponsors, Calvary, RAA, Genworth Group and Harrold & Kite. Their generous support helps cover the costs of the event, ensuring donations can go directly towards patient care. We remain deeply grateful for their continued support.

We continue to fund education opportunities and are pleased to support the further education of two nurses currently undertaking their Masters in Nurse Practitioner – Palliative Care. This valuable qualification strengthens Calvary's healthcare workforce by combining advanced clinical practice with a strong emphasis on compassionate, patient-centred care.

Last September, eight Hospice and Calvary Palliative Home Care clinicians attended the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference in Brisbane. With 1,600 delegates in attendance, the conference provided a valuable opportunity to share knowledge, ideas and experiences, while learning from leading voices in the palliative care sector.

Our donors' generous support of ongoing education and professional development provides these dedicated clinicians with opportunities to grow their knowledge and expertise, helping to ensure that patients and families continue to receive the very best possible care.

It is through the collective commitment of our donors, supporters, and the wider community that we can continue this important work.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to The Mary Potter Foundation over the past year.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Scott Bryant

Chair, The Mary Potter Foundation

Message from the Executive Director

Thank you for walking beside us



As I reflect on the 2025/26 financial year and my first report as Executive Director, I feel privileged to share what has been achieved through the generosity of our compassionate community.

Together, we care has become a powerful and meaningful motto for our team. It captures the importance of working together to create a positive and lasting impact which remains at the heart of everything we do.

Throughout the year, your support has helped make compassionate, individualised care possible during some of life's most tender moments. Its true impact is seen in the comfort, respect and reassurance experienced by people and families when they need it most.

As our programs continue to grow and evolve, we remain committed to exploring new ways to extend our reach and enhance the wellbeing of those we support.

In April, we introduced Virtual Reality (VR) technology at Mary Potter Hospice and three Calvary Residential Aged Care facilities, creating new opportunities for connection, enjoyment and meaningful experiences.

VR enables people to revisit special places, explore new destinations and step beyond the walls of their room or facility. It can also support pain management, ease isolation, stimulate memories and encourage conversation. We are already hearing beautiful stories of its impact, made possible through your generosity.

The Loving Tree Christmas Carols and Walk for Love events were powerful reminders of the importance of creating opportunities for families and friends to honour and remember the people they love. Record numbers joined our Walk for Love this year. To witness generations coming together, with many returning year after year to remember those they deeply miss, was one of the highlights of my first year. These moments of remembrance and connection are a beautiful reflection of what our community makes possible.

As we head into 2027, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of The Mary Potter Foundation and reflect on the profound impact it has had on thousands of patients, families and friends over four decades.

They say that *from little things, big things grow*. As we look towards this important milestone, I encourage you to pause and reflect on what has been achieved because people chose to care, to give and to stand alongside others during some of life's most challenging moments.

Thank you for walking beside us in everything we do, and for being such an important part of our community.

With gratitude,

Kristen Hardy

Executive Director, The Mary Potter Foundation

Message from the Treasurer

Financial Report



FY26 was another year in which the generosity of our community translated into meaningful support for people receiving end-of-life and palliative care. The Foundation provided **$762,204** in benevolent funding for nurses' education, patient support, equipment and refurbishment initiatives supporting Mary Potter Hospice, Calvary Palliative Home Care and RESTORE Program.

We are incredibly grateful to every donor, supporter and our fundraising community who made this possible. Together, they generated fundraising revenue of **$1,607,921**, with a further **$1,026,755** received through generous bequests. Investment income grew to **$1,093,737**, and the investment portfolio recorded an unrealised gain of **$594,391**.

These results delivered a **net surplus of $1,881,861** and total comprehensive income of **$2,476,252**. With net assets of **$25,898,775** at year end, the Foundation is in a strong position to continue making a meaningful difference. We also set aside **$160,000** in the **Garden Refurbishment Reserve** for the planned renewal of the Hospice garden.

Ashlee Fischer

Treasurer, The Mary Potter Foundation

Income	2026	2025
Fundraising Revenue	1,607,921	1,595,743
Bequests	1,026,755	3,220,923
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets	11,364	-
Investment Income	1,093,737	960,951
TOTAL INCOME	**3,739,777**	**5,777,617**
Mission		
Nurse Education and Development	96,519	106,678
Patient Support	538,134	528,713
Equipment and Refurbishment	127,551	761,885
Total Mission Expenses	***762,204***	***1,397,276***
Other Expenses		
Administration	697,590	736,034
Fundraising	158,700	174,849
Other Administration Expenses	239,422	166,343
Total Other Expenses	***1,095,712***	***1,077,226***
TOTAL EXPENSES	**1,857,916**	**2,474,502**
NET OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	**1,881,861**	**3,303,115**
Unrealised Investment Gains	594,391	1,378,000
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	**2,476,252**	**4,681,115**

From revisiting treasured places to exploring faraway destinations, our Virtual Reality program is opening up new opportunities for connection, comfort and meaningful experiences for patients and residents across the services we support.



A New World of Possibilities

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have begun rolling out an exciting new Virtual Reality (VR) program across Mary Potter Hospice and three Calvary Residential Aged Care facilities.



With the simple act of putting on a headset, patients and residents can be transported almost anywhere. They can revisit places filled with special memories, explore destinations they have always dreamed of visiting, attend museums or even experience a safari. For others, VR can offer a moment of calm and escape through beautiful, immersive environments.

More than just a new form of entertainment, the technology is creating opportunities for connection and meaningful engagement. The program also includes therapeutic experiences designed to support comfort and wellbeing, including programs that can be used alongside existing care approaches to assist with pain management, anxiety and emotional comfort. In end-of-life care, personalised and calming experiences can also offer moments of reflection, reassurance and connection to meaningful places and memories.

At Calvary Oaklands Residential Aged Care, Home Manager Pratigya has seen firsthand the difference the program can make.

"I recently used it with resident Gerald, and we visited Venice virtually. It sparked many fond memories for him, and he was able to reminisce about special times spent there with his beloved wife. It was a wonderful and meaningful experience for him."

Residents have embraced the opportunity to explore new worlds, with some already eagerly waiting for the headsets to be charged and ready for their next adventure.

"The VR program has been an excellent addition to our activities and has brought a real breath of fresh air for our residents," Pratigya shared. "They have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and have been able to recall places they have visited in the past."

From sparking treasured memories to creating entirely new experiences, we are excited to continue exploring the possibilities of this innovative technology and the meaningful moments it can bring to patients, residents and their families.



Advent gifts



Mother's Day drinks trolley



The Hospice drinks trolley

Lions Club of Richmond
$50,000 and so much more

For more than a decade, the Lions Club of Richmond has been finding thoughtful ways to support patients and families through The Mary Potter Foundation. In 2025/26, their financial support reached an incredible $50,000 milestone – but their contribution goes well beyond a dollar figure.

Since 2013, this compassionate community has provided practical and financial support across Mary Potter Hospice and Calvary Palliative Home Care, purchasing everything from lightweight wheelchairs and a ceiling hoist to nurse lockers, outdoor furniture and equipment for patients and families.



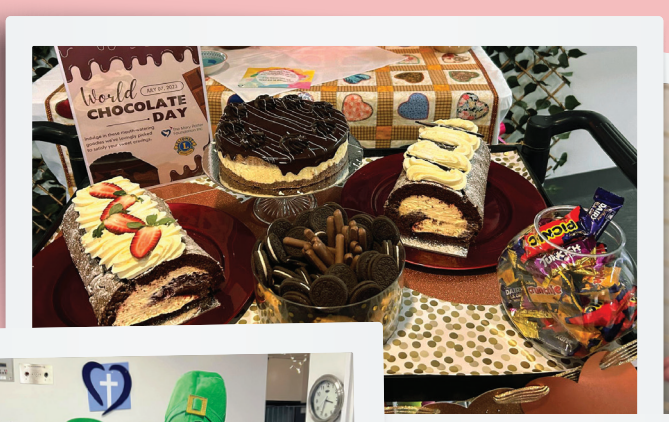
A Selphy printer



New outdoor furniture



AFL Grand Final day





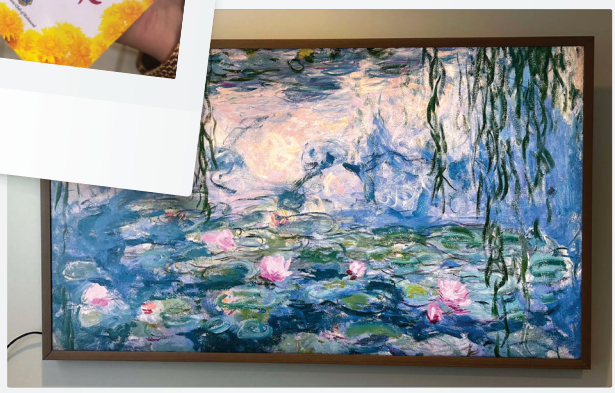




St Patrick's Day drinks



ANZAC Day



New TV in art mode

One of their most enduring contributions has been supporting our Hospice drinks trolley. Their ongoing donations help keep the trolley stocked, bringing a welcome moment of familiarity to patients and families each afternoon. A glass of wine, a cold beer and something to share may seem simple, but these small moments can mean so much.

The Lions Club of Richmond have also supported our Hospice engagement activities over the years, creating opportunities for patients and families to enjoy music, entertainment and special moments together. They have also provided children's packs for young visitors, technology for our family room, an electric piano and new artwork for the Hospice.

We are incredibly grateful.

None of this would be possible without the tireless volunteers behind their Club, who work hard through their charity shop in Camden Park to turn donated goods into funds that make a real difference.

To all the Lions Club of Richmond volunteers, thank you for your remarkable support, your practical kindness and the many thoughtful ways you continue to make a difference.



Lions Club of Richmond Charity Shop

From practical support to moments of joy, creativity and connection, *our donors helped make a meaningful difference* for patients and families in 2025/26.

A year of support in numbers:

554 handmade quilts providing warmth and comfort

2,652 hours of massage and complementary therapy

$18,820.55 spent filling the Family Kitchen with groceries

468 Comfort Packs gifted to patients and families

293 welcome f lowers delivered bringing colour and love

196 Fra Angelico art sessions creating personalised memories to cherish

"This group has provided me with a safe space to grieve with others who have experienced loss, while being supported by leaders who have shown great compassion and knowledge, empowering me to walk this journey of grief with its inevitable ups and downs."

Caring Hearts Grief Support Group

"The beautiful quilt which was given to my husband in the Hospice was such a gesture of love and caring. I will cherish the quilt forever, just knowing he was wrapped in its warmth and care."

Quilt Program









"Having my feet massaged during treatment has really helped my neuropathy – and my mental health. The massage service is so important to have – it makes the chemo so much more bearable."

Complementary Therapy/RESTORE

"We were overwhelmed with joy when we received the pieces of ceramic artwork. Mum had thoughtfully created an item for each family member. Thank you for providing such a profound program and these beautiful gifts that we will cherish."

Fra Angelico Creative Arts



Engagement



Reminiscing on childhood classics for Book Week.

Hot Cross Bun deliveries to Calvary Palliative Home Care patients & families.





Cellist Sam filling the Hospice with music.



Flowers inspired by a patient's bridal bouquet for their 70th anniversary.



A family afternoon tea spread.



St Patrick's Day in the Hospice.



A special visit from the Easter Bunny.

National Banana Bread Day deliveries to Palliative Home Care patients.





Volunteers bringing festive cheer with our jazz cheese trolley.



?! Surprise pepper steak pie for a patient with a craving.



Celebrating National Fairy Bread Day.



Dressed on theme for Harmony Day.

Afternoon cake trolley with sunflowers grown by a patient's family.





Our Royal Adelaide Show mascot on volunteer duty.



Fish & chips, favourite music & an afternoon together for a patient and his wife.



Visits from Native Animals ...



... enjoyed by all!



Walk for Love

Our biggest ever Walk for Love brought 1,793 people together this May for a beautiful morning of connection and community.

Generations of families, friends and supporters gathered at Carclew before making their way through the colourful streets of North Adelaide. For many, Walk for Love is a special opportunity to remember and honour someone they love and miss, while supporting current and future patients and families.

This year, our Walk for Love community raised an incredible $187,223 – our highest fundraising total to date.

We are so grateful to our major partners, Calvary and Genworth Group, and to every walker, fundraiser, donor, volunteer, sponsor and community group who helped make the day possible. Every contribution, big or small, helped create such a wonderful celebration of love, remembrance and community.



Loving Tree

Each Christmas, the Loving Tree offers a beautiful way to remember and celebrate our loved ones.

Last year, almost 1,000 lights were dedicated to loved ones, with each light representing a special person, memory or story. The Loving Tree also helps provide meaningful experiences and support for patients and families in our care over Christmas and New Year.

Our annual Lighting of the Loving Tree Carols Concert brought this tradition to life, with a wonderful evening of music and reflection at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

A heartfelt thank you to our performers who helped make the evening so special:
Adelaide Symphony Orchestra – String Quartet
Lift Cancer Choir
Lachlan Nash
St Peter's Woodlands School Choir
Oscar Bartos

Heartfelt thanks to our event sponsor, SA Power Networks.



2013
Mary Potter Hospice
Family Kitchen



2014
Mary Potter Hospice
courtyard garden
transformation



2015
Mary Potter Hospice
patient room upgrades



2018
Funding of the
Palliative Care Nurse
Practitioner role



2020 + 2021
Mary Potter Hospice
patient room
refurbishments



2024
Mary Potter Hospice
Family Kitchen refurbishment

CHIP IN FOR MARY POTTER

A Legacy of Support

After 12 wonderful events, 2025 marked the final Chip In for Mary Potter Golf Day. What began as a day on the course grew into a much-loved event, raising vital funds to support countless projects that have made a meaningful difference for patients and families in our care.

This extraordinary legacy would not have been possible without the dedication of our Patron, Jenny Hurley AM, who proudly chaired the Golf Day throughout the event's entire history. We are also incredibly grateful to our three major sponsors – Coopers, Lion and Asahi Beverages – for their unwavering support from the very beginning.

To our loyal hole and team sponsors, committee members, businesses, players, volunteers and many other supporters who chipped in along the way – thank you. Together, you have created something truly special, leaving a lasting impact that will continue to be felt for years to come.

A snapshot of Community Support

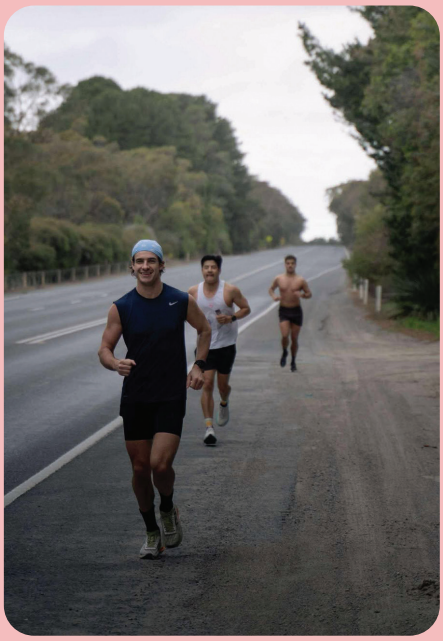
A collaborative approach to fundraising...

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 2025/26.



Positive Actions, Lasting Solutions (PALS)

Founded by Blackfriars Priory School student Nathan, PALS has grown into an incredible student-led community, supported by a dedicated committee of Blackfriars students. This year, more than 65 PALS supporters joined us at Walk for Love in May, raising their highest amount yet, while more than 100 people took part in the annual PALS Walk last November. We are so grateful to Nathan, the committee and the wider PALS community for their ongoing enthusiasm, initiative and commitment to raising awareness and supporting palliative and end-of-life care. It is wonderful to see this movement continue to grow and inspire more young people to make a difference.



Three Blokes, Two Jetties

Three friends – Jack, Jack and Solomon – took on an incredible 73km run from Victor Harbor to Brighton in support of The Mary Potter Foundation. Aptly named Three Blokes. Two Jetties. One Hell of a Run., their challenge began in the early hours with friend Josh and an amazing support crew cheering them on along the way. We are so grateful for their incredible determination, energy and community spirit.

Rob's Camino Walkathon

In memory of his late wife Alex, Rob took on the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for The Mary Potter Foundation. Having experienced the care provided by the Hospice, Rob wanted to give back to the place that had supported him and his family when they needed it most. Along the way, he also brought his community together through a hugely successful quiz night, helping his fundraising reach an incredible $20,000. We are deeply grateful to Rob for his incredible commitment, determination and kindness, and for turning a deeply personal journey into such meaningful support for other patients and families.





SA Combined Scooter Club Easter Egg Run

For eight years, the SA Combined Scooter Club has been helping the Easter Bunny bring a little extra joy to Mary Potter Hospice. This year, more than 40 scooters made their way from Glenelg to the Hospice, arriving with arms full of chocolate treats for patients and their families to enjoy.

We are so grateful to the Southsiders Scooter Club and Adelaide Spartans Scooter Club for continuing this much-loved tradition. Their kindness, enthusiasm and willingness to lend a hand makes the Easter Egg Run a very special part of our Easter celebrations.







Barton's Crew

Barton's Crew held their first Tony's Pizza Fun Day this year, creating a wonderful day of family, laughter and togetherness in memory of their dad, Tony. Juliann and Bec have supported The Mary Potter Foundation since their mum, Barbara, died at Mary Potter Hospice in 2016, and have continued to find special ways to remember both their parents. They also brought their famous Barton's Bakehouse to Walk for Love, with a delicious bake stall helping raise funds for the event. We are so grateful for their ongoing commitment, and for the love and kindness they continue to share with patients and families.

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St Dominic's Priory College

Thank you so much to the wonderful students and teachers from St Dominic's Priory College for their continued support. Their thoughtful creations have brought comfort and connection to patients receiving care through the Calvary Palliative Home Care service, from Christmas tea gifts to essential oil rollers. They also crafted paper angels for the Hospice Christmas display, created beautiful wreaths for our Loving Tree Carols Concert, and helped install thousands of acrylic hearts in Wellington Square for Loved One's Lane at Walk for Love. We are continually inspired by their creativity, kindness and enthusiasm, and are so grateful for the many ways they continue to support patients and families.









Blackfriars Priory School

Thank you so much to the wonderful students, teachers and families at Blackfriars Priory School for their continued support of The Mary Potter Foundation. This year, 15 brave staff and students shaved their heads as part of the school's Greatest Shave, raising an incredible $14,000. As part of their St Dominic's Day celebrations, students from ELC all the way through to year 12 also brought plenty of colour and fun to their inaugural Colour Run, raising more than $16,000. We are continually inspired by the enthusiasm and commitment of the Blackfriars community and are so grateful for the many ways they continue to support patients and families through their fundraising.



Rundle Mall Plaza – Christmas Gift Wrapping

Our heartfelt thanks to Rundle Mall Plaza for once again bringing our volunteers and shoppers together through their Christmas gift wrapping station. Each festive season, our wonderful volunteers wrap gifts for shoppers in exchange for donations, with Rundle Mall Plaza providing everything needed and topping up the funds raised with an additional donation. We are so grateful for their ongoing support and for the many volunteers who give their time to make this special partnership possible.

With gratitude to our compassionate community

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Adelaide Symphony Orchestra
Adelaide Fringe Community Fund
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Barton's Crew
Blackfriars Old Scholars Football Club
Blackfriars Priory School
Dominican Sisters of North Adelaide
Gaza Sports & Community Club
Knights of the Southern Cross Brighton-Marion-Hallett Cove-Glenelg
Knights of the Southern Cross Copper Coast
Knights of the Southern Cross Port Augusta
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
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St Dominic's Priory College
St Francis Xavier Cathedral
St Ignatius Parish
St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School
The Howling Owl

We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of the quilting groups and individuals who bring comfort and warmth with the hundreds of quilts gifted to support our Quilt Program.



"Let us go forth upon our mission of love. Let us spread love wherever we go."

Venerable Mary Potter

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