

2025 Permanent Fund Report



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Thank you

It is with immense gratitude that we present WEHI's 2025 Permanent Fund Report.

Permanent funds represent far more than financial support, they are an investment in discovery, innovation, and the future of medicine.

Unlike time-limited grants, endowed funds provide enduring resources that allow our researchers to pursue bold questions, undertake long-term projects, and push the boundaries of scientific knowledge. These funds give our scientists the freedom to explore ideas that may one day transform how diseases are understood, treated, and prevented.

WEHI itself began with an extraordinary act of philanthropy and a clear mission to advance medical discovery. For decades, that mission has been sustained through the generosity and partnership of donors who believe in the power of research to change lives.

Your support fuels innovation, attracts world-class talent, and strengthens our ability to pursue discoveries that benefit people everywhere. Most importantly, it creates a lasting legacy of impact, one that will continue to shape the future of medicine for generations to come.

On behalf of everyone at WEHI, thank you to all donors whose generosity make this work possible.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, bold 'K' followed by a horizontal line.

Professor Ken Smith
Director, WEHI



Permanent named capital funds

The following is a complete listing of all permanent funds held and invested by WEHI at 31 December, 2025. Funds appear in the decade that they were established.

1930s–1950s

EM Carty Fund
Gordon Clunes Mathison Research Scholarship

Before every
WEHI breakthrough
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1960s–1970s

Isabelle A Brown Estate
EA Cato Estate
Lindesay Clark Fund
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Dr ELA Coutts Estate
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John D & Lyla Harris Foundation
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Florence Mahoney Cancer Fund
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Nyon Brockhoff Trust
Ethel Palmer Fund
Mabel V Parker Estate
Paulin Leukaemia Fund
Henry & Charlotte Payne Fund
Dr CH Pietsch Fund
DLK Richardson Estate
EM Ricker Fund
Freda Snow Estate
The Colin Syme Fellowship Fund
CM Walker Estate
Elizabeth H Waxman Estate
Ita E Westcott Estate
William Buckland Foundation Fund

Edward Wilson Memorial Fellowships Fund

1980s

John Adair Bequest (ex DW)
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AM Amey Estate
Myra G Arter Estate
George & Isobel Atyeo Fund
JW Ballantyne Estate
WG Barfield Estate
EG Benjamin Estate
Ruby C Berry Estate
EG Bran Estate
The William H & Viola I Brittain Memorial Fund
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RH Bruce Estate
Sir Macfarlane Burnet Estate
LJ Callaway Estate
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DM Carling Estate
MC Cato Estate
Hylde M Coultass Estate
IBM Coutts Estate
Ronald P Critchlow Estate
MM Crowley Estate
SG Cubbins Estate
BE Cutter Estate
EE Davidson Estate
Phoebe Dickie Estate
Drakensberg Trust
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Ada Joyce Ford Estate
K Fraser Estate
The George Gibb & William Alexander Bennett Bequest
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GC Graves Estate
RCS Hadfield Estate
M Hamilton Estate
LM Harrap Estate

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AN Henderson Estate
Ruby F Hind Estate
Helen Hocking Estate
EM Holmes Estate
Irene Hope Estate
MM Hosier Estate
Dulcie M Inglis Estate
Catherine M Jackson Estate
HM Kerr Estate
DM King Estate
John Murray Lang Estate
DV Larard Estate
Winifred Leckie Estate
Mabel B Little Estate
Alexia Lyell Bequest
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M McNab Estate
Graham F Mitchell Fund
DM Morgan Estate
EE Moss Estate
FG Muller Estate
Alan Ambrose Murray Estate
Mary Kathleen Must Bequest
Dame Merlyn Myer Estate
Pam Sallmann Myer Foundation
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SC Paulin Estate
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FE Ruppel Estate
CW Salemann Estate
L&E Sallmann Memorial Fund
Annie May Scott Estate
Lyndal and Jean Skea Leukaemia Fund
SA Stevens Estate
Dame Hilda Stevenson Estate
Stewardson Family Trust
Maxwell & Mary Swingler Bequest

Margaret Brumby: A life of purpose and generosity



Dr Margaret Brumby AM was widely admired for her determination, generosity of spirit and unwavering commitment to science.

Her connection with WEHI began in the early 1960s when she worked in the laboratory of Professor Don Metcalf while completing a Master of Science in experimental medicine.

Although the following two decades were devoted to raising a family and teaching biology in secondary schools and universities, Dr Brumby never lost her passion for research. She often recalled the excitement of discovery she experienced at WEHI, making her return to the institute in 1986 especially meaningful.

As WEHI's general manager from 1986 to 2006, Dr Brumby played a vital role in overseeing major developments including the construction of the WEHI 2 extension, the establishment of the Biotechnology Centre in Bundoora and the creation of the Gene Technology Access Centre – an education hub beside University High School that continues to inspire young people to pursue science.

Dr Brumby believed deeply in the power of education to shape the future. Through a

generous bequest, she chose to continue supporting WEHI by directing her estate gift to a permanent fund under the Bright Futures initiative. This initiative provides PhD top-up scholarships and awards that support WEHI students throughout their research journey, helping to nurture the next generation of scientists whose curiosity, talent and dedication will drive tomorrow's medical breakthroughs.

Margaret's legacy lives on not only in her contribution to the life and culture of WEHI, but in the students who will be able to realise their educational and career ambitions thanks to her remarkable generosity.

Image: Dr Margaret Brumby AM



The Bright Futures Permanent Fund welcomes additional contributions from donors to support this important education initiative.

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2020s

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