

Our vision is a
South Australia
where inequality
is challenged,
and poverty is
eradicated.





OUR FOUNDER

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OUR FOUNDER - Dr William Wyatt

Dr William Wyatt was an English settler who arrived in South Australia with his wife Julia in 1837. During his life in Adelaide, and until his death in 1886, Dr Wyatt held a significant number of official positions and is affectionately referred to as a ‘civic polymath’. Many institutions still in operation today across the city have connections to Dr Wyatt.

With his five children pre-deceasing him, Dr Wyatt established The Wyatt Benevolent Institution in 1881, his intention to set up a lasting legacy activated well before his passing. Dr Wyatt’s wealth was largely derived from his initial purchase of land in Adelaide and surrounds in March 1837. At the time of his death, the properties on this land were the bulk of the £50,000 bequest made to the Institution.

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



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With the year just passed having been a challenging one worldwide, it is impossible not to reflect on how COVID changed the way in which individuals and organisations interacted and operated.

Despite the challenges, Wyatt was fortunate to be able to continue its grant making and provide support to over 4,800 individuals and households via 115 referring and partner organisations.

This support for people experiencing financial hardship is at the heart of what Wyatt exists to do. As we continued to refine how we can best assist those in need, we also turned our focus to advocacy, reconciliation, and our role in the philanthropic sector.

Our aim to advocate for systems that challenge inequality and eradicate poverty was tested as we saw the positive impact the COVID financial supplement had on those reliant on the social security system. For the first time in a long time, we heard that people had enough to get by day-to-day. Our advocacy that this supplement become a permanent increase continued, despite the Government ultimately only raising the rate by a fraction.

The end of financial year also saw the conclusion of our initial Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Developing and implementing our first RAP was a pivotal process for Wyatt, to formalise our intentions and the way that we can advance reconciliation in South Australia. We were proud to commit further resourcing to undertake a truth telling project that will articulate the impact of our and our founder's role in early settlement.

We also cemented our intention to move on from 100 Pirie St Adelaide, sited on one of the original town acres Dr William Wyatt purchased on his arrival to the colony. This will allow Wyatt to assist in better convening an accessible and dynamic philanthropic sector in South Australia. Included in this move is a new entity we were excited to seed and launch in May 2021 – a state-wide community foundation for South Australia which you will read more about on page 14.

My thanks go to my fellow Board of Governors, all of whom generously gave their time and expertise throughout the year. The financial report on page 13 shows what a strong year we had after the initial impact of COVID. And finally, appreciation to the staff who rose to every challenge and did not waver in their pursuit of delivering a considered and high-impact program of work.

Anne McCutcheon

CEO'S MESSAGE



We committed to putting the people we are here to serve at the centre of what we do, to better demonstrate two of our organisational values: person centred and accessible.

In preparing the annual report it was timely to consider our response to a full year of operating in a COVID-impacted environment. While South Australia was relatively lucky with the amount of time spent in lockdown, like many other places, working from home, online meetings, and limited face-to-face interactions were the norm.

We saw the needs of people experiencing poverty changing, a greater degree of flexibility in the use of Wyatt funding required and people never previously considered 'at risk' of poverty, becoming susceptible to financial hardship due to an ever-changing environment.

When considering how Wyatt could best address this, to challenge inequality and eradicate poverty, we continued to examine the role that Wyatt could, and should, play. We committed to putting the people we are here to serve at the centre of what we do, to better demonstrate two of our organisational values: person centred and accessible.

Wyatt also began interrogating our own internal processes and systems. While this work is ongoing, we understand that there are better ways to connect with us and the support that we offer. In an effort to better communicate what we do and our impact, we dedicated resources to help us measure and refine the effect of our grant making and you will see increased ways to keep in touch with us including social media and newsletters.

We farewelled two long-standing employees, Kate Fenton and Kate Fox, both well-known to our partners and we thank them for their hard work and passion over many years. Our student intern Kelli Gunter also began working in her chosen career, a wonderful achievement and testament to her drive for helping those in need.

Adding to the skill and enthusiasm already in our team we welcomed Gavin Reid, Sophie Doyle, Carmen Tong and Jo Saies throughout the year - more information about their backgrounds is available on our website. The Wyatt team has worked hard in a challenging environment and my thanks goes to each of my colleagues for their efforts and commitment.

Lastly, I want to thank our referrers and partner organisations. Wyatt's work relies on your insight and guidance, on the knowledge and experience you share with us, and your advocacy and support of those experiencing poverty.

I hope you enjoy reading this snapshot of Wyatt's work.

Stacey Thomas

Wyatt's long history of assisting South Australians in need via financial support has impacted thousands of people. And as our financial resources have grown, so too has our ambition for the ways in which we can help.



1837

Aged 32, William Wyatt arrives in the colony of South Australia

1881

The Wyatt Benevolent Institution is formed

1886

William Wyatt passes away in June leaving an estate valued at £52,000

1886

In July, first grant of £5 is made

1909

Federal aged pensions begin, impacting how Wyatt grants it's funding

1935

Wyatt Benevolent Institution Incorporated Act passes to facilitate the carrying out of the trusts of the Will

1938

Wyatt benefactions to individuals total £110,000 since inception

1972

First 'aged cottage homes' are built providing independent living units

1984

Wyatt shifts from property being the primary source of capital and income to a broader investment portfolio

1985

Employment of a qualified social worker to assist in determining grant applicants

1986

100 years since William Wyatt's passing, Wyatt's corpus is over \$10m

2008

The last of Wyatt-owned commercial property is sold

2017

The last of Wyatt-owned residential property is sold

2017

Commitment to reconciliation formalised via first RAP

We will always provide direct assistance to people experiencing financial hardship, but we also want to understand how our grant making can break cycles of poverty. Working with both those experiencing poverty as well as people susceptible to it, we have a bold vision which our future grant making aims to match.

2021

Wyatt's corpus exceeds \$100m and benefactions total \$62m



2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

Over 4,800
Individuals and
households assisted

Over \$3.9m
Total Grants
distributed

115
Number of referring
and partner
organisations

Direct Grants

- Housing and financial wellbeing are the focus of over 90% of our direct grants
- Over 60% of the people we support via direct grants are receiving JobSeeker or the Disability Support Pension
- Household whitegoods remain the main items people request support for

Partner Grants

- Over 1,000 people received direct financial counselling assistance
- Unstable housing was the primary area 466 people received support to address
- Assisting young people to remain engaged with education resulted in over 1,700 students in Wyatt-supported programs

LITTLE THINGS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

“If only you could see some of the faces on these children when they have new school uniforms, new drink bottles, new shoes,” says Sally Murn, Aboriginal Education Specialist at Women’s Safety Services SA. “It makes such a difference. It’s huge for them.”

The first day at a new school is a milestone moment, particularly for some of the young Indigenous children Sally works with. Many of these children, along with their mothers, have left everything they owned behind after fleeing domestic violence. Their most immediate needs, Sally says, are housing, food and clothes.

Women’s Safety Services SA (WSSSA) supports women and their children who are experiencing domestic and family violence. The organisation helps people find safety and support during and after experiencing abuse.

Wyatt’s partnership with WSSSA comprises \$5,000 in annual funding that primarily provides school lunches and uniforms.

“We’d found a previous issue of kids not going to school because they didn’t have lunch,” Sally explains.

“So, we set up a lunch program that I do with school kids. We buy fresh ingredients and three nights a week they come over and make their lunch and get ready for school the next day.”

“The other part of the funding is used for school uniforms and other things to do with going to school,” Sally says, which occasionally includes items such as school shoes, glasses, a laptop, excursion fees or even a sleeping bag for a school camp.

“These programs help to break down the barriers that sometimes prevent Aboriginal kids from engaging in mainstream school,” Sally says.

“The lunch program supports capability and resilience and the transition to a new school is smoother and more dignified when they arrive in a brand-new uniform and new shoes.”

“Wyatt has been really fantastic to work with,” Sally continues. “You know you can ring up and say, ‘What do you think if we did this?’”

“It might not be a huge amount of money, but it makes a huge difference.”



CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES AND VALUING LIVED EXPERIENCES

I want to keep challenging the stereotype. I want to see a re-establishing of respect for the maturity, experience and skills of older women who have so much to offer society in the paid and unpaid workforce.

South Australia's Marg McClure is not one to rest on her laurels.

Winner of both the Premier's Award for Outstanding Service and the For Good Foundation's Hunt for a Hero Award in 2020, the retired primary school teacher is a grandmother of six who volunteers three days a week at Grandparents for Grandchildren SA (GFGSA) – a non-profit that supports grandparents experiencing emotional, financial and legal pressures that may come with caring for grandchildren.

"The responsibility of taking on the care of grandchildren when the parents are unwilling or unable to do so comes at enormous personal cost to the carers," Marg explains.

"A lot of the children have experienced trauma or are coming to them with a range of issues."

"To have a little child or a teenager in your care when you're in your 60s or 70s is pretty challenging. And it's often not just one child – some clients have many in their care."

"One of the most hurtful parts for our clients is the way their own children, the parents of the young ones they're caring for, can treat them. They can suffer a lot of abuse – it could be the drugs and alcohol, but it's pretty devastating.

"Other times, some people might suggest that they must've been a bad parent to produce a child who's turned out the way they have, which is also devastating."

"When you're a grandparent on a single disability pension, you can't manage without support. The role of these carers is not recognised as it should be – they are being forgotten."

Wyatt has partnered with Grandparents for Grandchildren SA since 2019, providing financial assistance through the Grandcarer's Supplementary Education and Sports Fund which helps grandcarers on low incomes purchase essential education-related items for the grandchildren in their care.

"Grandcarers have some unique challenges, often navigating complex family dynamics and systems," Jo Edwards, Grants Manager at Wyatt explains.

"Wyatt recognises that many grandcarers are already on low incomes and that out-of-pocket school costs can contribute to further hardship. The fund is practical and flexible support and forms part of a bigger connection with the supports available through GFGSA."

To date, Wyatt has contributed \$20,000 which Marg says makes an "unbelievable difference" to grandcarers.

For her own part, Marg has no plans to scale back her volunteering at GFGSA.

"I'm 71, but age is just a number and has no bearing on how I live my life," she says.

"I like to think that personally, I can make a useful contribution for many more years and show that age and gender are immaterial when it comes to making a meaningful contribution to the lives of others."



GRANTS AT WYATT

Wyatt provides financial support to individuals experiencing financial hardship via referring agencies or organisations an individual may already be connected to.

We do this via three grant programs:

Direct Grants

This program acknowledges the difficulty of managing financial obligations on a fixed, low income. Through direct grants we provide carefully targeted one-off grants to eligible South Australians. Applications can only be accepted online from professionals working in a recognised organisation, on behalf of eligible clients experiencing hardship.

Partner Grants

Organisations working directly with those in need are an important avenue for Wyatt to extend our reach and increase the impact of our funding. By providing funding for our partners to distribute on our behalf, or assist in the provision of their programs, our partner grants reach thousands of additional people.

Insights Program

Launched in 2021 this new style of grant making has been designed to provide further understanding on the issues impacting people in poverty. For example, over \$500,000 was provided as brokerage funding for financial counsellors to work with their clients in addressing issues relevant to them. The evaluation of these grants will provide further insight into what people in financial hardship prioritise as the areas they most need assistance with.

As well as our grants programs, we recognise that there are other ways we can use our resources to have an impact. Throughout the year almost \$20,000 in in-kind support was provided via room hire and staff time for organisations working on issues relevant to inequality and poverty.

We also consider how best we can use our voice. Wyatt advocated and mobilised on two important issues throughout the year, raising the low rate of JobSeeker and constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



The Governors of The Wyatt Trust believe that every South Australian deserves a life free from poverty and disadvantage.

Just as the legacy of Wyatt's founder, Dr William Wyatt, has helped thousands of South Australians over the last 135 years, we can all leave a gift that lasts beyond our own lifetime.

The Governor's Circle, launched in March 2021, is a group of very special friends whose support enables Wyatt to help more South Australians each year.

Each member of the Governor's Circle has signalled their intention to generously leave a gift to support the work of the Wyatt Trust in their Will.

"Every gift, regardless of its size, amplifies Wyatt's work to achieve systemic change and the eradication of poverty and inequality," explains Wyatt Community Relations Manager, Tony Ashdown.

Since 1886, Wyatt has built productive partnerships, accrued deep local knowledge and earned a reputation for being not only one of the oldest, but also one of the most prudent philanthropic entities in Australia.

The Governors of Wyatt believe that every South Australian deserves a life free from poverty and disadvantage. That is why they are inviting all South Australians to consider the kind of legacy they would like to leave for generations to come.

"Being part of The Governor's Circle is an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy," Tony continues.

"It is a legacy that will preserve the memory of these generous individuals who will have the satisfaction of knowing that their support will help to create better futures beyond their own lifetimes for South Australians experiencing financial hardship."



CELEBRATING A NEW ERA OF PHILANTHROPIC GIVING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In May, Wyatt friends and partners, local and interstate sector colleagues, collective givers, and established and emerging philanthropists came together to launch Foundation SA.

Foundation SA is the state's first state-wide community foundation and Australia's first new community foundation in five years.

Premier of South Australia, the Honourable Steven Marshall MP, was on hand to mark the occasion and announced that the State Government intended to match the initial seed funding of \$270,000 provided by The Wyatt Trust dollar for dollar.

Proving that you don't need millions of dollars to be a philanthropist, Foundation SA enables individuals, families and corporate organisations to establish a named fund of their own in just 48 hours with an initial tax-deductible investment of \$20,000 or more.

"Foundation SA makes philanthropy easy and accessible for anyone wanting to give back without the administrative burden of establishing their own private foundation," explains Stacey Thomas, CEO of The Wyatt Trust and CEO of Foundation SA.

"Wyatt saw this need and in keeping with the legacy of Dr William Wyatt, resolved to establish a new community foundation to benefit the state. Foundation SA was an opportunity to work collaboratively with others who share similar values, as well as extending support for South Australians beyond the remit of Wyatt's work."

The initial investment capital and funding for the start-up operational costs of Foundation SA were supplied by Wyatt which also lends the new independent entity the rigour, governance and experience of the Trust's team and Board.

Former Philanthropy Australia SA/WA State Manager, Sophie Doyle, leads Foundation SA's day-to-day operations as Philanthropy & Engagement Manager.

"We hope to be an ever-appreciating asset for South Australia, supporting the people and the causes that need it most," Sophie says. "It's been incredible to see people's reactions when they realise the potential for impactful and accessible giving and the future opportunities Foundation SA presents for our community."

"A tax-deductible donation to Foundation SA today becomes a long-term investment for the benefit of our local communities and the future of South Australia."

Anyone can join the giving community at Foundation SA, with donor motivations and the range of cause areas supported as diverse as the South Australian community it serves.

"We established a corporate sub-fund with Foundation SA to engage our staff and demonstrate our commitment to giving back to the communities in which we operate," explains Lachlan Turner of Adelaide-based Turner Real Estate. "Our staff at Turner Real Estate will determine our giving priorities, which currently include the environment and homelessness."

For Naomi and Peter Von Czarnecki, the opportunity to create a lasting legacy was the motivation for their decision to leave a bequest that will establish a perpetual fund in their name.

"Knowing that long after Peter and I are gone, the important work of grassroots animal shelters will still be supported in our name gives us such joy," says Naomi Von Czarnecki.



THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS CLOSE TO HOME

In regional South Australia, the detrimental impacts of the pandemic and the ongoing housing affordability crisis have drastically undermined the availability of safe, affordable homes.

Housing advocates and news headlines warn that regional areas of the state face an “unprecedented” homelessness crisis as housing prices skyrocket. Waiting lists for affordable properties are getting longer by the day with demand for housing support in the state’s south-east increasing by 30 per cent in recent months.

Shane Maddock, CEO of ac.care told ABC News that it was “inevitable that we’re going to start to see in our communities people who are clearly not able to find a roof to sleep under during the night.”

Wyatt believes access to safe, securing housing is a fundamental human right. So much so, that the organisation has been active in the housing space for its entire 135-year history.

“Homelessness is not a new issue to those who don’t have enough to make ends meet,” says Wyatt CEO, Stacey Thomas.

“What is most concerning is that, despite attempted sector reform and targeted efforts by service delivery organisations, we are just not able to reverse this trend. Housing affordability is a systemic issue that requires a multi-pronged, government and community response.”

Since 2006, Wyatt has partnered with housing outreach support organisations across South Australia to provide practical support and accessible ‘housing packages’ that help people re-establish themselves after being homeless.

Every week, Michelle Storry, Riverland Homelessness Services Program Manager at ac.care, sees firsthand the difference this support can make.

“Our service helps clients who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and can include the many rough sleepers who live along the river,” Michelle explains.

“Our partnership with Wyatt helps our low-income clients who are starting up a home for the first time or starting again. Those initial costs can be very high and they need help with bond, rent and those types of things.”

The support from Wyatt, Michelle explains, goes towards securing essential items that help make a house become a home.

“These are items for their household like a fridge, washing machine, bed or couch,” she says.

“Without Wyatt’s assistance, most of our clients would have to access pay day loan schemes or do rent-to-pay which can snowball into enormous costs where a \$500 fridge becomes a \$1,500 fridge.”

“With Wyatt’s help, we recently assisted a mother with four children who had escaped domestic violence. She needed bunk beds, mattresses and a couch and she was so grateful for that help.”

At the time of the 2016 Census, more than 6,200 South Australians were identified as people experiencing homelessness. That figure does not include the thousands more in unsafe or inadequate housing.

“For our clients, it’s simply not possible to live independently on a JobSeeker or Youth Allowance,” Michelle says. “Without support they would be set up to fail by going into a property with nothing. This support just gives them that start.”



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OUR PEOPLE

Wyatt is governed by a voluntary Board and managed by a dedicated team. As at 30 June 2021 we were pleased to be working with:



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Admin
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Simone Pomery
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Administration



Carmen Tong
Grants & Administration
Officer

FINANCIALS

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
What Wyatt Earned		
Interest	82	321
Dividends and Distributions	5,635	3,316
Donations & Legacies	166	192
Other Revenue	234	89
	6,117	3,918
Administration Costs	1,462	1,281
Surplus before Grants	4,655	2,637
Wyatt Grants *		
Housing	498	744
Employment	321	332
Education	770	882
Financial Wellbeing	497	482
Major Grants	1,008	340
Research & Development	154	166
Direct Grants	632	772
Auspice Grants	112	0
	3,992	3,718
Change in Fair Value of Debt Investments	8,580	(3,239)
Surplus	9,243	(4,320)
Change in Fair Value of Equity Investments	1,838	(1,191)
Total Comprehensive Income	11,081	(5,511)
What We Own		
Cash and Receivables	8,500	16,217
Investments - Listed Securities and Wholesale Funds	89,580	72,398
Social Impact Investments	3,493	1,825
Buildings and Contents	104	179
Other Assets	2,225	2,556
	103,902	93,175
What We Owe		
	177	531
Our Combined Assets	103,725	92,644

* In 2021, Grant Management costs have been included in the Administration costs line item. 2020 has been restated to to align with this.

OUR PARTNERS

Our thanks go to the many partners who throughout the year have worked with us.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement	Department of Human Services	Mark Oliphant College	Sammy D Foundation
ac.care	Edward John Eyre High School	Marryatville High School	Schools Ministry Group
Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation	Errington Special Education Centre	Modbury High School	Seaton High School
Adelaide Hills Vocational College	Eyre Futures	Mount Gambier High School	South Australian Council of Social Service
Australian Alliance to End Homelessness	FAME	Naracoorte High School	St John's Youth Services
Australian Communities Foundation	Findon High School	Nature Foundation SA	Stand Like Stone Foundation
Australian Philanthropy	Forbes Primary School	Nazareth Catholic Community	The Australian Centre for Social Innovation
Australian Council of Social Service	Friends of the One and All Sailing Ship	North Ingle School	The Smith Family
Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience	Gawler and District College B-12	Nuriootpa High School	UCare Gawler
Australian Red Cross – Tiraapendi Wodli	Golden Grove High School	O'Sullivan Beach Children's Centre	UCWB
Baptist Care SA	Grandparents for Grandchildren	Ocean View College	Uniting SA
Bicycle SA	Habitat for Humanity	Operation Flinders	Uniting SA - Wesley Social Enterprises
Brighton High School	Hackham West Children's Centre	Para Hills High School	Valley View Secondary School
CareerTrackers	HeadStart Homes	Parafield Gardens High School	Warriapendi School
Carrington Cottages	Henley High School	Pennington Children's Centre	West Coast Youth & Community Support Inc
Catherine House	Hutt Street Centre	Philanthropy Australia	Westport Primary School
Centacare	Ice Factor	Playford 10	Wiltja/Avenues College
Centacare Catholic Country SA	Job Prospects	Playford International College	Women's Safety Services SA
Christie Downs Learning Together (Department for Education)	John Pirie Secondary School	Port Lincoln High School	Woodville High School
Christies Beach High School	Junction Australia	Power Limited	Workabout Centre
City of Charles Sturt (the Brocas)	JusticeNet SA	RAA South Australia	yourtown
Community Living Project	Kapunda High School	RAW Recruitment and Services	Youth Inc
Cutting Edge Youth Services	Kingston Community School	Reconciliation SA	Youth Opportunities
	LCC	Roma Mitchell Secondary College	Zahra Foundation
	Le Favre High School	SAHMRI	
	Lions Club of Richmond	Salisbury High School	
	Listen Up Music		
	Loxton High School		
	Lutheran Care		
	Marion Primary School		

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