

Celebrating 10 years

of giving & helping people in need



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#### Join us on Sunday, 10 July 2022 for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the **Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch** To be held at Le Montage (Sarah Grand Ballroom)

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Some of our Charity's beneficiaries over the years:





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## Join us in celebrating 10 years of giving at the Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch

Dear Donor,

Our Board is pleased to invite you, your friends and your family to join us on **Sunday, 10 July 2022** 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.** 

2022 marks the milestone of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our community coming together in support of the Father Atanasio Gonelli Charitable Fund. The principal objective of our Charity is to help people in need. In keeping with Fr Atanasio's wishes and with your support, to date our Charity has provided more than **\$470,000** to fund many individual cases and community projects, **but we need to do more**.

The substantial financial support our Charity has provided 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, has been made possible, thanks to your support.

To attend this 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.** 

We look forward to you joining us for the Charity Lunch on Sunday, 10 July 2022, helping us to continue to make a difference to the lives of members of our community in need.

Cordiali saluti,

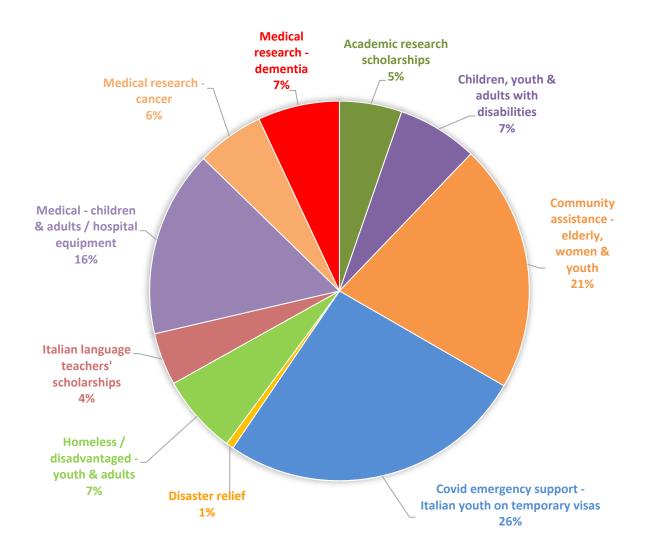
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Cav. Felice Montrone OAM President



10 years of giving and helping people in need

Thanks to your support over the past 10 years, our Charity has provided **over \$470,000** in the following areas of need:



Areas of need funded by our Charity:	\$
Academic research scholarships	25,000
Children, youth & adults with disabilities	32,184
Community assistance – elderly, women & youth	99,476
Covid emergency support – Italian youth on temporary visas	122,977
Disaster relief	3,000
Homeless / disadvantaged – youth & adults	31,850
Italian language teachers' scholarships	21,000
Medical – children & adults /hospital equipment	74,800
Medical research – cancer	27,000
Medical research – dementia	32, 760
TOTAL	470,048



*The "Charity Bay Walk" walkathon raised funds for the Dementia Australia Research Foundation.* 



A grant was presented to the parents of young Annalise, who suffers from Rett syndrome, towards the purchase of Tobii Eye Technology.



A grant was presented to the Dementia Australia Research Foundation, received Dr Annette Moxey.



A grant was provided to the Capuchin Friars Van Ministry, who provide blankets, coffee, tea and friendship to homeless people.



A grant was provided to the Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick, towards the purchase of testing kits for children with immune deficiencies (complex congenital deficiencies).



A grant was presented to the Concord Cancer Centre, Haematology Clinical Research Unit, recedived by Prof. Judith Trotman.











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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	<ul> <li>★ Maria Teresa Armenti ★ Alfonso Di Monte</li> <li>★ Antonio Maniaci ★ Domenico Olivieri ★ Salvatore Palazzolo</li> <li>★ Domenico Sanni ★ Bernardina Torresan</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>★ Giuseppe Colubriale ★ Josephine Destro ★ Nicholas Destro</li> <li>★ Vittorio Locantro ★ Antonio Luciano ★ Antonio Polistina</li> <li>★ Angelo Stivala</li> </ul>

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Fr John Cooper OFM Cap. Spiritual Advisor



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