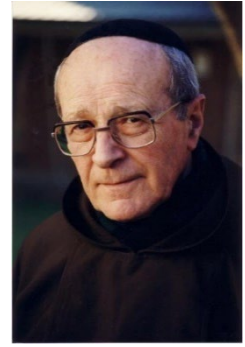




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*Celebrating the  
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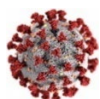
*...and continuing his legacy*

**Join us on Sunday, 5 March 2023 at the  
Italian-Australian Community  
Charity Lunch  
at Le Montage (Sarah Grand Ballroom), Lilyfield**

# Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Fr Atanasio & continuing his legacy

*Some of our Charity's beneficiaries:*

**Italian Youth  
Covid-19 Emergency  
Support**



**Women's Health  
Centre  
Condobolin**



**Tierney House**





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## Continuing Fr Atanasio's legacy ...

# Join us at the Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch

Dear Donor,

Our Board is pleased to invite you, your family and friends to join us on **Sunday, 5 March 2023** for our Charity's annual **Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch** (remembering the life of Fr Atanasio Gonelli and his 62 years of charitable and spiritual work in aid of our community). **Please find enclosed an invitation containing the details for this event.**

This year, in addition to the Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch being held on Sunday, 5 March 2023, we will also be remembering Fr Atanasio with two other events to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Fr Atanasio. These events will be held on Sunday 12 and Sunday 19 February 2023 – the details of which can be found on **page 7**.

As the founding father of our Charity, Fr Atanasio entrusted us to continue to assist the less fortunate and vulnerable members of our community. In keeping with his wishes and with your support, our Charity has established itself as a **leading Italian-Australian public benevolent institution**. To date, we have provided more than **\$600,000** to fund many individual cases and community projects, **but we need to do more**. Your financial support has made it possible for our Charity to provide assistance over the years to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, the Dementia Australian Research Foundation, the Concord Cancer Centre, the Capuchin Friars Van supporting homeless people in Sydney, Youth Off The Streets, Kids Giving Back, St Vincent's Hospital Tierney House, research and language scholarships to the Catholic Institute of Sydney and to Australian Italian language teachers, as well as the food and financial support provided to **over 1,000 young Italians** living in Australia on temporary visas during the COVID-19 emergency. On the next page, you will find a pie chart detailing the quantum of assistance we have provided to different areas of need in our community.

*We look forward to your continuing support and to welcoming you to this year's Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch. Please complete and return the enclosed form. If you are unable to attend the lunch, you can still help by making a donation. All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.*

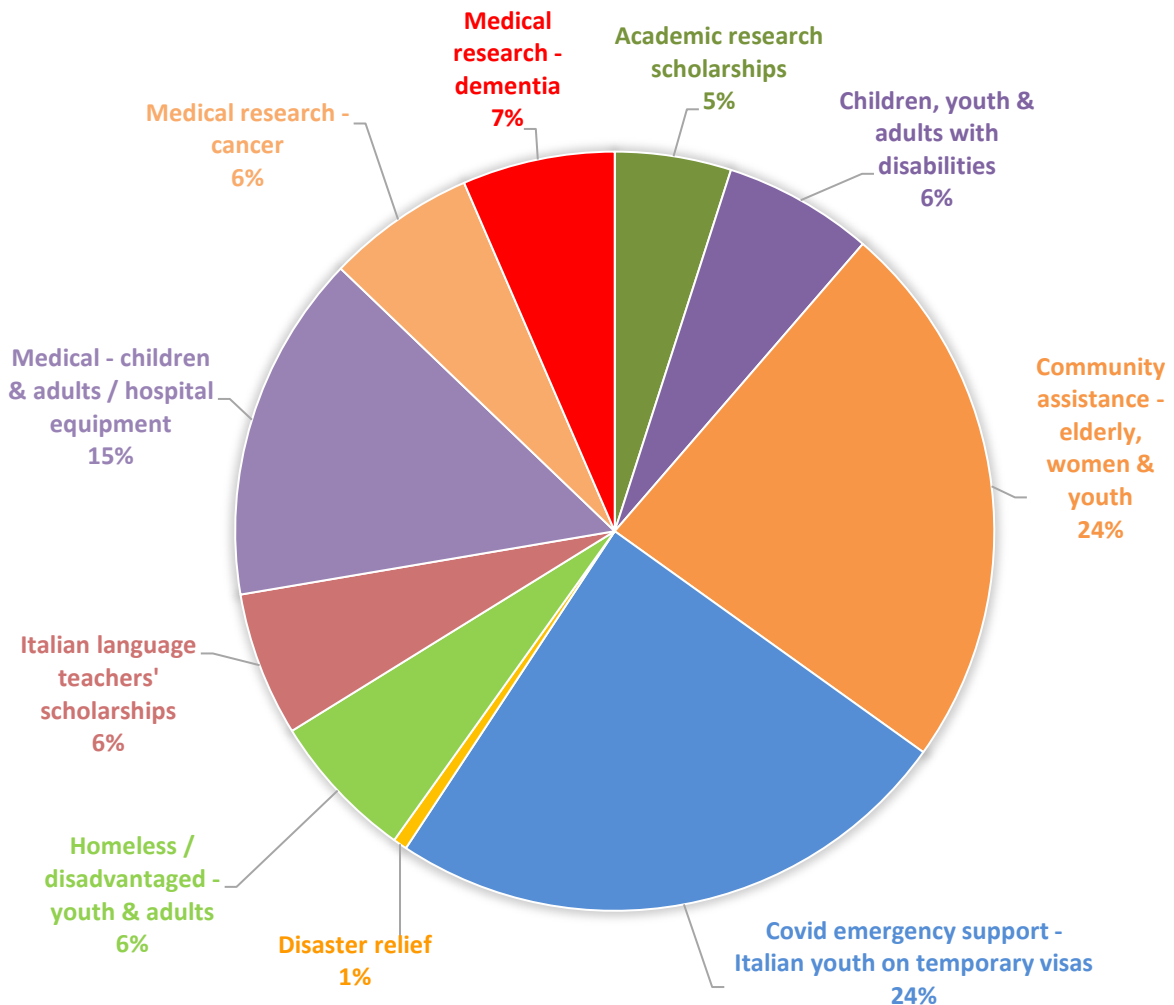
Cordiali saluti,

**Cav. Felice Montrone OAM**  
**President**



# Continuing Fr Atanasio's legacy ...

Thanks to your support, our Charity has been able to continue Fr Atanasio's legacy, by providing over \$600,000 in the following areas of need:



## Our Charity's major sponsors



# Continuing Fr Atanasio's legacy ...



Our Charity's volunteers, ready to answer calls during the 2020 Rete Italia radiothon, which raised emergency funds for young Italians in Australia on temporary visas, who during the Covid-19 lockdown, suddenly found themselves with no job and no income.



Young recipients of emergency food and grocery vouchers, which were provided to young Italians stranded in Australia in collaboration with Lamonica IGA, Haberfield.



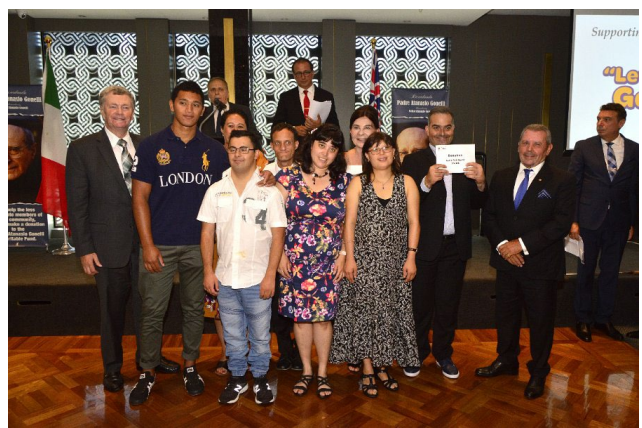
A grant was presented to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, received by Gail O'Brien.



The Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian, presented awards to our Charity's 2019 Ambassadors, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the community.



Our Charity's volunteers distributed over 1,000 free Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Test kits to the community in January and February 2022, when the Covid-19 test kits were in short supply and Omicron variant case numbers were escalating.



A grant was presented to Let's Get Going, chaired by the late Mike Bailey (left), who provide services and assistance to young autistic adults in inner western Sydney.

# *Acknowledging our Charity's Ambassadors who have made outstanding contributions to the community*

2013

- ★ Maria Teresa Armenti ★ Alfonso Di Monte
- ★ Antonio Maniaci ★ Domenico Olivieri ★ Salvatore Palazzolo
- ★ Domenico Sanni ★ Bernardina Torresan

2014

- ★ Vince Mariani ★ Franca Napoli ★ Vincenzo Pugliese

2015

- ★ Vittorio Genova ★ Pia Maiorana ★ Armando Tornari

2016

- ★ Franca Arena ★ Jack Patanè ★ Livio Benedetti
- ★ Angelo Maggiotto ★ Paola Giunta

2017

- ★ Angelo Arcero ★ Vincenzo Cammareri
- ★ Gabriella Conti Della Vedova ★ Lucia Ferrara

2018

- ★ Gina Papa ★ Pasquale Bagnato ★ Giuseppe Querin
- ★ John Williams

2019

- ★ Rita Fragassi ★ Salvatore Iacono ★ Rosaria Mastellone
- ★ Giuseppe Trombetta

2020

- ★ Celestina Furfaro ★ Stefano La Face ★ Vera Nadile
- ★ Marie Piccin ★ Angelo Lo Schiavo

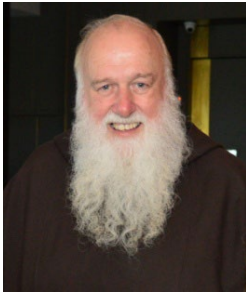
2021

- ★ Giuseppe Colubriale ★ Josephine Destro ★ Nicholas Destro
- ★ Vittorio Locantro ★ Antonio Luciano ★ Antonio Polistina
- ★ Angelo Stivala

2022

- ★ Vincent Agostino ★ Antonio Carnuccio ★ Matilde Di Certo
- ★ Bartolo Natoli ★ Domenica Parisi ★ Giuseppe Raiti
- ★ Rosa Raiti

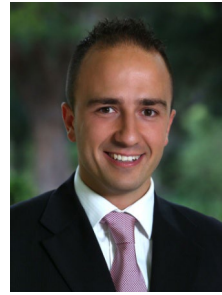
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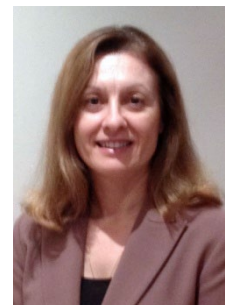
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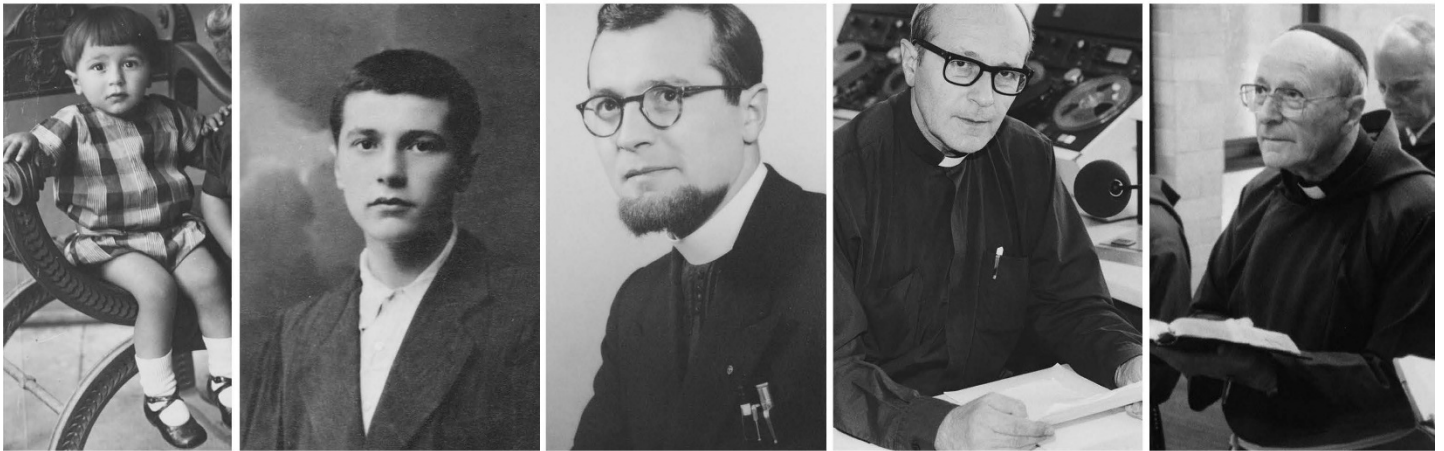
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## INVITATION TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FATHER ATANASIO GONELLI OFM CAP



**THE FATHER ATANASIO GONELLI CHARITABLE FUND INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO  
CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FATHER ATANASIO GONELLI.**

To honour his memory and legacy, the following events are being held:

### **SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2023 - COMMEMORATION**

- 11am** - Commemoration Mass, St Fiacre's Parish Church, 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt  
**12:30pm** - Photographic exhibition & community lunch/BBQ, St Fiacre's Parish Church Hall and courtyard.  
**2pm** - Symposium and audio-visual presentation of the life of Father Atanasio Gonelli OFM Cap, St Fiacre's Parish Church, 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt.

#### **Presenters:**

**Comm. Lorenzo Fazzini OAM**, President, Co.As.It.

*"Fr Atanasio, the man and the friend"*

**Ms Susi Schio**, Past-President, Associazione San Francesco

*"Fr Atanasio, the community builder"*

**Cav. Armando Tornari OAM**, Journalist, La Fiamma, Italian language newspaper  
*"Fr Atanasio, the chaplain and spiritual leader to the Italian-Australian community"*

**Fr John Cooper OFM Cap**, Historian, Father Atanasio Gonelli Charitable Fund

*"A Window in Father Atanasio's Life"*

### **SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2023 - COMMUNITY PILGRIMAGE**

- 3pm** - Pilgrimage to the Capuchin Friars' section and Fr Atanasio's tomb at Rookwood Cemetery.  
Mass will be celebrated at the Cemetery. For more information, please contact a committee member.

### **SUNDAY, 5 MARCH 2023 - COMMUNITY CHARITY LUNCH**

- 12.00pm** - Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch (Remembering Fr Atanasio) and presentation of Community Ambassador Awards, at Le Montage, Lilyfield.  
This is a ticket event. Cost \$130 Adults, \$80 Children.  
For reservations please contact a committee member or email [cimaustralia@tpg.com.au](mailto:cimaustralia@tpg.com.au)

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