

Grant unlocks millions

A \$25,000 Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation research grant that generated critical early data has helped secure \$9.3 million in national research funding to investigate rare genetic diseases affecting First Nations people in Far North Queensland.

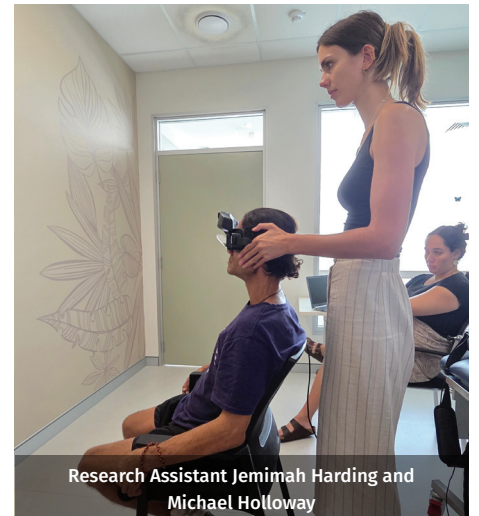
The Foundation-funded seed funding enabled researchers to expand investigations into Machado-Joseph Disease (MJD) and Spinocerebellar Ataxia Type 7 (SCA7) - two devastating inherited conditions that cause progressive incoordination, imbalance and visual impairment, leading to loss of mobility, speech and swallow, and ultimately, early death. Both diseases are known to affect families in several remote communities across the Northern Territory and Far North Queensland. Foundation Grant recipient, University of Melbourne Head of NeuroMovement Disease Laboratory Associate Professor David Szmulewicz said the Foundation's investment was critical in identifying new patients and starting their treatment program but also in identifying to the National Health and Medical Research Council and Medical Research Future Fund how important the work is.

In 2024, the Foundation's seed funding was used to investigate the way in which these two diseases manifested (or "phenotype") in Aboriginal people, something that was previously very poorly understood. It also allowed the establishment of regular clinics in Cairns and Townsville, giving local patients reliable access to specialist care and enabling the gathering of foundational clinical, neurophysiological and oculomotor data.

Clinics in Cairns identified a further 20 patients in Cairns, Townsville, Yarrabah, Weipa, Kowrova, Atherton, Kuranda, Napranum, with the team monitoring a further 10 people and identifying another 416 at risk of MJD or SCA7.



Assoc Prof Szmulewicz with FNQ patient Simeon Mays



Research Assistant Jemimah Harding and Michael Holloway



Jemimah Harding and Drew Holloway

A/Prof Szmulewicz said the funding generated the first detailed descriptions of how MJD and SCA7 presents in these communities - knowledge that has already begun improving clinical decision-making, benefitting patients, allied health professionals, GPs, trainees and medical students.

The Machado-Joseph Disease Foundation also supported the clinics.

"Although gene therapies are on their way, unfortunately at this stage, these diseases can't be cured but once we identify patients, we can start treatment and of course as with any medical condition, the more research we can do, the more hope we can offer people for the future," A/Prof Szmulewicz said.

"Importantly, these early clinical insights and locally-run clinics became the evidence base required to attract major national funding. The project team confirmed that the Foundation grant made a significant contribution to securing follow-on grants."

Building on the Foundation's initial investment, A/Prof Szmulewicz and collaborators have now been awarded: \$3.15 million (five years) - Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), \$1.2 million over five years to investigate Spinocerebellar ataxias in Indigenous Australians from the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and \$4.95 million (five years) from the MRFF for Delivering benefit for all Australians in the new era of complete genomics.



Charity supports upgrade

The Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation is thrilled to stand alongside the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (CHHS) at the historic announcement of a \$1 billion expansion of Cairns Hospital.

Foundation CEO Gina Hogan said the Cairns Hospital Master Plan marked not only a transformation of infrastructure, but a transformation of what is possible for patients, staff and the wider community.

The Foundation will continue working with CHHS and the community to support initiatives that enhance patient care, research and the hospital environment for patients and staff.

The CHHS has unveiled its 30-year master plan for the 150-year-old hospital, which has outgrown its current footprint.

The master plan provides a clear roadmap to expand and modernise the hospital so Far North Queenslanders can access the care they need, close to home.

Three new buildings are planned to be built within the next four to five years.

This includes:

- a health innovation and surgical centre
- a staff only multi-storey carpark

- a health management hub.

The health innovation and surgical centre is to be built between Grove, Lake and Digger streets, opposite the hospital's E-Block.

It will include four new operating theatres, 16 day surgery spaces, 40 overnight inpatient beds, specialist outpatients department, as well as clinical trials, simulation and collaboration spaces.

The new carpark, to be built on the corner of Grove and Digger streets, will have approximately 950 spaces, set aside for staff. This will free up parking in the existing multi-storey carpark and nearby streets for the public.

The health management hub will consolidate the health service's management, administration and support functions into a single purpose-built facility, rather than having teams dispersed across multiple leased office spaces.

It will be next to James Cook University's new Yeinie health education building on the corner of Sheridan and Charles Street.

CHHS chief executive Leena Singh welcomed the master plan and the benefits to the whole community.

"This will deliver benefits in healthcare, as well as to the local economy, driving investment

and expanding our workforce along with establishing a knowledge economy within the Far North region," Ms Singh said.

"Modernising our infrastructure, providing the latest simulation technology and unlocking the plethora of data available to us will mean our clinicians can work with universities and other organisations to enhance research to solve some of the unique health challenges we face here in the tropical Far North Queensland."

She said Cairns Hospital was at capacity and had outgrown its footprint.

"The Master Plan recognises that while upgrades to ageing infrastructure are essential, refurbishment alone is not enough to meet future demand," she said.

"It is essential that the hospital expands so it can continue to deliver excellent care to our community now and into the future."

Construction of the new Stage 1 buildings are expected to start in late 2026, following completion of land acquisitions.

Future stages of the Master Plan propose a new Acute Services Building connected with the Health Innovation and Surgical Centre and the current hospital, as well as refurbishment, demolition and redevelopment to some parts of the existing hospital and precinct connectivity and improvement works.



Robotic surgery ahead

CAIRNS Hospital is on track to welcome a state-of-the-art surgical robot later this year, marking an important step forward in access to highly specialised surgery for patients across Far North Queensland.

The Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation led a \$4.3 million community appeal to support the acquisition of DaNi, an advanced surgical robotic system expected to arrive at Cairns Hospital around the middle of the year.

As a sophisticated and high-value piece of medical equipment, the robotic system must go through a detailed procurement process managed by Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service. Ordering, configuration, shipping and delivery of specialised medical technology can take several months to ensure it meets strict clinical and safety standards.

The Health Service expects to purchase and take delivery of the robotic system between July and August. Following installation and final preparations, surgeons will begin using DaNi soon after it arrives.

DaNi will support major urology procedures, including surgery for prostate cancer, as well as pelvic surgery for colorectal cancer and the repair of complex abdominal hernias. The technology will allow more patients to receive advanced surgical care closer to home and reduce the need to travel long distances for treatment.

The arrival of DaNi for health care in the region reflects the strength of community support working alongside local health services to improve care for Far North Queensland.

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Jenny joins fundraising crew

We're delighted to welcome Jenny Coates to the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation team as our new Fundraising and Marketing Manager.

Jenny brings a wealth of experience across fundraising, partnerships, marketing and community engagement, having worked extensively within the not-for-profit, health and education sectors. Throughout her career, she has built a strong reputation for developing meaningful, long-term relationships with donors, partners and community stakeholders — relationships that translate into tangible outcomes and lasting impact.

In her new role, Jenny will lead the Foundation's fundraising, marketing and events activities, playing a key role in growing awareness and support for initiatives that enhance patient care, support vital research and improve hospital facilities across Far North Queensland. Her strategic approach, combined with a genuine passion for community connection, will help ensure our work continues to make a real difference where it's needed most.

Jenny will be working closely with Glenys



Brigid Lees, Sharni Whittaker, Skye Reeves, Valentina Albiero, Jenny Coates, Gina Hogan, Glenys Duncombe, Gillian Shaw, Tahlia Markcrow, Robyn Rankin, Michael Hooper.

Duncombe, who has recently transitioned from the Fundraising and Marketing Manager role into a new position as Relationships Manager. This new structure reflects the Foundation's ongoing commitment to strengthening donor and partner relationships, with Glenys focusing on nurturing and growing these important connections, while Jenny leads the overall fundraising and marketing strategy.

Together, they will support our supporters,

partners and community to remain engaged and connected to the life-changing work they help make possible.

Mrs Coates said she was incredibly honoured to join the Foundation and work alongside such a dedicated team.

"Supporting initiatives that improve health care for communities across our region is something I'm very proud to be part of," Mrs Coates said.

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Recently we gathered with some of our valued sponsors and fundraising volunteers to give thanks for their support.

Guests learned about some of the accomplishments of the last 12 months, including equipment purchased, fundraising outcomes, and plans for the year ahead.

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Tully

Patients needing care at Tully Hospital will experience state-of-the-art comfort thanks to hard-working fundraising volunteers who have donated more than \$80,000 worth of equipment.

Two patient monitors have been bought for the Emergency Department resuscitation and procedure rooms, pressure injury prevention mattresses bought to keep patients more comfortable if they do not move much in their bed, and a helipad retrieval trolley purchased to assist with transport of critical patients to and from the hospital.

Tully Hospital Friends of the Foundation president Suzy Reis said the patient monitors were bought through selling raffle tickets at the Euramo Hotel and Mt Tyson Hotel.

"One of the mattresses was purchased from a donation from the Saint Gerard celebrations held only a couple of weeks ago, and the other equipment was from high teas, a colour run at Feluga School, Christmas street party, ham

wheel, Tully Tigers canteen and donations from the general community," Mrs Reis said.

Tully Hospital Acting Director of Nursing Diane Brown said the hydraulic helicopter trolley has made transferring the sickest patients up to the helipad, much easier and safer to navigate.

"It has made the ride up the incline at the back of the hospital a lot smoother and quicker, which is important when time is critical and the Tully weather is inclement," Ms Brown said.

"The pressure-relieving mattresses are a welcome addition to the Pressure Injury Prevention mattresses we already have. As part of Comprehensive Care of our patients, our aim is to reduce pressure, sheer and friction of our patients' fragile skin and having more of these devices support our objectives," she said.

"The Philips monitors are essential for obtaining vital signs and detecting patient deterioration. They've been positioned in critical areas of the emergency department and will assist in providing comprehensive patient data promptly, to support early diagnosis and decision-making.

"The staff of the Tully Hospital are very grateful to the continued support of the local Friends of the Foundation and community. We appreciate their time and commitment towards assisting with purchasing much needed equipment and their remarkable ongoing fundraising efforts," she said.



Tully Hospital Friends of the Foundation is a subsidiary of the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation, a fundraising and volunteer charity supporting improved health outcomes from Tully to the Torres Strait.

Foundation CEO Gina Hogan paid tribute to the very hard-working Tully volunteers for the many hours of work they had put into fundraising for their community.

"Groups such as Suzy and the team at Tully truly embody the spirit of the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation. They work so hard selling raffle tickets, raising funds and we know it is so rewarding for them to see the efforts of their work come to fruition in the form of more equipment for Tully Hospital. All funds raised locally truly stay local and we're so proud to see these awesome pieces of equipment in use," Mrs Hogan said.

Atherton

Patients and staff in Atherton Hospital's North Ward and High Dependency Unit are benefiting from a new electric shower chair, funded by the Rotary Club of Atherton through the Atherton Hospital Friends of the Foundation.

Valued at more than \$17,500, the electric shower chair is already making a significant difference for patients with limited mobility, improving safety, comfort and dignity during daily care.

North Ward and High Dependency Unit Nurse

Unit Manager Anlin Chalakkal said many patients find showering independently both difficult and risky.

"While our manual shower chairs have been functional, they haven't always met the complex needs of our patients," Ms Chalakkal said. "This electric shower chair provides stability, comfort and flexibility, significantly reducing the risk of falls or injuries."

The new equipment is also delivering important benefits for staff, reducing physical strain and the risk of manual handling injuries.

"Our staff are extremely grateful," Ms Chalakkal said. "The chair has made patient handling much safer and easier, and it supports us to deliver the highest standard of care."

Atherton Hospital Friends of the Foundation



president Mary Fitzsimons said the purchase was made possible through the dedication and generosity of local volunteers and donors, including the long standing efforts of the Atherton Club bingo volunteers.

"When we see equipment like this in use, it shows just how much of a difference community fundraising makes for our local hospital," Mrs Fitzsimons said.

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Innisfail

Innisfail Hospital Friends of the Foundation have helped enhance patient care at Innisfail Hospital by funding more than \$47,000 worth of new equipment, as part of its ongoing support for Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation initiatives.

The group's contribution has enabled the purchase of specialised respiratory devices, advanced imaging equipment, and new maternity waiting room furniture - improving comfort, diagnostics, and treatment for patients across several departments.

Innisfail Hospital Physiotherapist Kyle Rowsell said the newly purchased Mucus Clearing Devices would significantly benefit people in the community living with chronic lung conditions.

"These devices help move mucus from deep within the lungs, open the airways for longer, and improve the ability to clear secretions," Mr Rowsell said. "They're particularly helpful for patients with conditions such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), emphysema, bronchitis, and bronchiectasis." The equipment promotes better ventilation and reduces gas trapping, supporting patients to breathe more comfortably and effectively.

The hospital also has received a humidification system, used alongside compatible ventilators to support patients with breathing difficulties.

Ward 1 Nurse Unit Manager Birgit Mertens said the equipment would support patient of all ages - from newborns to adults - with illnesses such as pneumonia, asthma flare-ups, bronchiolitis, and COPD.

"By adding warm moisture to the air delivered to the lungs, the system keeps airways from drying out, helps loosen mucus, prevents blockages, and improves breathing comfort," Ms Mertens said.

"It also reduces water build-up in the tubing and is easier for staff to set up and adjust."



Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation Volunteer Program Coordinator Skye Reeves, Innisfail Hospital Clinical Midwife Sarah Kesby, Innisfail Hospital Friends of the Foundation president Estelle Kopp, Innisfail Hospital Ward 1 Nurse Unit Manager Birgit Mertens, Innisfail Hospital Director of Nursing/Facility Manager Shelly Slater, Innisfail Hospital Friends of the Foundation volunteer Johanne Stitt, Innisfail Hospital Senior Physiotherapist Kyle Rowsell, Clinical Nurse Josephine Anderson and Innisfail Hospital Maternity Unit Nurse Unit Manager Tasmine Mueller.

A new ultrasound transducer, funded for the hospital's Emergency Department, will provide far clearer and deeper imaging - particularly important for obstetric, gynaecological, cardiac, and abdominal assessments.

Director of Nursing Shelly Slater said the technology would help clinicians detect issues such as early pregnancy complications, ovarian torsion, low-volume blood flow, placental abnormalities, and foetal heart concerns.

"The improved resolution means better diagnostic accuracy, especially for patients who are harder to scan," Ms Slater said.

The Cassowary Hub Maternity Unit has received two new waiting-area couches, improving comfort for women and families accessing maternity services.

Maternity Unit Nurse Unit Manager Tasmine Mueller said the addition has already made a meaningful difference.

"What seems like a simple purchase has actually transformed the flow and feel of the unit," Ms Mueller said.

"It gives women a comfortable space to wait, connect with one another, and feel part of the maternity community."

The equipment was funded by the hard-working Innisfail Hospital Friends of the Foundation, through cent sales, golf days, raffles and generous donations.

Friends president Estelle Kopp said it was always rewarding to see the results of their hard work result in better outcomes for patients. "For us, it's always about the patients and the staff. If we can do one little thing to make life better and easier for them, then it's worthwhile," Mrs Kopp said.

Foundation CEO Gina Hogan paid tribute to the dedicated volunteers. "We have a number of dedicated volunteers at outlying hospitals, from Tully to the Torres Strait and they are such an incredible group who fundraise for their local hospitals. The Innisfail Friends are particularly active in their community and they have contributed untold hours into improving outcomes for patients and staff," Mrs Hogan said.

Donation powers patient recovery

Rehabilitation patients at Cairns Hospital will travel a smoother path to recovery, thanks to the generosity of local road construction company FGF Developments.

Their latest donation of \$21,000 has funded the purchase of a MOTomed machine for the hospital's Physiotherapy Department through the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation.

Amputee Rehabilitation Physiotherapist Cath Parnaby said the MOTomed device was designed for people with movement restrictions and enables users to train their upper or lower limbs from a seated position - whether in a wheelchair or chair.

"This equipment will make a significant difference to the lives of patients who require intensive rehabilitation. We are incredibly grateful to FGF Developments for their continued support of our community," Ms Parnaby said.

"This innovative therapy is particularly beneficial for patients recovering from neurological conditions such as stroke, spinal cord and brain injuries, as well as those

managing amputations or other complex health conditions."

Used alongside one-on-one therapy sessions led by physiotherapists, the MOTomed enhances the intensity and effectiveness of rehabilitation. Positioned in the hospital's rehabilitation gym, it will be accessible to patients in acute and rehabilitation wards, as well as outpatients participating in cardiac and amputee rehabilitation programmes.

FGF Developments Business Manager Murray Moule said they were pleased to support the Foundation and patients in the region, yet again.

"We heard that this was a piece of equipment that was needed to help people in the region, so we were happy to help," Mr Moule said.

FGF has previously supported the Foundation's surgical microscope campaign and also is a sponsor of the BDO Arrow Experience event.

Foundation CEO Gina Hogan paid tribute to the Moule family for yet again stepping up for their community.

"The Moule family and FGF's generosity in supporting their community is well-known.

They are motivated to make a difference and help others in the region," Mrs Hogan said.

"Yet again, we're incredibly grateful to showcase the support of this local family and business that is literally building the community but also help build health services," she said.



FGF's Murray Moule and Warren Massingham with patient Phillip Grumball.

Footy mates save lives

WHEN accountant Stephen Turner suffered a sudden brain aneurysm a week before Christmas 2024, his family was told the mortality rate was 50 percent.

"I was just at the gym, doing my regular workout, nothing too strenuous when I felt this sudden huge headache - they call it a thunderclap headache," Mr Turner said.

"I stumbled to the staff and said I needed help, they called my wife and the ambulance and that's the last thing I remember for a month," he said.

He was flown to Townsville Hospital's neurology unit where he underwent three rounds of surgery to release the pressure on his brain and insert a shunt, which he will now live with permanently.

"I have no memory of that month - I have texts that I was sending my friends saying, 'I've got to go, I'm having surgery', but I have no recollection of any of that at all," he said.

He was then transferred back to Cairns Hospital's rehabilitation ward where he spent a month recuperating and was released on Valentine's Day.

"They tell me it hasn't caused any permanent damage - they can't even see where the bleed was now on MRI's but I do have some short-term memory loss which is getting better with time.

"My AFL mates really rallied behind me and organised a fundraiser, which I told them I wanted to go to the Hospital Foundation for that unit. That was very successful and raised \$3000 at the annual Masters carnival in early March, which was great. I count my blessings every day. Without my wife Sandra, sons Sam and Jake I wouldn't have been able to get through this. Also, to my footy mates, Gavin Moyle, Greg Lees and Matt Hanson and the rest of the boys from the Cairns Stingers they were invaluable and always there for me. They will be my friends for ever," Mr Turner said.

Cairns Hospital neurology nurse Belinda Harrison said Mr Turner's suffered some cognitive decline that needed intense rehabilitation, with occupational therapists working with him daily.

"Stephen has a very supportive wife and son at home, and this was pivotal in his recovery, which has been a slow process but his motivation to get better was impressive," Ms Harrison said.

Funds raised at the football carnival have been donated to the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation, specifically for use in the rehab ward where he spent almost two months.



Stephen Turner with Cairns Hospital neurology nurse Belinda Harrison.

Gift delivers safer surgery

A NEW women's health outpatient service is now being provided in Cairns, thanks to a piece of equipment donated by the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation.

A myosure fluid management device and two sets of hysteroscopes have been bought to assist the gynaecological surgical team with managing uterine conditions such as polyps, fibroids or to remove retained products of conception in some cases.

Cairns Hospital Women's Health Unit Staff Specialist Dr Bob Baade said the procedures could be performed as day cases and reduces the need for a more major surgical procedures such as hysterectomy.

"The Myosure has new and improved technological precision of fluid and pressure control which decreases the risk of complications due to fluid overload. The device fills the uterus with fluid to maintain a working surgical view of the inside of the uterus but will only fill to a maximum pressure to avoid injury and replaces fluid continuously to provide the surgeon with a



Cairns Hospital Clinical Nurse Juvena Collins with the new Myosure fluid management device.

clear view," Dr Baade said.

"Some of these procedures can now be completed as day cases under general anaesthetic, allowing patients to return home the same day, which is a great outcome for the patients, but also in terms of savings to the health service that we can free up that bed," he said.

"By maintaining a clear surgical view inside the uterus and automatically regulating pressure, the device ensures both safety and

precision during procedures.

"We had one lady transferred down from Papua New Guinea with severe and heavy menstrual bleeding and a very large polyp. She was treated with the Myosure and was able to return home without having a hysterectomy, which would have been the only other option."

He paid tribute to the Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation for donating the \$70,000 device.

Foundation CEO Gina Hogan said that by funding this specialised gynaecological equipment, the Foundation was helping Cairns Hospital clinicians provide safer, less invasive treatment options that can significantly improve patient outcomes.

"Keeping care close to home is a core priority for the Foundation, and this investment does exactly that," Mrs Hogan said.

"We are proud to support equipment that not only improves clinical precision and safety, but also reduces pressure on hospital beds and resources. It's a win for patients, clinicians and the broader health system," she said.



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Cafe Chat

Name: Brandt Persson.

Which café do you work at? DCafe.

Have you always lived in FNQ? If not, where did you come from and how long have you been here? I am originally from Sydney but have been in Cairns for nine years.

When did you start with the Foundation: October 2025.

Star sign: Pisces.

Interest, hobbies, past times: I am a mad NRL (Tigers) fan, and crossfit.

Tell us about your family - kids,

grandkids, great grandkids? I am a proud father to identical twin boys.

What do you do with yourself when you are not working with us? Weekends consist of running after the twins.

What do you enjoy most about working with us? Making a difference in the community.

What do you know about the Foundation and its role within the community? We are the biggest non-profit that supports all locals in Far North Queensland.



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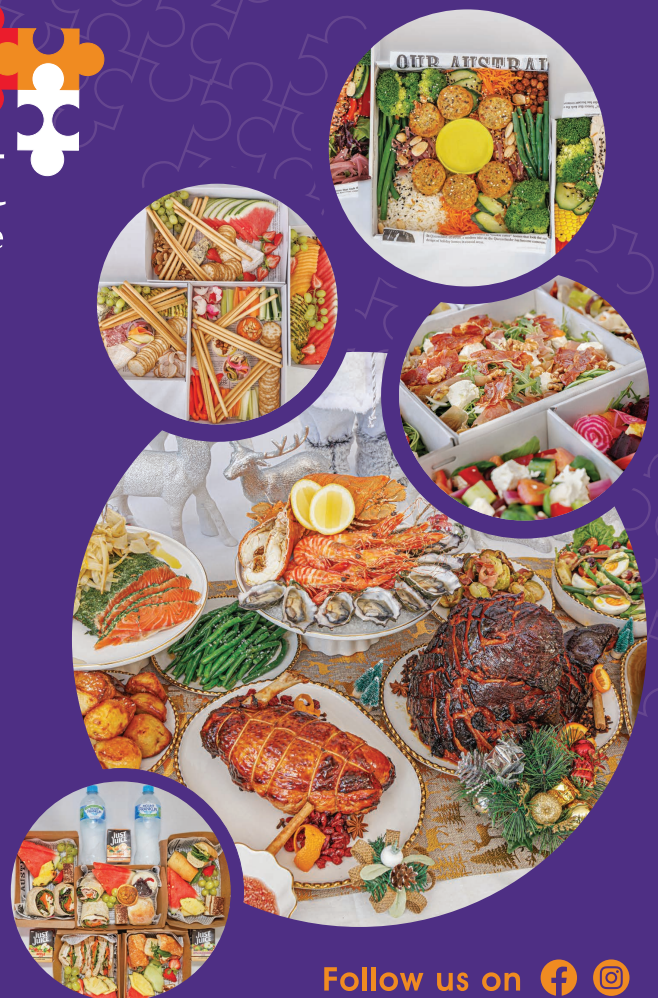


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Vollie Q&A

Name: Mary Seles.

Age: 84.

Have you always lived in FNQ? If not, where did you come from and how long have you been here:

I was born in Gordonvale, grew up in Mareeba and moved to Cairns in 1972.

What Is Your Volunteer role: I am part of the craft ladies group.

When did you start volunteering with us? Since 2009.

How did you come to start volunteering with us: I saw an advertisement in the paper.

Star sign: Gemini.

Interest, hobbies, past-times: Gardening, cooking, sewing, reading.

Tell us about your family – kids, grandkids, great grandkids? I have three children, six

grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

What do you do with yourself when you are not helping us? I like visiting a friend who lives in aged care, and reading.

What do you enjoy about volunteering with us? Catching up with the other ladies in the Craft Group.

What's the most rewarding part of volunteering: Giving back to the community.

If you could describe your volunteering experience in three words, what would they be: Very rewarding feeling.

How has volunteering impacted your life: Keeps me occupied.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about volunteering: Just do it.



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Ride turns 20

Registrations are now open for the 20th anniversary Australian Retirement Trust Cardiac Challenge, and this milestone year promises to be one of the most meaningful yet.

For two decades, the Cardiac Challenge has united riders, volunteers, sponsors and supporters from across Far North Queensland, all driven by a shared goal: improving cardiac care closer to home. Since the very first ride, the Challenge has helped raise more than \$6 million, directly supporting cardiac services, life-saving equipment and better outcomes for patients throughout the region.

In 2026, riders will once again take on the unforgettable journey from Cairns to Cooktown, pedalling across three challenging and inspiring days from September 19 to 21.

What began as a single event has grown into a powerful movement. Every participant who trains, fundraises and rides helps ensure regional cardiac patients can access high-quality care without leaving home.

As we celebrate this 20-year milestone, now is the perfect time to get involved. Whether you are a seasoned cyclist, a first-time rider, or keen to support a team, there is a place for everyone in this event.

Join us on the road and help shape the next chapter of the Cardiac Challenge. www.cardiacchallenge.com.au

Walk the Wangetti

Adventure meets purpose in 2026 as the BDO Arrow Experience heads north for a spectacular new chapter - the Wangetti Edition. Set along the stunning Wangetti Trail, this special community event invites participants to come together for an unforgettable day of connection, challenge and giving back.

Showcasing breathtaking coastal views and lush rainforest scenery, the Wangetti Edition offers an achievable and inclusive experience for individuals, families, corporate teams and community groups, regardless of fitness level. Whether you walk, move or challenge yourself alongside others, the Arrow Experience is designed to be welcoming and rewarding for everyone involved.

Importantly, funds raised through the 2026 event will support the purchase of a new ultrasound machine for the Sub-Acute Care Unit at Cairns Hospital. This vital equipment will assist clinicians caring for patients undergoing rehabilitation, improving assessment, monitoring and treatment outcomes - and helping more people recover closer to home.

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