

Invitation to the 2024 Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch



"Continuing Fr Atanasio's legacy"

Join us on Sunday, 3 March 2024 at Le Montage (Sarah Grand Ballroom), Lilyfield

Continuing Fr Atanasio's legacy

Some of our Charity's beneficiaries:

Italian Youth
Covid-19 Emergency
Support



















































Our Chairman's letter

Foin us at the Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch

Dear Donor,

My Board and I are grateful to you for your continuing support. We are pleased to invite you, your family and friends to join us on **Sunday**, **3 March 2024** for our annual **Italian-Australian Community Charity Lunch** (remembering the life and legacy 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 the Charity Lunch together with a reservation/donation form.**

2023 marked the centenary of birth of Fr Atanasio Gonelli OFM Cap. Our Charity, together with our community, acknowledged this significant historical event, holding in February 2023, a symposium titled "What is Fr Atanasio for me" and in November 2023, a photographic exhibition showcasing weddings and baptisms celebrated by Fr Atanasio from 1954 to 1974. The two events were attended by hundreds of participants. The photos displayed at the exhibition can be viewed on our Charity's Facebook page.

As the founder 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 \$645,000 to fund many individual cases and community projects, but we need to do more. Your donations have made it possible for our Charity to provide substantial financial assistance 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, academic research and Italian language scholarships, 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 community report pie chart detailing the quantum of financial 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,

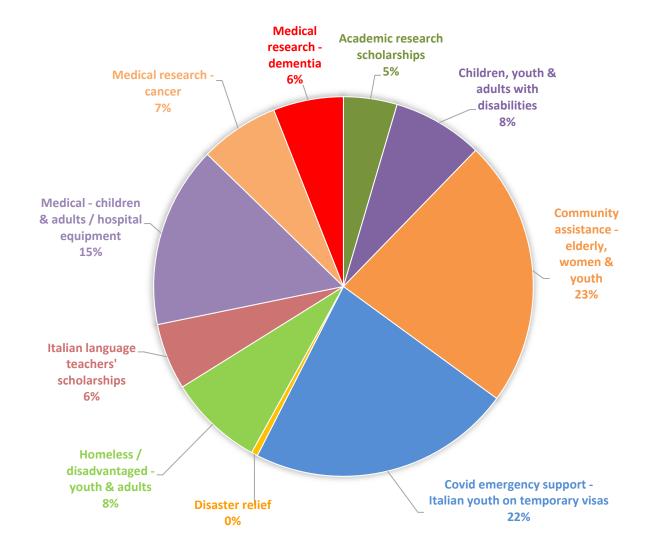
Cav. Felice Montrone OAM

Chairman



Community Assistance Report

Thanks to your support, our Charity has been able to continue Fr Atanasio's legacy, by providing **over \$645,000** in the following areas of need:





"Please consider making a donation and help us make sure no one is left behind"

Continuing Fr Atanasio's legacy ...



A grant was presented to Gail O'Brien for the **Chris O'Brien Lifehouse**, a not-for-profit cancer treatment
centre. From left: Ivana Smaniotto; **Gail O'Brien**, Frank
Mirabito and Mayor Darcy Byrne (Inner West Council).



A grant was presented to Dr Nicole Wong Doo for Foundation For A Bloody Great Cause, towards the Haematology Clinical Research Unit at the Concord Cancer Centre, Concord Hospital. From left: Christian Bracci, Dr Nicole Wong Doo and Natasha Liotta.



A grant was presented to Muscular Dystrophy NSW.
From left: John La Mela, Giulia Carelli, Mayor Zac Miles
(Hunters Hill Council), Angelo Marzullo and Charlotte
Sangster, Tait Jenkins & Robert Fraser (Muscular
Dystrophy NSW).



A grant was provided to **Youth Off The Streets** and **Kids Giving Back**, towards the "Cook4Good + Grow" program. The program taught homeless and at-risk youth how to make cheap and nutritious meals, with the meals then being donated to homeless and marginalised people.



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.



Our Charity has provided substantial financial assistance to the **Dementia Australia Research Foundation** towards research and treatment for dementia.

Together with our donors, media partners & volunteers, we are helping our community





















































































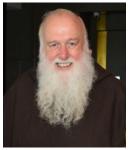




Acknowledging our Charity's Ambassadors who have made outstanding contributions to the community

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★ Maria Teresa Armenti ★ Alfonso Di Monte
★ Antonio Maniaci ★ Domenico Olivieri ★ Salvatore Palazzolo
★ Domenico Sanni ★ Bernardina Torresan
★ Vince Mariani ★ Franca Napoli ★ Vincenzo Pugliese
★ Vittorio Genova ★ Pia Maiorana ★ Armando Tornari
★ Franca Arena ★ Jack Patanè ★ Livio Benedetti
★ Angelo Maggiotto ★ Paola Giunta
★ Angelo Arcero ★ Vincenzo Cammareri
★ Gabriella Conti Della Vedova ★ Lucia Ferrara
★ Gina Papa ★ Pasquale Bagnato ★ Giuseppe Querin
★ John Williams
★ Rita Fragassi ★ Salvatore Iacono ★ Rosaria Mastellone
★ Giuseppe Trombetta
★Celestina Furfaro ★ Stefano La Face ★ Vera Nadile
★ Marie Piccin ★ Angelo Lo Schiavo
★ Giuseppe Colubriale ★ Josephine Destro ★ Nicholas Destro
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★ Angelo Stivala
★ Vincent Agostino ★ Antonio Carnuccio ★ Matilde Di Certo
★ Bartolo Natoli ★ Domenica Parisi ★ Giuseppe Raiti
★ Rosa Raiti
★ Ada Bagnato ★ Angela Cantali ★ Antonio Cipolla
★ Francesco Demasi ★ Silvio Marapodi ★ Teresa Marrone
★ Veronica Stolfa
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Our Charity's Board Members and Board Advisors



Fr John Cooper OFM Cap. Spiritual Advisor



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John La Mela Deputy Chairman



Natasha Liotta Secretary



Cav. Gianni Carelli Treasurer



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