



2020/2021 Annual Report

Looking Forward



Lions Medical Research Foundation

Serving Our Communities

The Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc. (Lions C Districts) is a "Not For Profit" entity and charitable organisation which is endorsed by the ATO as an Income Tax Exempt entity and registered as a Deductible Gift Recipient with the Australian Charities Commission (ACNC)
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Patron's Message

It has been my honour to be patron of the Lions Medical Research Foundation for the past seven years, and to support the work of the Lions in general.

It has been my pleasure to present the Lions Medical Research annual awards, recognising people who show outstanding support for medical research, as well as present the annual research scholarship.

I am very impressed that the Foundation has provided over \$500,000 to enable nearly 20 brilliant young researchers to progress their research.

I offer my heartfelt thanks to the Lions Medical Research Foundation for its tireless commitment to the health of all South Australians.

It has been a privilege for me to be involved in many organisations supporting worthy endeavours in our community, and the Lions Medical Research Foundation stands tall among them.

I wish the Foundation all the very best for the future.

**HIS EXCELLENCY
THE HONOURABLE HIEU VAN LE AC
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**





We exist to promote, foster and fund research and education into the prevention, detection and cure of disease. Through our work we strengthen communities, enhance people's quality of living, create positive interactions and foster the health and well-being of individuals.

GOVERNANCE



PATRON

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC Governor of South Australia

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lion Dr Phillip Donato OAM	Chairman
PDG Bryan Hearn OAM	Deputy Chair
PDG Mick Millar	Treasurer
Lion Carol Barnes RN, RM MIM	Secretary
Lion Dr Ainslie Derrick-Roberts PhD	Trustee
PDG Tom Kimber	Trustee

ADVISORS

Lion Graeme Pascoe OAM
PDG Bob Dewell OAM

LMRF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Lion Dr Ainslie Derrick-Roberts PhD	Chair
PDG Bob Dewell OAM	
Lion Dr Phillip Donato OAM	

LMRF SKIN CANCER SCREENING COMMITTEE

PDG Tom Kimber	Chair
PDG Mick Millar	Treasurer
VDG Ruth Pearsons	Secretary & Screening Coordinator
Lion Carol Barnes	Screening Coordinator
Lion Gibson Atherton	Mobile Unit Manager
Lion Graeme Pascoe OAM	
PDG Kevin Masters	



Chairs Report

On behalf of the Board of Trustees it gives me great pleasure to provide the Annual Report of the Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc (LMRF) for the year ending June 30th, 2021. The LMRF proudly remains a joint initiative of the Lions 201C1 and 201C2 Districts.

To members of Districts C1 and C2, this current year has again been somewhat impacted by COVID 19 and its now Delta variant creating some interruption to projects and activities of the Foundation.

Our vision, mission and purpose, promotes, fosters and funds research and education into the prevention, detection, and cure of disease. Through our work we endeavour to strengthen communities, enhance quality of living, create positive interactions and foster more optimal individual health and wellbeing.

The Foundation's activities are threefold; the skin cancer screening project; the ongoing provision and funding of university PhD scholarships; and engaging in research/ public education activities. Our quest is to pursue that meaningful search for further relevant research and to pursue preventative strategies and education as millions of men and women worldwide die or have their quality of life curtailed because of conditions that are for the most part, significantly preventable.

Our research funding activities this year, has seen both extensions of supplementary funded and new scholarships with Adelaide University PhD students. We have also funded a new post-doctoral grant "New strategies for early detection and treatment of skin cancers" through UniSA and a project that will analyze our preexisting data relating to the skin screening project. My thanks to Dr Ainslie Derrick Roberts who chairs this committee. A new promotional video was produced and is available.

Skin cancer screenings during the year was interrupted due to varying periods and levels of COVID related restrictions. Nonetheless, this year has led to new screeners and drivers. Training continues via Health Certificate programs through Bond University.

This year saw a new committee chairman PDG Tom Kimber ably supported by Carol Barnes continuing the good works of the previous committee. Thank you to all the screeners, drivers and support staff for giving up so much of their time and skills to support the project. Recipients of the screening remain both grateful and impressed with the project. Results again remain consistent with 20+% of identified possible skin cancer lesions detected.

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening Project has become a Lions national collaborative project involving WA, SA, and now Victoria engaged in delivering this community service. Interest is now very strong for eventual NSW, Qld, Tas and NZ involvement.

Governance Matters

The Foundation continues in its strategic development with further strengthening of its constitution, processes, and procedures. It becomes incumbent for all boards in the not-for-profit sector to remain relevant and contemporary and be values; purpose; and skilled based in its governance and operations.

I am pleased to report that The Foundation's finances remain very stable. Contributions from member clubs and other sources continued and were gratefully received. Our surplus funds remain conservatively invested additionally accruing dividends and interest. These funds are well managed by our investment advisors. Trustees always follow a sensible path towards meeting our obligations. Audited financial statements of our Foundation are attached. Our thanks to PDG Mick Millar as our new treasurer. Our thanks to our Auditor Hayden Edwards who has truly served our Foundation in a most professional manner over many years.

Trustees

This year saw some changes to our elected officers; PDG Bryan Hearn OAM (Deputy Chair), PDG Michael Millar (Treasurer), Ms Carol Barnes (Secretary), Dr Ainslie Derrick-Roberts PhD (Committee chair for Research), and we welcomed PDG Tom Kimber (chair of skin cancer screening). Much appreciation to all trustees: Their commitment, effort and dedication have been extraordinary.

Our absolute thanks to PDG Rhys Roberts OAM (and now Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Chairman) as an outgoing trustee who has been involved with the LMRF for 18 years serving in many longstanding capacities including Secretary and Deputy Chairman. Rhys, thank you for an outstanding contribution.

Further Thanks

I express my thanks to PDG Bob Dewell OAM as the past Foundation Chair and Graeme Pascoe OAM past treasurer who remain current Foundation advisors. Their counsel and advice continue to be invaluable.

Our congratulations to PDG Bryan Hearn OAM for his induction and investiture into the Order of Australia during this past year. Well done and well deserved.

Our appreciation to our screening partners - Lions Cancer Institute (WA) via Phil Chinnery, and the Victorian Districts Foundation and Bruce Hudgson for all their assistance.

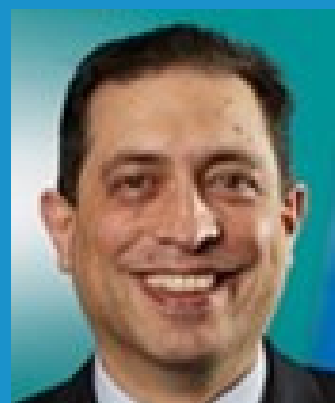
In Conclusion

I thank all Lions members and member clubs of Lions Districts C1 and C2 for their ongoing participation and support of our Foundation and the works and projects undertaken on your behalf and for the betterment of our collective communities.

Yours in Lions



Lion Dr Phillip Donato OAM
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc.



Treasurers Report

I am pleased to advise that the foundation has had a very successful year. The 'C' district clubs are very supportive of our activities in the research and skin screening areas. Their continued financial support is crucial to the ongoing success of our programs.

Two of our existing postgraduate scholars were granted extensions to their scholarships to enable their continued research and we have funded three more scholarships to the Adelaide University. Those have yet to be named. In addition we are funding a Melanoma Research project at the University of South Australia. That project has been granted ethics status to enable a study of our screening data.

COVID19 has obviously adversely affected our screening program with the result that most of the screenings for 2020 were cancelled.

Given the affect that the pandemic has had on our club's ability to fundraise the resulting donations are astounding.

Donors now have the ability to donate via PAYPAL GIVING and in addition our website has a link to enable donations via PAYPAL.

To assist with the financing of our screeners, the foundation has implemented a 'Sponsor a Screener' initiative which has been very successful.

During the past year we were fortunate to benefit from a bequest from a lady in Wagga Wagga New South Wales.

Our telemarketers are planning a 'Big Day Out' for sick, handicapped and disadvantaged children in December this year (COVID permitting). A similar event last year was cancelled.

We were able to assist the 'V' Districts when they attended the Canberra Convention with their new skin cancer screening unit.

The healthy surplus will enable your Board and Skin Cancer Screening Sub-Committee members to plan with confidence for the success of our future endeavours.

Once again, on behalf of the Trustees of your foundation I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support.

PDG Mick Millar
Treasurer



Research Chair's Report

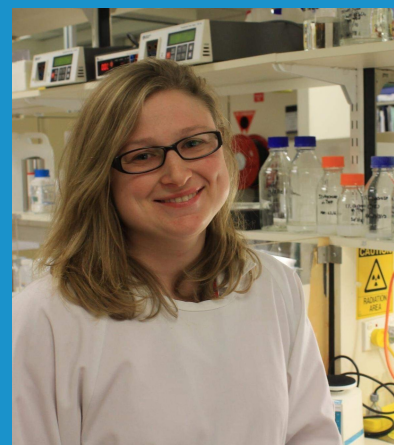
The Foundation is very keen indeed to grow and further develop the resources at its disposal so that more Lions Research Scholarships can be awarded to the very best PhD researchers.

Due to the challenges of doing research in the new COVID era, no new scholars were admitted to the LMRF program in 2020. This year the LMRF awarded extension of their scholarships to University of Adelaide PhD candidates to finish their PhD studies.

I am excited to announce a collaboration between LMRFSA and University of South Australia researchers Dr Zlatko Kopecki and Professor Allison Cowin along with student Lynnette Roberts. They have recently been granted human ethics committee approval to commence the data analysis and follow up of clients screened by the mobile Lions Skin Cancer Screening Unit. We are very pleased to see the outcome of this research project and wait for the results with anticipation. They are also searching for a post-graduate candidate to join their program to extend their research into skin cancer and the search for therapies.

The ongoing support of Lions from Districts C1 & C2 as well as public donations and bequests will enable it to continue to achieve its aims and continue to support the talented researchers to help become the future.

Research Chair
Lion Dr Ainslie Derrick-Roberts



Skin Cancer Screening Committee Chair

Screenings

Covid 19 restrictions prevented screenings from July to December 2020. Screenings recommenced on the 20th/21st February 2021 and occurred at Mt Barker, Burnside, Gillies Plains, Kingston SE Millicent, Strathalbyn, and Riverton.

The Marion screening was cancelled due to lack of numbers, Red Cliffs postponed due to Covid.

Total Screened 1/6/20 – 30/6/2021 995

Total suspect lesions detected 311

Of which suspect 'life threatening' 289

No. referred 185 21%

Never been screened before 419

No. of hours worked by screening team 550

Screeners and Re-engagement Day

A re-engagement day was conducted in February 2021 for screeners, screening trainees, administration and drivers. The session enabled all volunteer staff to be brought up to date with the Covid Management Plan and update screening procedures.

3 new volunteers have been enrolled into the HealthCert Professional Certificate of Dermoscopy course, Dr Ellie Cobiac, Heather Holmes, Jessy Erkins, Dean Hewlet, Maggie Graham, Gerry Phillips Steven Tasker are all trainees screening under supervision having completed the Healthcert Program and passed all exams. Dr Amet Loaj has commenced screening

• Dr Eben Viljoen has offered screening volunteers assistance once completed their course by working with him in his clinics under supervision. .

A detailed inspection was conducted on the mobile van at a cost of \$2,750.00. The inspection overall concluded and confirmed the unit to be safe and roadworthy. Servicing as required is carried out to the truck and generator as per the ongoing maintenance plan.

Future

Screenings are programmed for Lock, Wudinna/Kimba, McLaren Vale, Yankalilla, district conventions, Tintinara, Paralowie, Stansbury/Dalrymple and Peterborough.

PDG Tom Kimber

**Chair Skin Cancer Screening Sub Committee,
Servicing Districts 201C1 & C2**



LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION INC

**AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2021**

Lions Medical Research Foundation

Receipts and Payments Statement For the 12 months ended 30th June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Receipts		
Donations Screening	77851	34421
Other	42500	16060
Asset Sales	-----	13485
Other Income	2000	3919
Interest/Dividends	56608	37248
Total Receipts	178959	142647
Payments		
Scholarship Payments	48750	35000
Health Promotions	3295	1000
Skin Cancer Screening	34623	53634
Truck and Generator		112573
Investment Payments	8997	9919
Administration Payments	7034	12283
Total Payments	102699	224409
Surplus (deficit)	76255	(81762)

The receipts and payments statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying note.

Lions Medical Research Foundation

Balance Sheet As at 30th June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	189241	133424
Investments (at cost)	983275	965674
Refundable GST		551
Total Asset	1172516	1099647
Current Liabilities	14064	17452
Total Liabilities	14064	17452
Net Assets	1158452	1082197
Funds		
Accumulated funds brought forward	1082197	1163959
Surplus (Deficit) for year	76256	(81762)
Accumulated funds carried forward	1158452	1082197

The balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying note.

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements 30 June 2021.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Note 1.

(a) Basis of Accounting

This special purpose Financial Report has been prepared for distribution to members and the board of Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc for the internal management information purposes. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are consistent with previous years and are, in the opinion of the board, appropriate to meet the needs of members and the board.

The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis of accounting including the historical cost convention and going concern assumption.

The requirement of Australian Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements in Australia do not have mandatory applicability to Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc in relation to the year ended 30 June 2021 because it is not a reporting entity.

Statement by the Board of Management.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management of the Lions Medical Research Foundation Inc, we state that;-

In the opinion of the Board of Management –

(a) The statement of receipts and payments is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the surplus for the Foundation for the 12 months ended 30 June 2021.

(b) The balance sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Foundation as at 30 June 2021.

(c) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Foundation will be able to pay its debts as where and when they fall due.

On behalf of the Board of Management

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P.R. Donato', is written over a horizontal line.

P.R. Donato
Chairman, Board of Management
Adelaide

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
ABN 33 304 508 699**

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Qualification

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practical for the association to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to receipts was limited to the amounts recorded.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of the Lions Medical Research Foundation presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Lions Medical Research Foundation as of 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



Name of Firm: Hayden F Edwards
Chartered Accountant

Name of Principal: Hayden Edwards FCA

Address: 2nd Floor 345 King William Street Adelaide SA 5000

Dated this 30th day of August 2021

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Kate Secombe

PhD candidate in the Cancer Treatment Toxicities Group, Kate is investigating chemotherapy-induced gastrointestinal injury, focusing on understanding the role of the gut microbiome in the development of gastrointestinal toxicity following cancer treatment. She is working to understand the interactions between the gut microbiome and the innate immune system in developing this toxicity.

Kate was awarded the South Australian Young Achiever in STEM in 2021

Emma Ackers

PhD candidate at SAHMRI, a member of the SAHMRI Heart Health team. Her project is researching the role of lipids in vascular calcification and atherosclerosis. She has co-authored a number of research articles on vascular calcification.

Krystyna Gienic

Was awarded her PhD in 2021 and since then is undertaking a Postdoctoral Fellow (School of Medical Sciences, Single Molecule Science) at University NSW.

In 2020 she was awarded a distinction as a finalist in the Basic Science Young Investigator Award finalist from the Gastroenterological Society of Australia.

Krystyna's PhD was in the area of bowel cancer research, the third most common cancer in Australia.

Dr Zlatko Kopecki

Is also the current Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation Fellow in Childhood Wound Infections (2021-2026) at UniSA. his research is focused on developing novel therapeutics for wound repair and working on understanding the mechanisms involved in wound healing, scar formation and fragile skin syndromes. Dr Kopecki has published over 50 papers on his research.



Awards



His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, and Mrs. Le receiving awards recognising their long term support of the LMRF



Chairman Dr Phillip Donato OAM, His Excellency Governor Hieu Van Le AC and PDG Robert Dewell OAM (L to R) receiving a Melvin Jones Award for his dedication and leadership to the LMRF



Port Augusta Lions Andy and Maureen Sayers receiving their James D Richardson Awards for services to the Skin Cancer Screening Program Andy Volunteers as a Driver and Maureen as Admin Officer



Lion and Trustee Bryan Hearn OAM was awarded an Order of Australia in the 2021 Australia Day Honors



Lion and Trustee Rhys Roberts OAM, receiving a Bob Cooter award on retiring from the LMRF

Bob Cooter Awards 2020/2021

Recipient

Rhys Roberts

The Hon Hieu Van Le AC

Phillip Donato OAM

Michael Fogden

John Nagel

Daphne McWhinnie

Lions Club

Blackwood

Adelaide Italian

Yankalilla

Victor Harbour Port Elliot

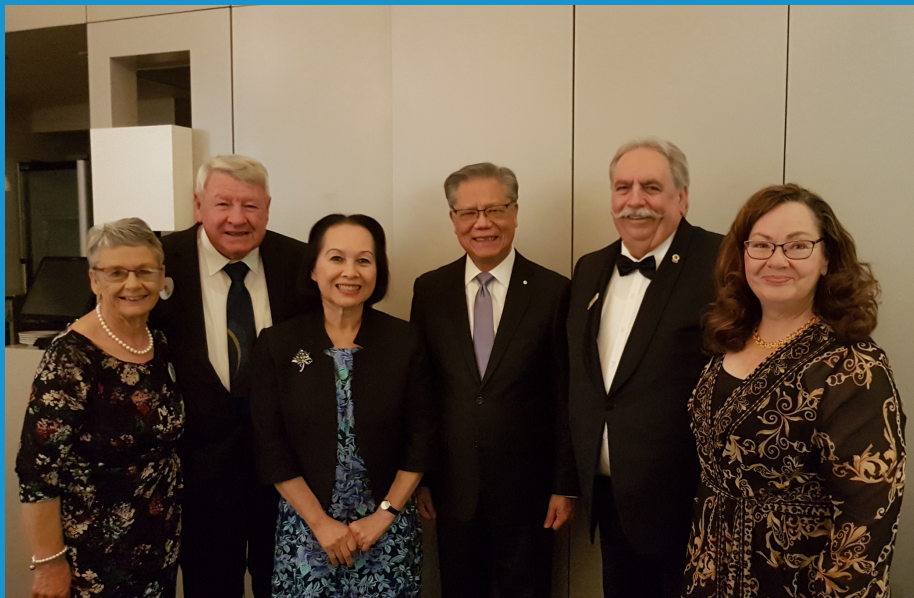
Golden Grove

Dr Bob Cooter Award

In November 1966 Dr Bob Cooter was a charter member of the Port Augusta Lions, and remained in Lions until his death.

His immense contribution to his profession and his community are acknowledged and celebrated by naming a Lions Medical Research Foundation award in his honor. Bob was a Lion Ambassador of Goodwill, the highest recognition available to Lions. He was involved in many health-related projects including glaucoma, blood pressure, diabetes, newborn hearing and country mammography screenings, heart research and prostate cancer awareness.

Dr Bob Cooter Awards may be made to Lions and Non Lions. to recognise outstanding service



Celebrating the outstanding service of The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia at his farewell dinner.

L-R Barb Morley, DG Darryl Morley, Mrs Le, the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, DG John Barnes, and Carol Barnes

LIONS CLUBS DONATING TO LMRF

SKIN CANCER SCREENING

RICHMOND
RENMARK
KANGAROO ISLAND
ROBE
GOLDEN GROVE
NOAR/MORPHETT VALE
KADINA
NARACOORTE
KIMBA
GLENSIDE
HAHNDORF
RED CLIFFS
PT AUGUSTA
BEACHPORT
MITCHAM
BARMERA
MOONTA
BUTE
TAILEM BEND
GEELONG STH BARWON
MT GAMBIER LIONESS
VICTOR HBR/PT ELL
TAILEM BEND
HALLETT COVE
ABERFOYLE & DIST
LITCHFIELD
MURRAY BRIDGE
KAPUNDA

RESEARCH FUNDING

TAILEM BEND
JAMESTOWN
BALAKAVA
BATTUNGA
MURRAY BRIDGE CITY
TINTINARA
BEACHPORT
ANGLE VALE
BATTUNGA
MT BARKER
YANKALILLA
PT MACDONNELL
MITCHAM
ADELAIDE ITALIAN
SEAFORD & DIST
ROCKY RIVER
ROBE
GAWLER
KANGAROO ISLAND
RICHMOND MEMBER
VICTOR HBR PT ELLIOTT
NOARLUNGA M/VALE
GOLDEN GROVE
GAMBIER CITY
MORGAN
DIST C2
HALLETT COVE
GOOLWA
ROSTREVOR



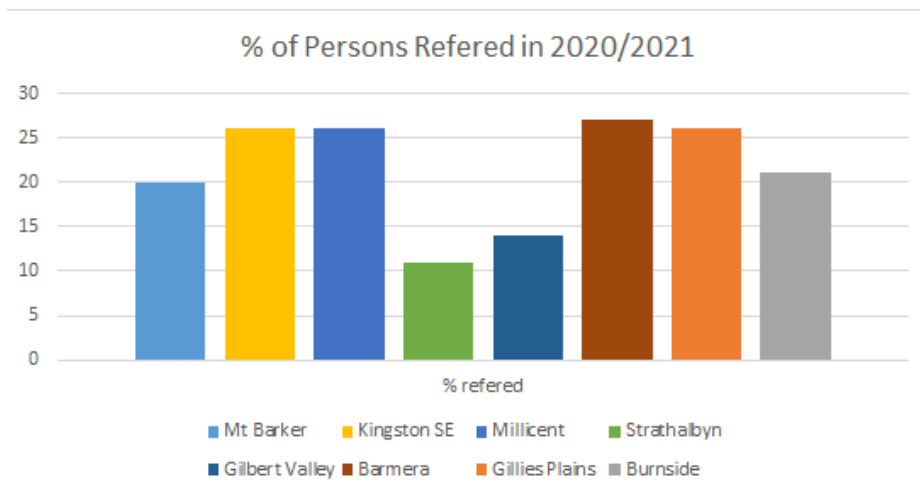
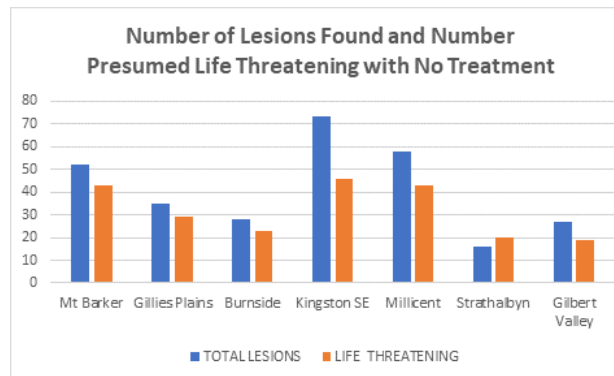
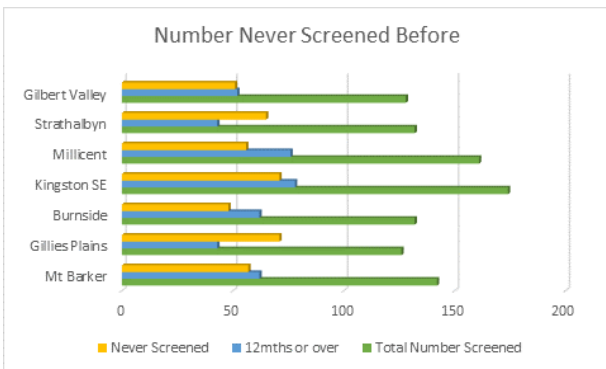
OUR PERFORMANCE IN 2020/2021



Key performance indicators (KPIs), have been developed through a strategic planning process and are reviewed twice annually by the board. They include financial and non financial KPI's.

\$48750
INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH
\$3295
INVESTMENT IN TRAINING SCREENERS
\$77851
CONTRIBUTED FROM LIONS CLUBS
\$42500
PUBLIC DONATIONS
\$2000
AVERAGE COST TO RUN A SCREENING

In 2020/2021



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