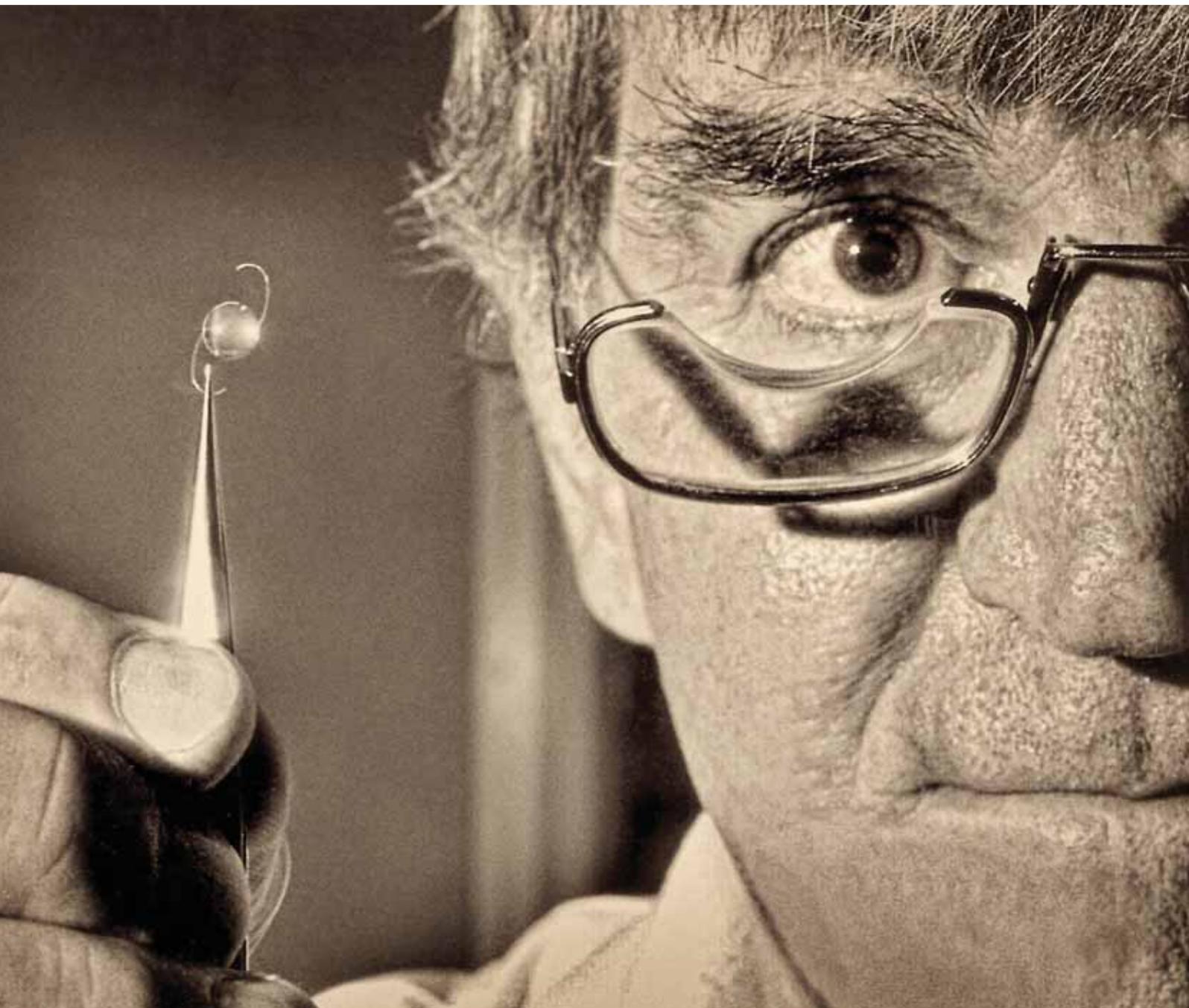


ANNUAL REPORT 2009



The Fred Hollows
Foundation



SAVING SIGHT: 195,406 EYE OPERATIONS AND TREATMENTS IN 2009

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NEW HOPE IN KENYA

Four year old Kipar was born with cataracts in both of his eyes, making it almost impossible for him to do simple things such as walk to wash himself at the nearest water supply.

Following sight saving surgery at the Nakuru Eye Clinic in Kenya, Kipar could see clearly for the first time.

His family was delighted, knowing that Kipar can now attend school and have the same opportunities as other children his age.



OUR VISION

The vision of The Fred Hollows Foundation is for a world where no one is needlessly blind, and Indigenous Australians enjoy the same health and life expectancy as other Australians.

OUR INSPIRATION

Our organisation is inspired by Professor Fred Hollows (1929-1993). Fred was an eye doctor, a skilled surgeon of international renown and a social justice activist who championed the right of all people to high quality and affordable eye care and to good health.

WHO WE ARE

We are an agent for development in Australia and internationally. We focus on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health. We are independent, non-profit, politically unaligned and secular.

OUR ORGANISATIONAL GOALS

The Fred Hollows Foundation strives to achieve four key goals:

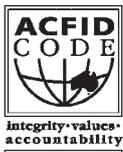
1. End avoidable blindness in the communities and countries where we work.
2. Improve the life chances and choices of Indigenous Australians through improving their health.
3. Work through strong partnerships and cross-sector collaborations – at local, national and global levels.
4. Build a strong and dynamic organisation, capable of facilitating effective eye and Indigenous health programs and having a positive impact on public opinion, policies and practices.



Australian Government

AusAID

The objective of the Australian Government's aid program, delivered by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), is to assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interest. In 2009, AusAID contributed funding towards The Fred Hollows Foundation's programs in Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Eritrea, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania and Vietnam.



The Fred Hollows Foundation is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires non-government development organisations, such as The Foundation,

to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management. The Foundation's adherence to the Code demonstrates our commitment to ethical practice in our operations in Australia and internationally. More information about the Code can be obtained from The Foundation or ACFID. Visit www.acfid.asn.au or phone +61 2 6285 1816 for more information.

In 2009 The Foundation was guided by our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), representing our ongoing commitment to embrace, respect and promote Australian Indigenous culture, rights and perspectives. Our RAP is available at www.hollows.org.au

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GEORGE AND MARGARET'S STORY



George and Margaret are from Elburgon, a small town about 40 km from Nakuru in the Rift Valley Province of Kenya. They are clearly devoted to each other, however due to their cataract blindness, it has been years since they've seen one another.



They began their journey together to the Nakuru clinic which is The Fred Hollows Foundation's base for outreach operations throughout Kenya.



George waits anxiously for Margaret to return from her eye screening. It would be the only time they would be apart during the entire sight restoring process.



Just prior to their operations, a tennis ball with a piece of string through it is used to apply pressure to the eye.



Following their successful operations, George and Margaret return home and are instantly greeted by excited children in their village. For the first time George and Margaret can see their smiling faces clearly.



George and Margaret cannot contain their joy as the visual world lost to them is opened once more. "Before I could not even see her, but now I can," said George laughing.

Photos: Hugh Rutherford

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE



It's little wonder that when Australians are asked to nominate their heroes, many mention the name of Professor Fred Hollows.

The people who most inspire us are so often those who devote their talents, energies and their lives to helping those most in need. Fred was one such man. A man of passion, courage and determination, Fred used his outstanding medical skills to reach out to people blinded by poverty. For many decades he worked to improve the eye health of Indigenous Australians and people living in the developing world.

His methods were often controversial. He was an outspoken advocate for justice and wasn't afraid to ruffle a few feathers if it meant getting his point across. And he was committed to results.

Despite Fred's death almost two decades ago, his work lives on through The Fred Hollows Foundation which now works in 18 countries and has become one of the world's leading blindness prevention organisations. Millions of people throughout the world can now see again because of its work.

The Australian Government is proud to be working side by side with The Fred Hollows Foundation both to improve the health of Indigenous Australians and as part of our international aid and development program.

In 2009 the Australian Government commenced a \$58 million program to tackle eye and ear diseases among Indigenous Australians. This is part of the Government's commitment to close the gap in real life outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

This followed the Government's commitment of \$45 million in 2008 to reducing the incidence of avoidable blindness and developing a disability strategy for Australia's aid program. The Avoidable Blindness Initiative involves a consortium of Australian non-government organisations including The Fred Hollows Foundation, working with other regional partners in the ambitious task of helping rid our region of avoidable blindness.

The Foundation's work goes on because of the generosity of tens of thousands of everyday Australians who continue to support the vision of an outstanding Australian.

“The Australian Government is proud to be working side by side with The Fred Hollows Foundation both to improve the health of Indigenous Australians and as part of our international aid and development program.”

The 2009 Annual Report of The Fred Hollows Foundation is an impressive record of achievement of which all Australians can be proud.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kevin Rudd'.

**The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister of Australia**



CHAIR'S REPORT

In 2009, despite challenging financial and security conditions, we made great strides towards achieving our goals of eradicating avoidable blindness globally and improving the health of Indigenous Australians.

Fred's Foundation is in great condition. We are assisting more people through more programs in more countries than ever before. These strong results reflect a clear strategic focus, a highly engaged Board and a talented, united operational team in Australia and overseas.

Even more importantly, we have the strong and continued support of our many members and donors. As the global financial crisis rocked the world, we needed you more than ever before – and you did not let us down. So we offer our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for ensuring that Fred's work continues to expand, bringing sight and hope to those blinded by poverty alone.

In 2009, income from individual donors and government and multi-lateral agencies increased substantially. The Foundation's cautious, conservative investment strategy saw the value of our invested funds recover strongly. By year's end we were in our strongest ever financial position, poised to enter a new and exciting phase of our organisational development.

The Foundation's growth has been so strong that we have out-paced our strategic plan! The formulation

of our next five year plan, due to commence in 2010, was moved forward and undertaken in 2009. We revisited Fred's original aspirations for The Foundation, reviewed the lessons we have learned from our experience, and sought input from our international program leaders, our sister Foundations in New Zealand, the UK and South Africa, and key program partners.

The outcome is a new five-year Strategic Framework for the period 2010 – 2014 that reinforces The Foundation's determination to be:

- a key global player and partner in ending avoidable blindness by 2020
- an effective contributor to collaborative action to achieve measurable improvements in Indigenous health
- a world class advocate, nationally and internationally
- a strong and dynamic organisation with 'best practice' human resource management and operational systems
- an international, multi country development organisation, demonstrating world-class governance reflecting our international character and sector-leading impact in achieving our vision.

Some significant steps have already been taken to progress these strategic and operational goals.

In 2009 we were a central player in the establishment of the Vision 2020 Australia Global Consortium – a joint venture of nine eye health

agencies, backed by the Australian Government. The Foundation is the consortium's Agent and Prime Contract Holder, as well as an implementing agency in Cambodia and Vietnam. This is an historic cooperation between not-for-profit eye health organisations, the ophthalmic profession and government which is aimed at eliminating avoidable blindness in the Asia-Pacific region. We are already exploring the potential for applying this collaborative model in other parts of the world.

In 2009 The Foundation's Board also strengthened ties with our sister Foundations which will mean a better coordinated and more effective global impact. As we continue to create new structures and processes for an international 'Fred Hollows' presence, we will be guided by a new Corporate Governance Charter that sets out the principles and practices necessary to fulfil the public trust vested in us to protect and promote Fred's legacy.

Never has The Foundation been more focused, more connected with our founding principles and aims, and more inspired by Fred's leadership and example. With your continuing support, our vision of a world where no-one is needlessly blind is within reach.


Andrew Want
 Chair

FOUR MILLION MIRACLES

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“I think it’s likely that Nepal will be the first Asian country that will achieve the sort of quality and equality of eye care that we have here, and I think Eritrea might be the first African country – those are my hopes.”

– Fred Hollows

During 2009 the four millionth Fred Hollows Intraocular Lens was produced from Fred Hollows laboratories operating in Nepal and Eritrea.

An intraocular lens, or IOL, is a small piece of plastic inserted into the eye to replace the natural lens that has become cloudy as a result of cataract.

The laboratories were established by The Foundation in 1994 as a result of the vision of Professor Fred Hollows. He believed that by manufacturing IOLs locally, cataract surgery could be made affordable to those living in poverty.

At the time IOLs could cost as much as \$200. Today they sell for as little as \$6-\$8, one of the reasons the cost of cataract surgery in the developing world can be as little as \$25.

Both laboratories use sophisticated clean-room technology and operate to international standards, consistently achieving internationally recognised quality certification.

The Fred Hollows IOL laboratories are located in Kathmandu, Nepal and in Asmara, Eritrea. They are independently owned and locally operated.



Photo: Anne Crawford

The finished product. A staff member shows a Fred Hollows intraocular lens at the Fred Hollows Intraocular Lens Laboratory in Kathmandu, Nepal.



Photo: Jon Reid/SMH

Over four million sight saving lenses have been produced at the Fred Hollows Intraocular Lens Laboratories.

CEO'S REPORT

Photo: Hugh Rutherford



Thank you to those who supported our work throughout 2009 – through you the work of Fred Hollows lives on.

With pride I report 2009 as another year of achievement. In 2009 we:

- Examined the eyes of 1,765,079 people
- Performed 195,406 sight saving, restoring and improving operations and treatments
- Trained 5,878 eye health professionals including 85 surgeons, 826 clinical staff and 3,293 community health workers
- Built or upgraded 19 eye health facilities
- Worked to support Indigenous health initiatives in 55 communities

That means that every day, somewhere in the world, people's lives are changed because of Fred's inspiration and the work of The Foundation. Every hour of every day we are looking into the eyes of over 200 people – more than three people every minute.

In 2009 The Foundation worked in 18 countries. In many The Foundation has well established programs which are playing a major role in blindness elimination. Some, long established, such as Pakistan, Vietnam, Nepal and Eritrea, have a remarkable history of achievement.

In others, such as Cambodia and China, what were just a few years ago small emerging programs, are now playing a major role in the elimination of blindness – not only through our own work but through wider nationwide involvement in national blindness prevention. And in Eastern Africa, and South Africa, big steps are being taken. And we're pushing on into new areas - Burundi, Rwanda, Lao PDR, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

At home, in Australia, our work continues to expand – not only in eye health but also in working to close the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The Foundation has an ambitious goal – to eliminate avoidable blindness by 2020. To that end we are members of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness and signatory to its primary objective - to eliminate avoidable blindness by 2020. We work side by side with other blindness prevention organisations to fulfil this aim – not only through service delivery but also as advocates to national governments.

And in 2009 The Australian Government committed funds for the first stage of the Avoidable Blindness

Initiative which aims to eliminate avoidable blindness in our region.

The Foundation is in good shape despite the global financial crisis and security concerns in some areas in which we work. We have raised and spent record amounts. And in 2009 we strengthened our internal management systems to ensure the highest standards of financial accountability and control. We are constantly improving the monitoring and evaluation of our programs.

Thank you to our partners and staff throughout the world and here in Australia. The Foundation's achievements are testament to the professionalism and commitment of people following in Fred's footsteps.

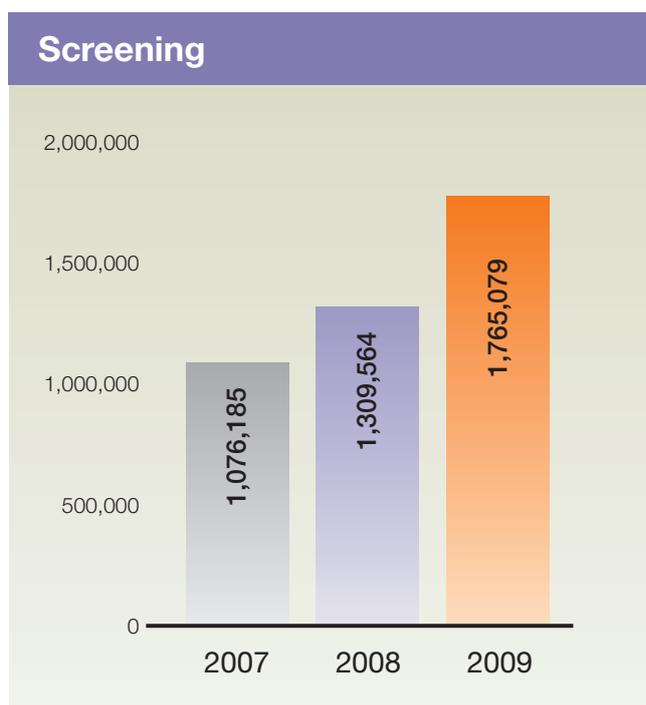
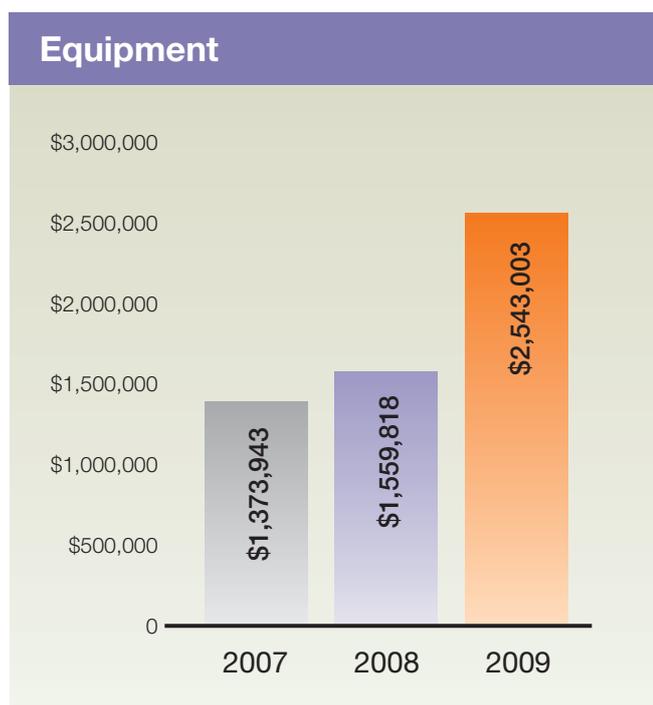
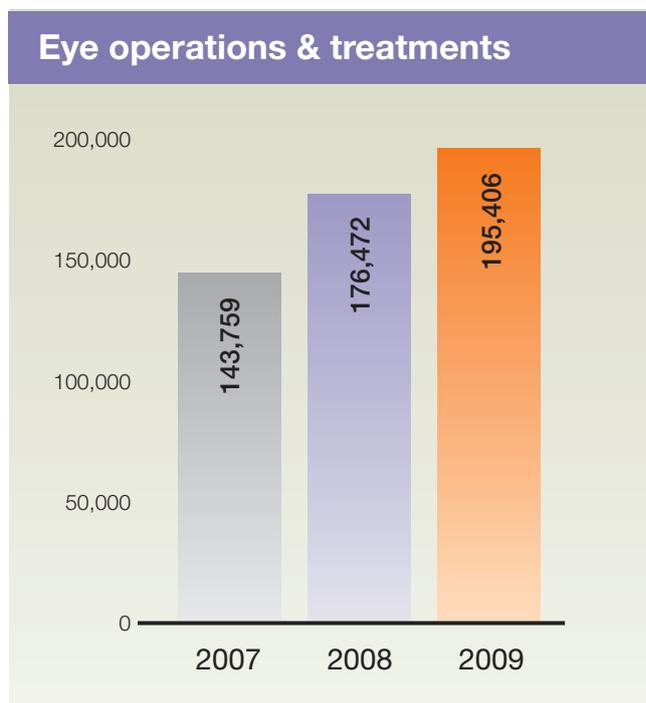
And thank you to our tens of thousands of supporters who so generously donate to The Foundation's work so that Fred's vision can live on. Without you it just wouldn't happen.

Brian Doolan
CEO

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Record results: Saving sight

In 2009, with your help, The Foundation assisted a record number of people. Over 1.7 million people came to us for care – that's more than three people every minute. And there is still much more to be done. Eliminating avoidable blindness is an achievable goal and we are getting on with the job.



2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Delivering new skills: Training

Photo: Hugh Rutherford



Dr Desbele Ghebreghegjis trained with Fred Hollows in the late 1980s and is now the Director of Berhan Eyni, Eritrea's national eye hospital.

“Fred was my friend, he was my teacher and he was even my father.”

– Dr Desbele Ghebreghegjis

Professor Fred Hollows said the most important thing he ever did was train eye health professionals. And not just surgeons but vital nurses and community health workers who help ensure that blindness is identified and treated.

It's a commitment The Foundation has maintained – taking new skills into the developing world – so that Fred's work continues to live on. In 2009 The Foundation trained 5,878 people – a record – including 85 surgeons, 826 clinical staff and 3,293 community health workers.

That brings to 22,867 the number trained since 2005. And we're reaching into new areas – running programs for the first time ever in Lao PDR and Burundi, supporting new skills in Afghanistan and completing surgical workshops in Bangladesh. And of course The Foundation's partner in Nepal, the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, has become a major ophthalmic centre of excellence – training surgeons and nurses from all over the world.



Top:
Dr Smallcombe looks on as Dr Sanduk Ruit conducts surgery in Nepal

Bottom:
Dr Smallcombe inspects the eyes of a local villager in Nepal.

The Fred Hollows Foundation Fellowship – Dr Katherine Smallcombe

The Fred Hollows Foundation Fellowship is continuing the commitment of Fred Hollows to train eye specialists and encourage them to actively participate in ophthalmology outside academic institutions.

Conducted in conjunction with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO), the fellowship engages junior ophthalmologists in the work of The Foundation by offering a six month period of work rotating to programs in Nepal, Fiji and Central Australia.

In 2009, Queensland's Dr Katherine Smallcombe was the inaugural recipient. Dr Smallcombe spent the first 10 weeks of her fellowship working in Alice Springs under the supervision of Dr Tim Henderson. She then travelled to the Pacific Eye Institute in Fiji for eight weeks to work with Dr John Szetu. Her final 10 weeks were spent in Nepal at the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, where she was supervised by Dr Reeta Gurung and Dr Sanduk Ruit.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Building the future: Facilities and equipment



Photo: Hugh Rutherford

The Fred Hollows Foundation supplies surgeons and support staff with the tools of the trade, to ensure they can deliver high quality care in some of the world's most difficult to reach regions.

Whether it's a new set of instruments for a recently graduated surgeon or building a new operating theatre in a remote eye hospital, The Foundation is ensuring that eye health professionals have the tools and equipment they need to eliminate avoidable blindness.

Highlights include:

- In Lao PDR, we constructed a new Eye Unit at Oudomxay Provincial Hospital. The Unit will act as a regional centre for eye care services in four remote northern provinces – serving a population of over 700,000 people and helping train eye health professionals
- In Nepal, The Foundation helped construct the new Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology – restoring sight to thousands each month and training surgeons from throughout the developing world
- In Pakistan, working with the National Programme for Prevention of Blindness, The Foundation upgraded eight health facilities for eye care in remote districts. Since 1998, the program has upgraded 44 eye units and three rural health centres
- In Vietnam, The Foundation upgraded eye facilities in four hospitals – helping ensure improved eye care and training

“Don't ever ‘half do’ a job – don't ever compromise – slog away until you get the job done.”

– Fred Hollows

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Childhood blindness



More than 100 children received eye operations at Binh Dinh eye hospital as part of a special one week surgery campaign run in Vietnam in 2009.

In some developing countries, up to 60% of children die within one year of going blind.

Most of the world's blind children live in Asia and Africa. In addition, the eye health situation of Indigenous children in remote locations of Australia is more like that of developing countries – for instance in north Western Australia trachoma rates are still far too high.

In 2009 The Foundation continued to develop its work amongst children, including:

- As part of The Australian Government's Avoidable Blindness Initiative, commenced a major paediatric eye health program in Pakistan. This included upgrading facilities and providing training in specialised paediatric ophthalmology at Alder Hey NHS Hospital, Liverpool, UK
- Partnership established with Sightsavers International to work on Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign, which aims to eliminate childhood cataract backlog
- Supported four blind schools in Cambodia including provision of vision assessments and visual aids
- Trained local nurses and teachers to screen school children for visual impairment
- Supported 163 children's surgeries at the Nakuru Eye Unit, Kenya
- Ran school eye health programs in Vietnam – training 412 school teachers in eye health and screening 231,693 school children and expanded the Sight for Children Program which provides vital surgery for the blind and visually impaired
- Assisted in the upgrading of paediatric facilities at the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Working together



Photo: Hugh Rutherford

The Foundation's Cambodia Country Manager, Sith Sam Ath, examines the eyes of an elderly villager.

Eliminating Blindness by 2020: The Avoidable Blindness Initiative/Vision 2020 Australia Global Consortium

The Fred Hollows Foundation has come together with the Australian Government and eight other Australian vision organisations – The Vision 2020 Australia Global Consortium – as part of a ground breaking plan to eliminate avoidable blindness in the Asia Pacific region by 2020.

The plan was kicked off in November by Parliamentary Secretary for International

Development Assistance, Bob McMullan, with a commitment of \$45 million from the Australian Government for phase one.

As a result as many as 100 million people in South East Asia and the Pacific will have their vision restored or improved.

The Consortium's activities over the next two years are the first step in implementing Vision 2020 Australia's 10 year Regional Plan, which aims to eliminate avoidable blindness in the Asia Pacific region. Australia is a leader in blindness prevention – setting an example for the rest of the world.

Partners in the Consortium are: The Fred Hollows Foundation, CBM Australia, ICEE, The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Foresight Australia, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Vision Australia, Centre for Eye Research Australia.



2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Working with Indigenous Australians

When it came to the health and rights of Indigenous Australians Professor Fred Hollows never shirked a challenge.

He took eye care to some of Australia's most remote Indigenous communities, was at the forefront of the establishment of Aboriginal controlled medical centres and never hesitated to tell Australia it needed to do better.

That's why The Foundation's work amongst 55 Indigenous communities goes beyond eye care, helping build strong and sustainable health systems. And we're working to ensure that the gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is closed within a generation.

Achievements Eye health

- Two surgery intensive weeks in Alice Springs carried out 80 cataract operations and 21 other eye procedures for patients from Central Australia and the Barkly
- Committed to new eye clinic at Alice Springs Hospital as part of the Central Australian and Barkly Integrated Eye Health Service
- Supported eye health coordinators in remote regions of the Northern Territory – helping build eye health systems and ensuring Indigenous Australians have access to quality ophthalmology
- Optometry services and affordable spectacles provided through our optometry programs

Speaking out

- New policy and advocacy partnership formed with the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory



Photo: Sasha Woolley

The Foundation is helping to improve the lives of young Indigenous Australians.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Working with Indigenous Australians



Photo: Stephen Ellison/Outline

Fred Hollows had a passionate commitment to improving Indigenous health.

- Supported the Close the Gap coalition – bringing public attention to the health issues facing Indigenous Australians
- Worked with Charles Darwin University to improve Australia's knowledge of the social determinants of Indigenous health – making sure we know what is and isn't working
- Provided training to Indigenous groups so they can better speak out on their rights

Nutrition

- Anaemia prevention trial commenced – the project aims to tackle high levels of anaemia in remote communities – improving the health of thousands of children

Literacy

- Indigenous Literacy Project distributed 15,000 books to 261 communities and organisations. 3,000 of these books went to schools – helping Indigenous kids improve their literacy skills

Women's development

- Development and launch of Kukumbat Gudwan Daga (Really Cooking Good Food) written by the Women's Centre staff in the Jawoyn and Bulman communities
- Banatjarl Women's Talkfest – a gathering of women from five Jawoyn communities to discuss issues of concern to women and develop a way forward for the formation of the Banatjarl Women's Council

Culture

- Supported four Black Arm Band concerts in remote and regional centres
- Provided event management training programs for six remote trainees attached to two cultural festivals – Barunga and Walking with Spirits



YIM'S STORY

Yim Noang from Prey Veng province in Cambodia had been blind for five years. She could no longer see the faces of her grandchildren, who would need to take their grandmother's hand and lead her around the village. She had lost her independence and felt as though she was a burden for her family.

Twenty-four hours after her operation, Yim's eye patches were removed. "Everything is different," she cried. "I can see. I am very happy. I have been re-born. The happiest thing is that I can see my grandchildren's faces. This is what I have been looking forward to, so my dream comes true today."

WHERE WE WORK



Afghanistan

- Continued to push ahead despite the difficult security environment
- Committed to establishing a community vision centre in Kunar. When operational will provide eye care to the people of Kunar and Nooristan provinces
- Ran a school screening project in Nangarhar Province – targeting boys and girls – training teachers to identify eye disease and refer to the local eye clinics
- Assisted local ophthalmologist to commence a one year diploma in clinical ophthalmology at the Pakistan Institute of Community Ophthalmology
- Screened 13,981 people
- Performed 782 cataract operations and 1,092 other sight saving or improving interventions
- Ran eye camps in Nangarhar Province
- Newly upgraded eye theatre in the Ministry of Public Health Hospital in Jalalabad opened

Bangladesh

- Just under 34,000 eye patients were seen in Brahmanbaria and Satkhira District hospitals
- Supported 2,583 sight restoring interventions – including 1,871 cataract surgeries
- Partnership established with Sightsavers International to work on the Bangladesh Childhood Cataract Campaign, which aims to eliminate childhood cataract backlog in Bangladesh
- Trained over 500 community health workers
- Launched a diploma program to train government staff as Mid Level Eye Care Personnel. Six trainees have completed the one year course, with another five partially through their studies

Cambodia

- Screened 48,169 people
- Provided 11,300 sight restoring or improving interventions – including 4,470 cataract surgeries

- Trained 862 eye health workers including six surgeons and 357 community health workers
- Constructed new secondary eye care unit in Kampong Chhnang Province with Foundation and AusAID funding, part of the Avoidable Blindness Initiative – supporting eye care services for over 470,000 people
- Supported four blind schools in Cambodia
- Trained local nurses and teachers to screen school children for visual impairment
- Continued to support the first Cambodian ophthalmology residency program which will double the number of ophthalmologists by 2012
- Awarded National Development Medal from the King of Cambodia for achievements in the development of Cambodia

WHERE WE WORK

Photo: Hugh Rutherford



China: As another patient boards the bus to the hospital Lan (left) asks “Who are you – I remember your voice, I remember you!” Despite the fact he is blinded by cataract he recognises his friend Tu (right), who he has not met for many years. “I cannot wait to see you again,” he says.

China

- Trained 1,075 health personnel in eye health – including 19 surgeons, 601 clinical support staff and 296 community health workers
- Screened 53,998 people for causes of avoidable blindness
- Performed 53,118 sight saving interventions including 28,471 cataract surgeries
- Foundation trained surgeons and staff supported the Jiangxi Provincial Cataract Free Province Initiative – the largest of its kind in China, aiming to eliminate 80% of all cataracts in the Province by mid 2010
- Continued support for the largest screening program for Diabetic Retinopathy in China
- Provided \$82,589 in equipment and infrastructure to support training and disease control
- Strengthened relationship with National Ministry of Health

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)

- For five years The Foundation has supported the Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology, Nepal, in its work in DPRK
- Conducted a two week intensive surgical program, screening 950 people and performing 384 surgeries
- Trained two surgeons and two nurses for six weeks on Small Incision Cataract Surgery in Nepal

Eastern Africa

Includes Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania

Burundi

- As part of pilot activity in Burundi, 183 people received eye surgery in a Foundation supported eye camp and 25 people received laser treatment for Diabetic Retinopathy

Kenya

- Screened 27,987 people

- Performed 2,543 sight restoring surgeries and interventions
- Supported Kenya’s National Trachoma Program by training 15 surgeons to perform lid surgery
- Three nurses completed a three month training course in eye care theatre nursing
- Supported the Kenya National Ophthalmic Workshop – boosting skills of 70 ophthalmic workers from all over Kenya
- Supported the Ophthalmic Society of Eastern Africa conference and journal – helping lift skills throughout the region
- Supported 163 children’s surgeries at the Nakuru Eye Unit
- Rolled out a new health information management system to 11 eye units – improving the data collection and management of Government eye care services
- Supported technicians servicing Government eye care equipment – vital ophthalmic equipment is well maintained and functioning

WHERE WE WORK



Rwanda: Isabell, 87, can tend to her vegetables now that she has had her sight restored. By her side is The Foundation's program coordinator, Janvier.

Rwanda

- Screened 15,220 people
- Trained 128 staff in the Western Province of Rwanda in primary eye care
- Performed 407 cataract surgeries at Foundation supported Gisenyi Eye Unit
- Opened new optical workshop at Gisenyi Eye Unit
- Constructed an eye unit at Muhororo Hospital in Ngororero District

Tanzania

- Screened 13,489 people
- Performed 551 sight restoring surgeries and interventions
- Supported the training of five surgeons in cataract surgery
- Helped train 18 eye care professionals from across Africa at Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology
- Provided equipment for ophthalmic graduates

Eritrea

- Fred Hollows IOL Laboratory operating as independent and commercially successful business
- Trained 208 health workers including general health workers and 62 ophthalmic staff
- Helped implement major trachoma prevention and treatment program – includes training and health education
- Supported outreach clinics and two expatriate ophthalmologists to strengthen remote service delivery
- Provided equipment for referral hospital in Ghinda, North Red Sea Zone
- Supported national planning to eliminate blindness in Eritrea by 2015

India

- Supported 4,410 sight restoring surgeries and interventions

Lao PDR

- Oudomxay Provincial Hospital Eye Unit built and equipped

- Screened 5,505 people in four provinces during mobile surgery activities
- Performed 573 cataract and 121 other eye surgeries
- Prescribed 1,239 spectacles
- Held Inaugural Eye Health Professionals Workshop in Oudomxay Province
- Medical Director, Dr Richard Le Mesurier, provided on the ground training to 15 ophthalmologists

Nepal

- Dr Sanduk Ruit continues to be recognised as one of the giants of world ophthalmology – having restored sight to around 100,000 people alone and training thousands of eye health workers from around the world
- Over 10,600 cataract surgeries were conducted at Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology and through outreach mobile eye clinics – operating in some of the world's most remote regions
- This year 152,268 patients walked

WHERE WE WORK



Pakistan: Twelve year old Shazia is overjoyed following her mother's sight restoring cataract operation. Shazia had been deeply upset by her mother's blindness and often cried for her.

through the doors of Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology to receive eye care

- Prime Minister of Nepal opened new Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology
- Over 48,200 patients from rural areas of Nepal received eye care at Community Eye Centres supported by The Foundation
- New Community Eye Centre opened in Dhading District
- More than 120 personnel received training in eye care, including surgeons, nurses and community health workers

Pakistan

- Continued to expand our work despite difficult security situation
- Pakistan blindness rate has fallen from 1.9% of population to around 1% since The Foundation and our partners commenced scale up of ophthalmology
- Screened 406,230 people
- Working with The National Programme for Prevention of

Blindness, The Foundation upgraded eight health facilities for the provision of eye care in remote districts. Since 1998, the program has upgraded 44 eye units and three rural health centres

- Performed 31,964 cataract operations and sight restoring interventions
- Trained 140 eye health workers including 15 surgeons
- Supported female counsellors in remote districts to assist female patients access eye treatment
- During 2009, the Government of Pakistan incorporated the training of Lady Health Workers in districts for primary eye care into its National Programme for Prevention of Blindness. This is a major step towards the sustainability of eye care programs and will assist more women to see again
- The Pakistan-Australia Subspecialty Eye Care Project was launched by the Foreign Minister, Mr Stephen Smith at a ceremony in Pakistan. Part of

the Avoidable Blindness Initiative, it will establish eight centres of excellence and four teaching hospitals for the prevention and control of childhood blindness

- Launched diabetic retinopathy prevention pilot project
- Supported Dr Khabir Ahmad, first recipient of The Fred Hollows Foundation Postgraduate Research Scholarship, to study the provision of eye care services from a human rights and gender perspective
- Boosted paediatric ophthalmology training

South Africa

- Ophthalmic nursing curriculum approved by the SA Nursing Council – course is set to commence in March 2010 with an intake of 10 candidates
- Screened 17,023 people
- Performed 5,459 sight restoring or improving operations and interventions
- Trained 295 eye health staff

WHERE WE WORK



Photo: Jon Reid/SMH

Nepal: Local school children assist at an outreach screening clinic. They help elderly villagers to undergo vision testing.

- Opened new 24 bed Sabona Eye Centre in Queenstown
- Equipped a further five eye units at partner hospitals, opened new eye care outpatients unit at St Elizabeth's Hospital and new patient accommodation at Butterworth Hospital
- Completed a Rapid Assessment of Avoidable Blindness for Eastern Cape Province

Vietnam

- Since Professor Fred Hollows first introduced modern cataract surgery into Vietnam the number of cataract operations has increased from below 1,000 to 160,000 per year
- Provincial Eye Care facility in Quang Ngai Province began construction and will be completed in January 2010
- Renovated four district eye care facilities
- Conducted school eye health programs – training 412 school teachers in eye health and screening 231,693 school children
- Performed 27,331 sight restoring or improving interventions – including 11,383 cataract surgeries
- Screened 810,148 people
- Trained 2,193 eye health workers including 17 ophthalmologists and 1,600 community health workers
- Placed a major focus on strengthening primary eye care at a village level through training of community health workers, local doctors and other support staff-improving access to basic treatment and referral
- Provided a small level of support to emergency relief efforts in response to impact of typhoon Mirinae in October 2009
- Strengthened relationship with Vietnam National Institute of Ophthalmology
- Major support from the Australian Government through the Avoidable Blindness Initiative

New Zealand and the Pacific

The Foundation works with The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand on a joint program in Timor-Leste. In addition, The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand:

- Delivered training and workforce support to 11 Pacific countries
- Welcomed the largest intake of nurses at Pacific training centre in Suva
- Is building new eye health facilities in Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Timor-Leste
- Conducted surgical outreach visits to remote and under-served communities in Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea
- Is establishing and training the first permanent eye surgical services team in Timor-Leste, aiming to at least triple cataract surgeries by 2010

OUR PARTNERS

Afghanistan

HealthNet TPO; Human Concern International; Ministry of Public Health Afghanistan; SERVE PBL Afghanistan.

Australia

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory; Alice Springs Hospital; Anyinginyi Aboriginal Health Board; Australian Government; Australian Indigenous Doctors Association; Black Arm Band; Central Australian Aboriginal Congress; Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University; Charles Darwin University; Diplomacy Training Program UNSW; Guide Dogs SA NT; ICEE; Indigenous Literacy Project Committee – Australian Booksellers Assoc and Australian Publishers Assoc; Jawoyn Association; Jimmy Little Foundation; Katherine Region Aboriginal Health and Related Services; Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation; Northern Territory Government; NT Writers Centre; RANZCO; Roper Gulf Shire Council; Sunrise Health Service; Vision 2020 Australia; World Expeditions.

Bangladesh

Child Sight Foundation; Chittagong Eye Infirmary and Training Complex; Government of Bangladesh; National Institute of Ophthalmology; Sightsavers International.

Cambodia

Eye Care Foundation, The Netherlands; International Centre for Eyecare Education, Australia; Krousar Thmey Blind Schools Ministry of Health; National Program for Eye Health; Provincial Departments of Health and Hospitals in: Kandal, Kampong Chhnang, Prey Veng, Kampong Thom, Siem Reap and Kampong Speu; Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists; University of Health Sciences of Cambodia.

China

Aier Ophthalmology Hospital Group; Jiangxi Provincial Bureau of Health.

Tibet Autonomous Region

Lhasa Institute of Eye Care; Himalayan Cataract Project, USA; Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology.

DPR Korea

Himalayan Cataract Project, USA; Ministry of Public Health; Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology.

Eastern Africa

Kenya:

Division of Ophthalmic Services; Ministry of Health; Nakuru Eye Unit Department; Rift Valley Provincial General Hospital.

Rwanda:

Gisenyi District Hospital; Ministry of Health; Muhororo District Hospital; Ngororero District Office; Rubavu District Office.

Tanzania:

Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology; Ministry of Health; Muhimbili University of Health Allied Sciences.

Eritrea

Ministry of Health.

Lao PDR

Ministry of Health of Lao PDR; Provincial Departments of Health and hospitals in Oudomxay, Luang Namtha, Phongsaly and Bokeo.

Nepal

Himalayan Cataract Project, USA; Tilganga Institute of Ophthalmology.

Pakistan

Abbas Institute of Medical Sciences, Muzaffarabad; Al-Ibrahim Eye Hospital; College of Ophthalmology and Allied Vision Sciences; Comprehensive Eye Care Cells in Punjab, Balochistan, Sindh and NWFP; Khyber Eye Foundation, Peshawar; Leyton Rahmatullah Benevolent Trust; Ministry of Health; Pakistan Institute of Community Ophthalmology; Provincial Departments of Health in Punjab, Balochistan, Sindh and NWFP; Singapore National Eye Center; The Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, UK.

South Africa

Eastern Cape Department of Health; International Centre for Eyecare Education (ICEE); PRASHASA Health Consultants; Regional Hospitals: Frontier (Sabona Eye Centre) and St Elizabeth's; and District hospitals: Emplisweni, Midlands, Butterworth and St Patrick's.

Vietnam

Ministry of Health; PACCOM (People's Aid Coordination Committee); Provincial People's Committee and Department of Health in all Provinces in which we work; Vietnam National Institute of Ophthalmology (VNIO).

The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ

Pacific

AusAID; Colonial War Memorial Hospital; Fiji Ministry of Health; Fiji School of Medicine; NZAID; University of the South Pacific.

Papua New Guinea

Callan Services; Catholic Health Services; CBM; Divine Word University; Kimbe General Hospital; Lutheran School of Nursing; Modilon General Hospital; National Department of Health; New Britain Palm Oil Limited; Port Moresby General Hospital; Save the Children; University of Papua New Guinea; West New Britain Provincial Health Authority.

Timor-Leste

CBM; Dili Central Community Health Centre; Fo Naroman Timor-Leste (FNLT); Guido Valadares National Hospital; National Institute of Health Sciences; The Fred Hollows Foundation; Ministry of Health.

THANK YOU



Photo: Hugh Rutherford

South Africa: Nokharyoti Siko, 85, is comforted by a nurse who assisted her journey to and from the hospital for cataract surgery. "Now that I can see again I realise my house is untidy. I must clean it," she laughs.

Everything The Fred Hollows Foundation achieves is made possible by the generosity of our supporters – those who give of themselves so that others may have a better life.

Whether they be individuals, volunteers, corporations, families, workplaces or service clubs – every dollar donated is making a difference to someone's life. That's because for as little as \$25 sight can be restored in some countries in which we work.

More than three out of every four dollars raised by The Foundation comes from individual Australians – inspired by Fred's vision of a better world and determined to see his work live on.

To all those who have supported us in 2009 - your generosity is making a difference. Thank you.

Ambassadors

The Foundation is lucky to have a group of committed Ambassadors who give of their time to promote The Foundation and its work.

Thank you to:

- Aaron Davey – AFL Player
- Adam Harvey – Musician
- Adam Spencer – TV and Radio personality
- Donnie Maclurcan – Ultramarathoner
- Ernie Dingo – Media personality
- Jessica McNamee – Actress
- Jimmy Little – Musician
- Julie McCrossin – Media personality
- Linley Frame – Olympic Swimmer
- Shellie Morris – Singer/songwriter
- Susie O'Neill – Olympic swimmer

A Living Memorial

During 2009 many people remembered The Fred Hollows Foundation through their will. While often being unable to thank the giver personally, we believe that the use of their gift is a living memorial through the renewal of so many lives. If you are a friend or family member of someone who gave such an important gift, The Foundation wishes to say a heartfelt

thank you. For more information visit www.hollows.org.au or phone 1800 352 352.



Australian Government

AusAID

The Australian Government's strategy *Development for All: Towards a disability-inclusive Australian aid program 2009-2014* is designed to ensure that people with disability are comprehensively included and supported in improving their quality of life through all aspects of the aid program. As part of this new strategy, the Avoidable Blindness Initiative (ABI) aims to reduce the incidence of preventable blindness and improve the quality of life for people with low vision and blindness. As the first step in developing strategic partnerships for the ABI, AusAID established an Avoidable Blindness Fund (ABF). The Fred Hollows Foundation received funding through the ABF in 2009 to support our work to contribute to the reduction of avoidable blindness in Kampong Chhnang Province, Cambodia.

THE MIRACLE CLUB



Miracle Club Ambassador and Australian actor Jessica McNamee and 86 year old Pham Thi Thong in Vietnam.

“It was one of the privileges of my life following this beautiful lady through her journey from complete blindness to sight.”

– Jess McNamee

The Fred Hollows Foundation Miracle Club is one way thousands of Australians make a difference to the lives of those who are needlessly blind.

For many of us, the ability to see is something we take for granted. But for millions of people in developing countries and remote Indigenous communities in Australia, sight is often an elusive dream.

These people suffer from preventable forms of blindness such as cataract or trachoma. The tragedy is it doesn't have to be that way. More than 75% of blindness can be treated.

Members of the Miracle Club make a regular monthly donation – as little as \$25 can restore sight to someone in countries in which we work.

By joining the Miracle Club you help us do more of Fred's work – each and every month.

Thank you to all members of the Miracle Club – you have made a powerful commitment that's changing lives, opening the eyes of the blind and offering opportunity in Australia's outback communities.

For more information about how to become a Miracle Club member visit www.hollows.org.au or ring 1800 352 352.

THANK YOU

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GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors

The Fred Hollows Foundation is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and governed by a (9-15 member) Board of voluntary Directors. Most (including the four Office Bearers) are directly elected from and by the members at the Annual General Meeting which is held in May each year. Up to three Directors may be appointed from 'Fred Hollows' entities based in other countries when there is a formal agreement for reciprocal Board membership. During 2009 there were two Appointed Directors – one from The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand and one from The Fred Hollows Foundation UK. With the exception of Gabi Hollows who occupies a special position as the 'Founding Director' and has the right to lifetime membership, Office Bearers and Directors are elected or appointed for three year terms and the Constitution sets limits on the maximum period that people may serve on the Board.

The Role of the Board

The Board acts as the trustee of the founding spirit and vision of The Foundation, and is responsible for its good governance and effective performance. It meets quarterly and:

- Sets broad strategic directions and policies to achieve agreed objectives
- Approves and monitors budgets, and ensures appropriate financial and risk management strategies and transparency in reporting
- Builds and protects the broader resource base of the organisation
- Ensures compliance with relevant standards and

regulations

- Provides accountability to members and other stakeholders
- Appoints, supports and monitors the performance of the CEO who is charged with the executive management of The Foundation.

Committees

The Board has established four committees which report directly to it.

- Two of these committees support certain elements of the Board's governance responsibilities – the Finance and Governance Committee and the Nominations Committee
 - Two provide strategic advice to the Board on program development – the Medical Advisory Committee and the Program Advisory Committee.
- In addition, there are fundraising committees in Melbourne and Brisbane which assist with community promotion of The Foundation and resource mobilisation. These committees report to Management.

Members

The Foundation is a membership-based organisation and all Directors are committed to being accountable to those members. The goal is to have a diverse membership to reflect the democratic spirit of Fred who attracted support from people in all walks of life. Our members are generous in sharing their wide range of skills and experience with the Board and staff. They form the inner circle of The Foundation's family.

Management and Staff

In 2009 The Foundation had 79 paid

staff and 19 regular volunteers based in Australia's six offices – Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Darwin, Katherine, and Alice Springs. There were also 75 staff and 2 volunteers based in countries where The Foundation has programs.

As of December 2009, the Management Team was comprised of the following people:

- Brian Doolan, CEO
- Betty Hounslow, Deputy CEO
- David Britton, Director of Public Affairs
- Virginia Sarah, Director of International Programs
- Ram Neupane, Director of Business Operations
- Veronica Bell, International Programs Manager
- Joe Boughton-Dent, Communications and Community Education Manager
- Candy Huang, Administration Manager
- Ronak Kumaraage, Finance Manager
- Vicki Lipa, Human Resources Manager
- Joy McLaughlin, Indigenous Program Manager
- Anna-Bella Silva, Information Services Manager
- Nicola Stewart, Marketing and Fundraising Manager

Representation/Links with Other Bodies

The Board appoints a formal representative to the governing bodies of its sister Fred Hollows Foundations in New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The Foundation is also:

- A member of the Board of Trustees of the International

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- Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)
- A partner in 'VISION 2020: The Right to Sight' – a global partnership between the IAPB and the World Health Organization with the goal of eradicating all forms of avoidable blindness by the year 2020
- A member of Vision 2020 Australia
- A member of the Australian Council for International Development, the national peak body of international development NGOs, and a signatory to its Code of Conduct
- A member of the Vision 2020 Australia Global Consortium, an unincorporated joint venture of nine Australian vision agencies
- A signatory and supporter of the 'Make Poverty History' Campaign which aims to achieve the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals by 2015
- A member of the Steering Committee of the 'Close the Gap' Campaign which aims to overcome the difference in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Board of Directors (as at 31 December 2009)



Andrew Want (Chair)

Andrew is a Principal of Rounding Mark Pty Ltd, a private consultancy and investment firm specialising in sustainable business and investment. He was previously the Managing Director of Veda Advantage and of Travelex Australia, New Zealand and Japan Group. Andrew is a lawyer, a Senior Fellow

of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia and a Member of the Australian Institute of Management. First elected to the Board in 2003, Andrew became Chair in May 2007 and is Chair of the Nominations Committee and a member of the Finance and Governance Committee.



Michael Johnson (Deputy Chair)

Michael has been a member of the Board since it was established in 1995 with the exception of one year, and is a member of the Finance and Governance Committee and the Nominations Committee. Michael is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Science and International Studies at the University of NSW, specialising in development studies.



Howard Davies (Treasurer)

Howard has served on the Board since 1998. He is Chair of the Finance and Governance Committee, a member of the Nominations Committee, a Trustee of The Fred Hollows Foundation UK and The Foundation's representative on the FHF New Zealand board. Howard has had a 40 year career in business, specialising in the insurance brokerage industry.



Robert Dalziel (Honorary Secretary)

Bob was first elected to the Board in 2004. He is a member of the Nominations Committee and the

Victorian Fundraising Committee. Bob has over 30 years experience in retail, logistics, travel, marketing, telecommunications and the health care industry. He is Chairman of The Colorado Group Ltd, Loscam Limited and The PAS Group and also a Director of the Melbourne Rebels Rugby Union Super 15 franchise.



Brent Impey

Brent Impey is Chair of The Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand. A leading media executive in New Zealand for many years, Brent was most recently CEO of MediaWorks NZ Ltd. Prior to this Brent practiced as a lawyer for 15 years, specialising in media law.



Gabi Hollows

Gabi is the Founding Director and has served on the Board since its establishment. She graduated as an Orthoptist in 1972 and travelled with Fred Hollows for three years on the National Trachoma and Eye Health Program. Gabi married Fred in 1980 and together they had five children. Gabi has been declared one of Australia's "100 Living National Treasures" and has an Advance Australia Award (Community Service) and a Centenary Award from the Australian Government. Gabi is the Patron of The Foundation's Miracle Club and undertakes extensive speaking engagements for the organisation.

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David Moran

David has served on the Board since 2005 and is the Chair of the Medical

Advisory Committee. David is an Ophthalmologist in private practice with a long association with Fred and The Foundation.



Mary Kostakidis

Mary joined the Board in 2008 and is a member of the Nominations

Committee. A household face as the former presenter of SBS World News, she was a member of the management team that originally set up SBS Television in 1980. Mary's past and present participation on many boards and committees reflects her commitment to social justice, good corporate governance and active citizenship.



Romlie Mokak

Romlie also joined the Board in 2008 and is a member of the Program Advisory

Committee. Rom is the CEO of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association, a leading advocate for health equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. He has extensive experience working at community, state and federal levels and currently serves on national bodies concerned with Indigenous policy and programs.



Sarah Elliott

Sarah has served on the Board since 2005. She is Chair of the Program

Advisory Committee and a member

of the Finance and Governance Committee. Sarah previously worked at The Foundation in the International Programs team and is now a Principal Policy Analyst with the Department of Human Services, Housing NSW. She holds a Masters of Social Work and Social Policy.



Stephanie Young

Stephanie joined the Board in 2006.

She is a member of the Medical Advisory Committee and the Nominations Committee. Stephanie is an Ophthalmologist and Medical Officer at the Concord Repatriation General Hospital.

The Directors would also particularly like to thank a number of non-Directors who served on Board Committees during the year:

- **Graham Skeates**
Finance and Governance Committee
- **Rhonda Chapman and Lilon Bandler**
Program Advisory Committee
- **Paul Torzillo, Sanduk Ruit and Mark Gillies**
Medical Advisory Committee

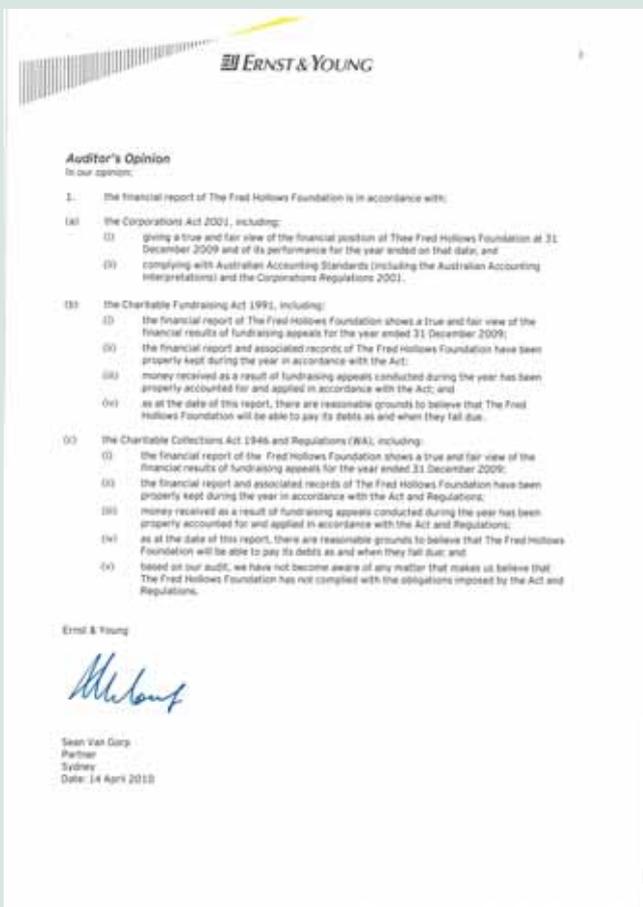
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An independent audit of The Fred Hollows Foundation's financial accounts for 2009 was conducted by:

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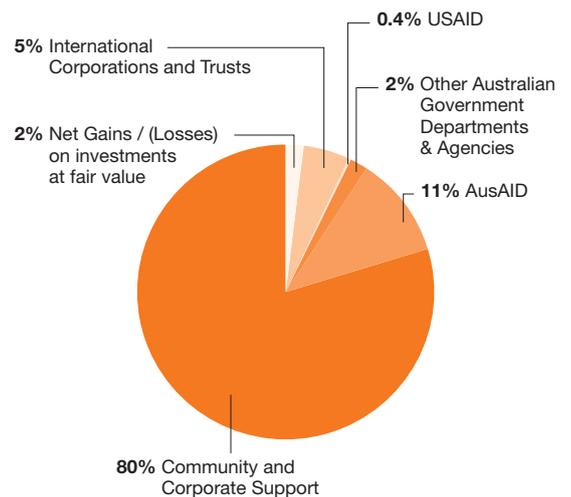


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For The Year Ended 31 December 2009 (All figures in Australian dollars)

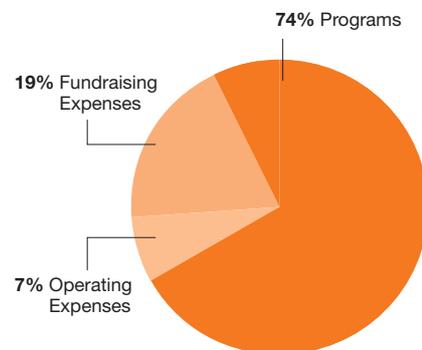
Where the Money Comes From

Community and Corporate Support	23,827,548
Income received from the Australian public and corporations, in the form of public donations, project grants, fundraising and bequests.	
AusAID	3,180,198
Grants received from the Australian Government's overseas aid program.	
Other Australian Govt Depts and Agencies	577,533
Grants received from other Government Departments for Indigenous programs.	
USAID	128,946
Grants received from the US Governments overseas aid program	
International Corporations and Trusts	1,642,753
Grants received from Trusts & Foundations for International & Indigenous programs.	
Net Gains/(losses) on investments at fair value	557,817
Other Income	(23,110)
TOTAL	29,891,685



How the Money is Spent

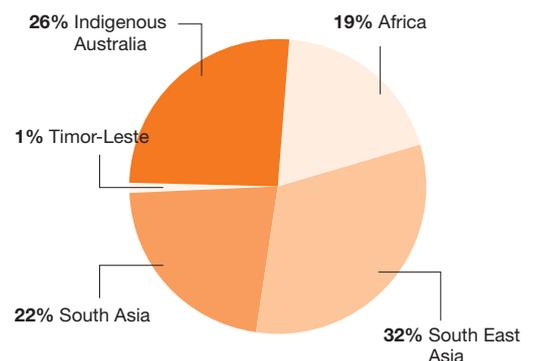
Programs	17,706,196
Africa	3,278,102
South East Asia	5,527,886
South Asia	3,894,335
Timor Leste	128,147
Indigenous Australia	4,877,727
Community Education	1,431,907
Fundraising Expenses	5,021,975
Public & Government/Multilateral fundraising	
Operating Expenses	1,837,618
Administration and finance costs	
TOTAL	25,997,696



"Programs" includes expenditure on our development work across both international and Indigenous programs and Community Education, which includes staff time and outlays involved in providing community information and raising awareness around eye and Indigenous health issues as well as international development issues. "Fundraising expenses" are the costs associated with attracting more support through donations and sponsorships, and includes items such as advertising, mail-outs, the toll-free phone line and processing of donations. "Operating expenses" covers the administrative and other costs inherent in running an organisation, including staff time in areas such as finance, human resources and administration, insurance premiums, legal and professional fees, and office supplies and other running costs.

Where the Program Money is Spent

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South Asia	3,894,335
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Indigenous Australia	4,877,727
TOTAL	17,706,196



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Income Statement* For The Year Ended 31 December 2009

	DEC 2009 \$	DEC 2008 \$
REVENUE		
Donations & Gifts		
- Monetary	16,448,088	13,948,349
- Non-Monetary	-	-
Bequests & Legacies	7,379,460	5,195,900
Grants		
- AusAID	3,180,198	1,494,545
- Other Australian Government Departments	577,533	382,888
- Other Overseas	128,946	150,650
- Corporate	1,642,753	1,305,570
Net Gains/(losses) on investments at fair value	557,817	(2,052,237)
Other Income	(23,110)	360,155
Revenue for international political or religious proselytisation programs	-	-
Total Revenue	29,891,685	20,785,820
EXPENDITURE		
Program Costs		
<i>International</i>		
- Funds to overseas projects	9,842,250	8,507,352
- Other project costs	2,986,219	1,978,115
<i>Domestic</i>		
- Domestic projects	4,877,727	3,802,949
Community Education	1,431,907	1,383,255
Fundraising Costs		
- Public	4,944,788	4,107,563
- Government, multilateral and private	77,187	62,896
Accountability and Administration	1,813,174	1,504,530
Finance Costs	24,444	-
Expenditure for international political or religious proselytisation programs	-	-
Total Expenditure	25,997,696	21,346,660
Net surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	3,893,989	(560,840)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income(deficit) for the period	3,893,989	(560,840)

* Income Statement refers to the "Statement of Comprehensive Income" in the full Financial Statements.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Balance Sheet * As At 31 December 2009

	DEC 2009 \$	DEC 2008 \$	1 JAN 2008 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	7,910,869	3,541,639	2,032,591
Other financial assets at amortised cost	340,249	313,756	293,673
Trade and other receivables	1,940,621	1,647,712	1,183,851
Assets held for sale	-	-	-
Inventories	-	15,282	16,965
Prepayments	173,547	29,477	87,217
Total Current Assets	10,365,286	5,547,866	3,614,297
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-
Financial assets at fair value	5,960,400	5,164,158	8,509,611
Property, plant and equipment	1,464,206	528,147	407,001
Investment property	-	-	-
Intangibles	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	-	-	-
Total Non Current Assets	7,424,606	5,692,305	8,916,612
TOTAL ASSETS	17,789,893	11,240,171	12,530,909
CURRENT LIABILITIES**			
Trade and other payables	3,229,808	1,642,283	2,471,309
Borrowings	456,429	-	-
Provisions	444,243	272,619	199,363
Other financial liabilities	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Current Liabilities	4,130,480	1,914,902	2,670,672
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	281,581	-	-
Provisions	75,360	71,239	45,367
Deferred liability	154,452	-	-
Other financial liabilities	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Non Current Liabilities	511,393	71,239	45,367
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,641,873	1,986,141	2,716,039
NET ASSETS	13,148,020	9,254,030	9,814,870
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds	13,148,019	6,418,981	6,871,178
Future projects reserve	-	2,835,049	2,835,049
Tied funds reserve	-	-	108,643
TOTAL EQUITY	13,148,019	9,254,030	9,814,870

* Balance Sheet refers to the "Statement of Financial Position" in the full Financial Statements.

** There were no net tax liabilities at 31 December.

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Statement of Changes in Equity – For The Year Ended 31 December 2009

	Accumulated Funds	Future Project Reserve	Investment Reserve	Tied Funds Reserve	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 Jan 2009	6,418,981	2,835,049	-	-	9,254,030
Surplus for the year	3,893,989	-	-	-	3,893,989
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	3,893,989	-	-	-	3,893,989
Transfer from reserve	2,835,049	-	-	-	2,835,049
Transfer to accumulated funds*	-	(2,835,049)	-	-	(2,835,049)
As at 31 December 2009	13,148,019	-	-	-	13,148,019

	Accumulated Funds	Future Project Reserve	Investment Reserve	Tied Funds Reserve	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 Jan 2008, original	6,736,655	2,835,049	134,523	108,643	9,814,870
Early adoption of AASB 9 "Financial Instrument"	134,523	-	(134,523)	-	-
Balance at 1 Jan 2008, restated	6,871,178	2,835,049	-	108,643	9,814,870
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(560,840)	-	-	-	(560,840)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	(560,840)	-	-	-	(560,840)
Transfer from reserve	108,643	-	-	-	108,643
Transfer to accumulated funds	-	-	-	(108,643)	(108,643)
As at 31 December 2008	6,418,981	2,835,049	-	-	9,254,030

* The Foundation does not separately manage the Accumulated funds and Future project reserve and has therefore transferred the balance held in the Future project reserve to Accumulated funds

Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purpose

No single appeal or other form of fundraising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of total income for the year ended 31st December 2009.

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM GABI HOLLOWS



Photo: Ian Walclie CI Studio

My late husband, Professor Fred Hollows, was a man who inspired thousands throughout the world to do great things. By sheer energy and determination he strove to restore sight and improve lives – and he never took no for an answer.

Fred saw every obstacle as a challenge, every problem as an opportunity and every new patient as an individual – ready, perhaps, to once again enjoy the miracle of sight.

He knew he could only achieve so much by himself – but by training, inspiring and building he could get much more done.

Because Fred knew that by restoring sight he was restoring lives – giving new hope and opportunity to those who, through the circumstance of poverty, were missing out on the right to see.

That's why I'm so proud of what The Fred Hollows Foundation has been able to achieve in the 17 years since we started it at our home in Randwick, Sydney.

And 2009 was again a year of great achievement – building on the hard work done by Fred Hollows' people throughout the world.

For instance we:

- Performed 195,406 sight operations and treatments
- Screened 1,765,079 people
- Trained 5,878 eye health professional including 85 surgeons, 826 clinical staff and 3,293 Community Health workers, and
- Built or upgraded 19 eye health facilities
- Helped create new programs for Indigenous Australians

These are not just numbers, they're practical results – lives changed and health systems built – achievements that will go on making a difference long after The Fred Hollows Foundation has moved on to new challenges and opportunities.

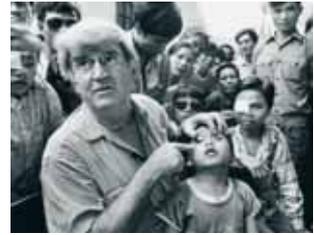
The Foundation is in very good shape, is well governed and has a clear vision of where it's headed.

And, as always, what's been done wouldn't be possible without the financial and moral support of tens of thousands of everyday Australians without who none of this would happen.

To each and every one of our magnificent supporters, on behalf of Fred and me: thank you.

Gabi Hollows
Founding Director

GIAP'S STORY



Eighteen years after meeting Fred, Tran Van Giap has also begun helping others – as a teacher. Giap is the young Vietnamese boy captured so famously in an image with Fred by photographer Michael Amendolia. As a seven-year-old Giap pushed his way to the front of a queue of people to have his vision checked by Fred. The young boy was suffering from a traumatic cataract and meeting Fred would change Giap's life forever.

Now, the first in his family to graduate from university, Giap is teaching mathematics at Hai Ha High School in Quang Ninh Province near the border with China. "I always wanted to become a teacher, and I am proud of what I am doing," Giap said. "Now I am able to help other people, just like Fred had helped me. I also keep telling my students about the meaning of giving – and how a simple gift of giving could completely change the life of a person."





Photo: Colin Townsend/Fairfax Photos

From left, Professor Fred Hollows, patients Teklu Tesfamichael and Ahmed Umer and Eritrean doctor Desbele Ghebreghegjis at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney, in the 1980s.

Record Results for 2009:

- Saving sight: 195,406 eye operations and treatments
- Screened 1,765,079 people
- Trained 5,878 eye health workers
- Provided \$2,543,003 of vital medical equipment



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