



Fiona Wood
Foundation

HORIZON

A NEW ERA OF BURN RESEARCH



A burn is one of the most excruciating injuries anyone can endure

Serious burns are more than skin deep. They traumatise the entire body and are emotionally and psychologically agonising. Stripping away a person's life choices, dignity and confidence, burns leave scars for life.

After decades of treating child and adult survivors, Professor Fiona Wood is more determined than ever to end the suffering that burns cause.

She believes that research, emerging technologies, and the body's extraordinary powers of regeneration can transform burn treatments and patients' futures.

Burn research needs significant investment from bench to bedside. Yet breakthroughs often stall when researchers pause their vital work to apply for grants. Every lapse in funding delays life-changing discoveries—delays that burn survivors and their families cannot afford.

Talented researchers at the Fiona Wood Foundation have already made extraordinary discoveries that are unravelling the mystery of burns and opening new pathways for treatments.

To translate those breakthroughs into new interventions for burn patients, researchers need access to essential resources and secure ongoing funding.

Your support to raise the first \$15 million for the Fund will help accelerate research discoveries and outcomes.

The Research Innovation Fund will provide that surety.

**We can see a new horizon –
a time when a person can return
to their life after a burn injury,
healed inside and out.**

Will you join us?



“The Fiona Wood Foundation is committed to improving clinical care and ensuring that every individual we treat can lead a life that is not defined by their injuries.

With your support of the Horizon Campaign, we can continue to support the translation of research into clinical outcomes, expand the reach of our life-changing technologies and therapies and be the global leader in burn care, research and education.

The Foundation’s model of care not only encompasses medical treatments, but it is about healing the mind and body. Together, we are not just healing burns; we are healing lives.

I am personally very proud to Chair the Foundation and am excited as we embark on this ambitious campaign.”

David Fyfe

Chair, Fiona Wood Foundation



“I have witnessed first-hand the remarkable work of the Foundation. Its commitment to translating groundbreaking research into innovative treatments with the focus on improving recovery outcomes for burn survivors and their families are truly inspiring.

The Foundation’s vision of achieving scarless healing is ambitious and deeply impactful, reflecting a dedication to care and innovation that transforms lives. Supporting this important work aligns with our shared values of compassion and progress, and I am proud to contribute to its mission as Patron.”

Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC

Governor-General of Australia, Patron of the Fiona Wood Foundation



BEYOND THE BURN

Life-long consequences

Burns are more than just injuries; they are life-altering events that challenge both the mind and body in profound ways. They are one of the most unique and complex injuries a human can endure, causing immediate and long-term traumas.

Whether it's a child scalded by hot liquid or someone facing the aftermath of a horrific incident involving fire, explosions, or vehicle accidents, the impact of burns can linger throughout a lifetime. For many survivors, the physical and emotional scars serve as a constant reminder of their ordeal. The journey to recovery is long-term, complex, and fraught with challenges.

Numerous studies have uncovered the systemic, long-term ramifications of acute burn injuries on patient health. Patients continue to experience elevated hospital admissions for metabolic, immune, and mental health conditions for up to three decades following recovery from their burn injuries.

Children who have undergone treatment for burn injuries encounter further challenges, impacting their academic performance, scholastic achievement, future employability, and long-term psychological and social well-being.

Innovative Care in Action



Paige was 10 months old when she fell out of her cot and got her hand caught between the columns of an oil heater. She sustained burns to her chin, neck, torso and right arm, with the most severe burns the front and back of her right hand.

Paige was treated at the Perth Children's Hospital Burns Unit and underwent procedures including debridement, RECELL® and skin grafting. Due to her young age, Paige has had to have further procedures as she grows to assist with tightening skin and movement. Now 4 years old, Paige leads a relatively normal life without significant limitations.

"Due to the treatment Paige received early on, she has had a remarkable recovery. RECELL® and the other techniques that were used in Paige's treatment have been life changing. The researchers at the Fiona Wood Foundation have the potential to discover further treatments to help children like Paige as they grow." – Jaymii-lee, Paige's mother.

A public health challenge

Globally, burn injuries pose a substantial public health challenge, significantly contributing to morbidity, including extended hospitalisation, disability, and disfigurement. Although recent advancements in critical care have greatly improved survival rates, the impact on the health system is significant.

In Australia, patients with as much as **80%** total body surface area (TBSA) burns now have a **50% chance of survival**. However, this has led to an increased number of patients requiring prolonged care to address the consequences of burn injuries, which often includes multiple surgical revisions, particularly for growing children.

94%
of burn injuries
are accidental.

In Australia, over **200,000** people seek treatment for a burn annually, with over 8,000 hospital admissions and direct treatment costs of over **\$70,000** per patient.

Burn injuries primarily afflict children under **5 years old**

In 2021 – 2022, the median age of a child with a burns injury was 3 years old. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and rural communities are disproportionately affected.

The Fiona Wood Foundation's vision is to deliver scarless healing, in both mind and body, to those who suffer from burn injury.

The Foundation, formerly known as the McComb Foundation, was established in 1999 under Professor Fiona Wood, a highly skilled plastic and reconstructive surgeon and world-leading burns specialist. Under Fiona's leadership, the Foundation facilitates translating knowledge from groundbreaking scientific and clinical research into pioneering new treatments for healing burns and minimising scarring.

By placing the patient at the heart of the research, the Foundation's innovative culture has been pivotal in transforming the landscape of burn care. The team, led by Professor Wood, has been instrumental in shifting the way burn scars are managed clinically. Working to develop new products and services that aid scarless healing for burn survivors, both in mind and body, the Foundation's mantra is that every intervention from the point of injury will influence the scar worn for life.

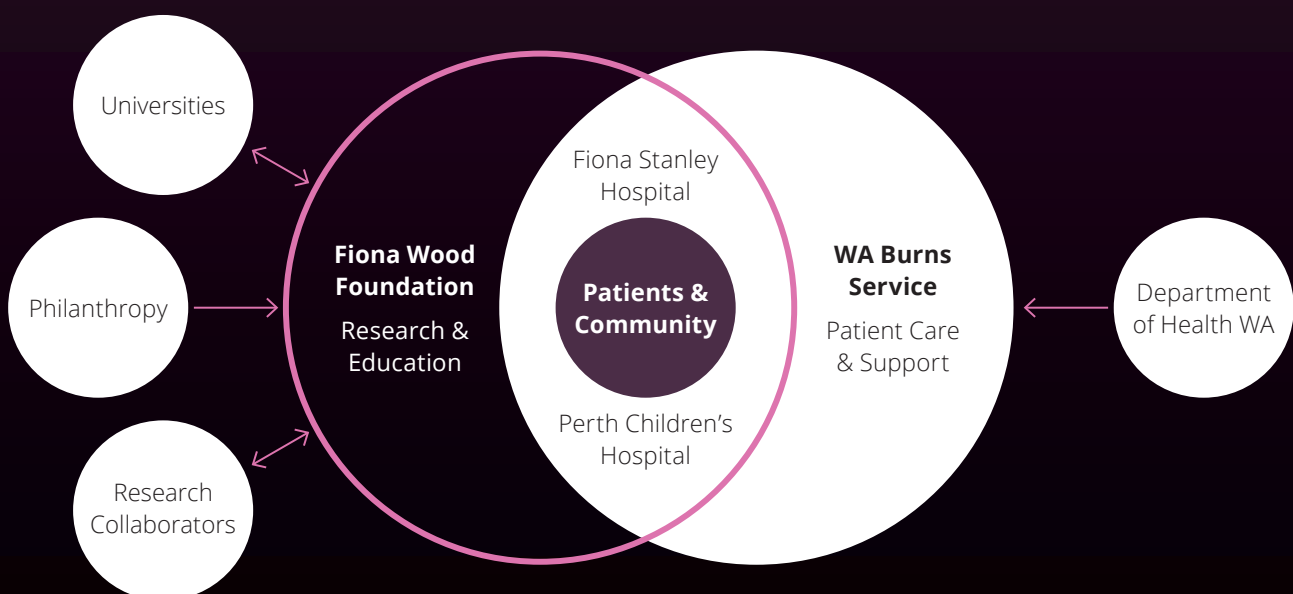
Connecting burns research and treatment

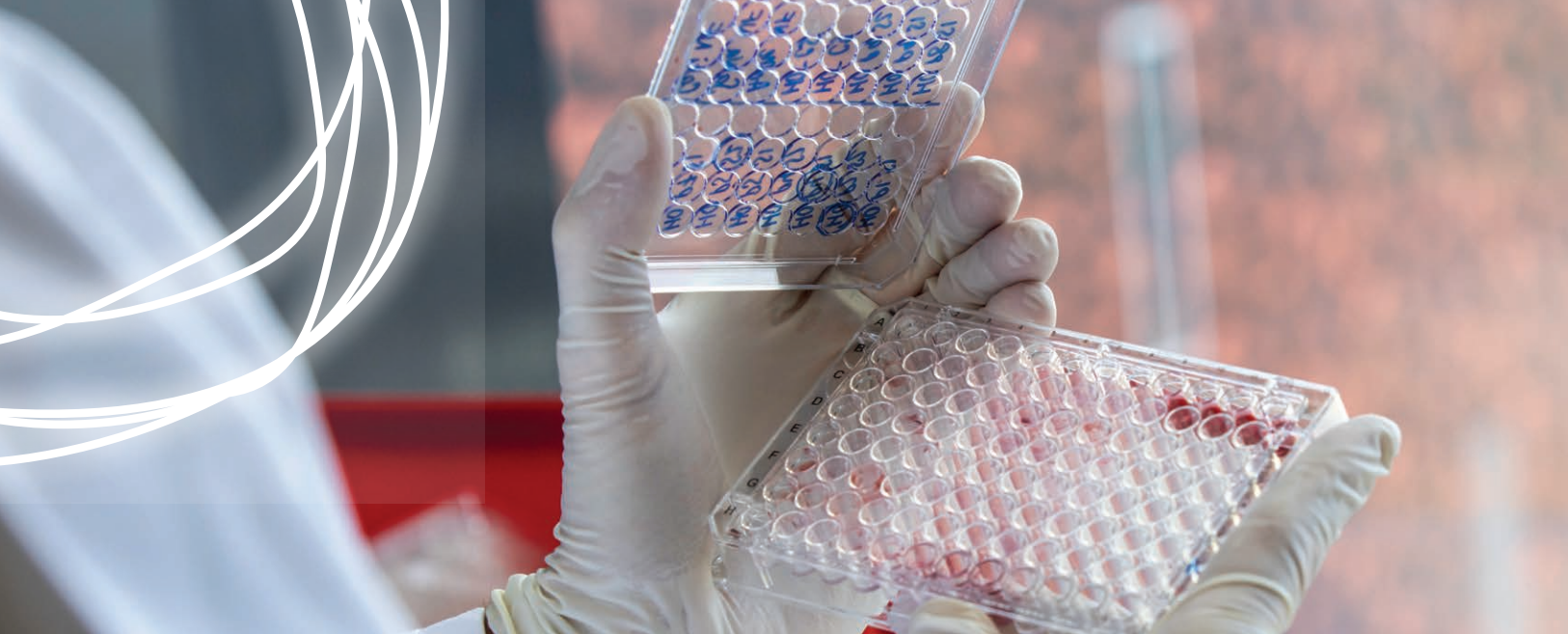
The Fiona Wood Foundation is an intersection between the community and the health system, facilitating a seamless transition from laboratory research to practical care and treatment.

We are resolute in our dedication to leading the way in global burn research and work with hospitals, universities and other research institutions both locally and around the world. These close working relationships help drive a bench-to-bedside approach to burn research and treatment.

By continuing to expand the body of knowledge on burns, lives will be saved, and quality-of-life outcomes will be improved for people with burn injuries now and in the future.

Only with this knowledge can we genuinely unravel the mysteries of burn injury and address the associated long-term challenges.





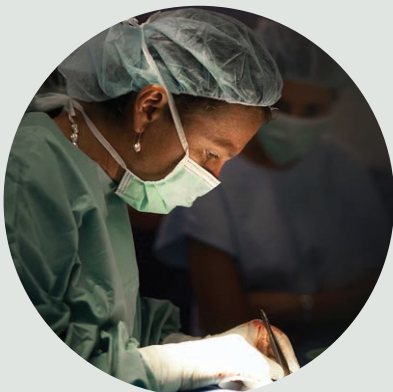
THE EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF RESEARCH

Two things have stayed consistent throughout Professor Fiona Wood's brilliant career: her compassion for burn patients and her devotion to their recovery.

In 1993, Fiona and her colleague Dr Marie Stoner spent hours in a lab trying to create 'spray-on' skin cells that could survive, multiply, and heal over a wound. It worked. Their ambitious idea became a new solution, and today, RECELL® helps to significantly reduce the scarring caused by burns worldwide.

Fiona and other researchers at the Fiona Wood Foundation continue to extend the boundaries of what is known and understood about burn injuries. As long as patients still suffer from lasting wounds to skin, self and life, Fiona is not satisfied with today's 'gold standard'.

The team are working to create tomorrow's gold standard - Scarless healing. A day when we can think ourselves whole again. A time when a patient can be returned to the same health and quality of life they had before a serious burn injury.



Spotlight on 'spray-on skin': RECELL®

Professor Wood's most notable achievement and legacy lies in her pioneering the revolutionary 'spray-on skin' technique known as RECELL®. Previously, cells were grown from a patient for 3 weeks in the lab before they could be used for treatment. Patients were susceptible to infection and delayed treatment resulted in poor scars. Fiona transformed this by inventing a novel medical point-of-care device that enables cells from a patient during surgery to be sprayed back on the patient. What used to take 3 weeks now only takes 30 minutes. Spraying on skin reduces time to healing, minimises risk of infection, and reduces scarring. This groundbreaking treatment has helped more than 19,000 burn patients worldwide.

HEALING FROM THE INSIDE OUT

At the Fiona Wood Foundation, we understand that scars are more than skin deep; they influence an individual's physical, psychological, and physiological well-being. By holistically addressing our three Strategic Pillars through our research, we're not merely treating burns; we're transforming lives, reshaping futures, and ensuring quality of life for our patients after a burn injury.



Physical

Skin and Scar

Research in this area focuses on reducing physical scarring and improving wound healing. By exploring the cellular and molecular foundations of scar formation and fibrosis, we aim to develop advanced treatments that heal the skin without leaving scars, delivering on our goal of physical restoration.

Data-assisted burns debridement surgery:

Currently, to treat burns with surgery, the wound needs to be 'debrided', to remove all the damaged tissue. But this is difficult to judge and sometimes too much tissue can be removed, or too little, and this results in less optimal healing. One of the Foundation's current research projects is using real-time mass spectrometry that will provide the surgeon with information on the tissue they are removing, to make debridement more accurate. This has the potential to improve healing for burn patients, reducing their hospital stay and the scars that result from their injury.



Physiological

The Unseen Damage

The long-term health impacts of burns, particularly the nervous system's role in recovery, form the basis of our physiological research. We are committed to unravelling how burns affect bodily functions over time, aiming to mitigate these effects and promote overall health. Our work in this domain is crucial for understanding and addressing the comprehensive health needs of burn survivors, ensuring their return to normalcy and quality of life.

Childhood Health and Immunity Post-burn (CHIP) Study:

Previous research indicates that burn injuries can impact the immune system in children. That's why we are undertaking the CHIP research project to understand the potential risk of burn injury on the effectiveness of vaccines.



Psychological

The Mind-body Connection

Recognising the profound impact of burn injuries on mental health, we drive research to understand and support the psychological well-being of survivors and their loved ones. Initiatives include research investigating the links between burn injury and the brain and to support the development of evidence-based programs, interventions, and resources designed to strengthen the emotional resilience and mental health of those we serve.

Long-term psychosocial impacts of childhood burn injury:

Childhood burn injury has ongoing psychosocial effects on the child and their parents. The aim of this research is to determine the predictive factors for poor psychosocial recovery after childhood burns so that in the future, children who present to hospital with a burn injury can be screened and assessed to identify those at risk of subsequent mental health problems. This can improve mental well-being for both individuals and families, and reduce the burden on the health system in the future.



“Burn research has lifted the corners on immensely promising opportunities to give back to patients what burns currently take from them.”

Professor Fiona Wood

A NEW ERA IN BURN RESEARCH

After 30 years of facilitating knowledge transfer from groundbreaking scientific and clinical research into pioneering new treatments for scarless healing in mind and body, the Fiona Wood Foundation is boldly embarking on a new era of burn research.

The Research Innovation Fund will transform burn treatment and care globally and has the potential to end the suffering caused by burn injuries today.

With a starting base of \$15 million, the Fund will give researchers the freedom to focus on what truly matters: pushing the boundaries of science, accelerating discoveries, and delivering faster impact to those who need it most. **It will empower our brightest minds to direct their own paths, set the pace of progress, and transform lives without interruption.**

We have transformed burn care through RECELL®, which is now used globally. And we have projects in the early research pipeline with the potential to be just as transformative - ultimately saving lives, improving patient quality of life, and impacting the entire health ecosystem.

RESEARCH SAVES LIVES

In December 2023, I was caught in a stubble fire on our Poppanyining grains farm. Thanks to the quick thinking of all those around me, I was flown straight from the farm to Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH) within two hours of the burn. I received 38% full thickness, full circumference burns to my arms, legs and hands.

I spent 10 days in the ICU and then another 74 days in 4B – the Burns Ward at FSH. I have had 11 surgeries to date with more to come on my hands. The recovery journey is hard, but thankfully you don't know what is coming next, so being amongst the fantastic staff in the ward gives you confidence that you will manage each day and do your best for your recovery.

At the age of 65 I had to re-learn how to walk and use my hands.

One year on I am fairly independent but still need help with dressing and scar management. I am working towards getting back into playing bowls, which is my favourite pastime, but my hands are yet to improve enough to play competitively.

My wife, Sally, has been my primary carer and greatest supporter throughout this whole event. She was one who sought out the Fiona Wood Foundation to get more information about what I was experiencing and gain an insight into the life of a burns patient. The support the Foundation has provided for us has been wonderful and we are so very grateful.

Through the Foundation, I have been involved with research and have contributed to pathology samples for future treatments. I have had the spray on skin all over my affected areas and on my face. **I would have been in a far more critical condition when I arrived at the hospital if it wasn't for the work of Professor Fiona Wood and her team.** Finding out now that I may have lost my legs and that 30 years ago, I may not have survived because of my age and the total body surface area of my burn injuries – this is sobering, and you realise the extent of how far Fiona and the teams through research – has come so far to improve the model of care for burn patients – which saves lives.

Sally and I are constantly amazed by the energy and innovation that drives the Foundation. We can't thank them enough for their work and wish them well in succeeding in this critical campaign.

TIM

Sally, Tim's wife, has been his constant companion and full-time carer over the past year.

For the last 12 months I have been Tim's primary carer. It means daily care of his scars, weekly trips to the clinic following surgeries and dressings to be done.

We live 220kms from Perth and to date I have driven approximately 17,000kms to various appointments to the hospital following the injury. We are also very fortunate to have a place to stay in Perth for our follow up treatments.

Tim is becoming very independent and can do a lot of jobs around the farm, but he isn't physically able to do the things he used to do. He can't feed sheep on his own as someone needs to open the gates and put the feeder on the ute. I worry about it, but he would be miserable if he had to sit in a chair all day. Everyone keeps an eye on him. I think he is doing a lot more than I ever thought he would be doing by now.

It is an ongoing journey, and we feel lucky to have the support of the clinic, the Fiona Wood Foundation and our family and friends. We will continue to support the Horizon Campaign so the Foundation can realise the target. The support, care and compassion we continue to receive is extraordinary and we feel compelled to give back in however way we can.

SALLY


Tim's one year patient journey



20 December




5.5 hour surgery

84 days in hospital


"We cried a lot"




11 surgeries (ongoing)



Released from hospital April

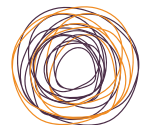
17,000 kilometres travelled for weekly visits

Early Recovery & Rehabilitation

Ongoing Care & Adjustments



First aid



Fiona Wood Foundation



7 days ICU
\$57,092
77 days burns inpatient hospital stay
\$161,161




8 pressure garments



RESEARCH INNOVATION FUND

Centre for Burn Research Innovation and Translation led by Professor Fiona Wood

To continue Fiona Wood's remarkable legacy, the Fund will establish a Centre for Burn Research Innovation and Translation.

The Centre will be the new research arm of the Foundation and will result in more high-quality funding applications, streamline research processes, and maximise the impact of every research dollar. Moreover, the Centre will enhance the Foundation's reputation on a global level and attract top-tier researchers, clinicians, and industry partners to advance excellence in burn research in Australia.



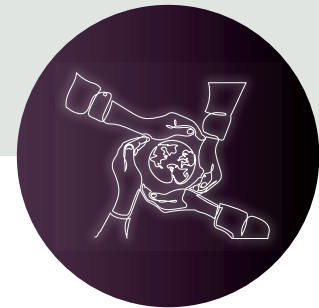
Technology and Resources

The Fund will make the latest technology, including equipment, data analytics, data platforms and AI, continuously available to researchers, supporting product development and innovation. Burn researchers will have the resources on hand to carry out their experiments and purchase the necessary laboratory and medical supplies required for patients' participation in clinical trials and projects.



Brilliant Minds

The Fund will establish an endowed Chair, with Professor Fiona Wood as the inaugural Chair. In addition the Fund will provide salaries and grants, so researchers have the guaranteed support to pursue promising discoveries and act on breakthroughs. It will enhance the Foundation's reputation on a global level to attract top-tier researchers and support the talent and ambition of young researchers and clinicians.



Collaboration

The Fund will enable greater collaboration between researchers, clinicians, industry partners and patients worldwide. This will improve efficiency, shorten the distance between research discoveries and improve patient outcomes. The Fund will enable the Foundation to leverage partnership funding opportunities. It will also invest in ongoing research education to drive the critical integration of clinical and basic research.

FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE

A comprehensive research pipeline is essential to ensure that new treatments and therapies are thoroughly tested for safety and efficacy before reaching patients.

Each stage involves considerable time and resource investment. Research is a long game, but the potential gains are worth every effort. RECELL® took 15 years to be translated from a laboratory bench to patients' bedsides – but thanks to this extraordinary breakthrough, burn care will never be the same again.

The Research Innovation Fund will equip the Fiona Wood Foundation with the resources and freedom to move crucial research forward so the next RECELL® - the next life-changing treatment for burn patients - will have the potential to be at their bedside sooner. Your support will make this happen!

Key benefits of the Centre for Burn Research Innovation and Translation:

- Higher impact integrated clinical and academic burns research
- Faster translation of research outcomes into clinical practice and policy
- Wider industry engagement promoting innovation and commercialisation of research outcomes
- Increased training and education across health professionals and the community in burns prevention, first-aid and treatment
- Equipping the next generation of clinician-researchers in burns, wound repair and scarring through increased postgraduate training to support
- Strengthened collaborations with national and international partners
- Expanded community engagement with patients, families and other groups to connect all those passionate about improving burn patient health.

A crucial role for crucial research

Passionate about championing the next generation of the brightest minds in clinical research, Professor Fiona Wood will lead the Centre for Burn Research Innovation and Translation to drive crucial research forward. Funding for this vital role will allow Professor Wood and her team to focus on burn research as their number one priority.



MEDICAL RESEARCH IMPACTS US ALL

Medical research makes a significant economic contribution that extends well beyond the life-changing health outcomes for individuals. It creates jobs and a larger, more productive workforce by improving the health and well-being of the population, which in turn, impacts the entire economy.

Medical research in Australia

In 2018, a report by KPMG, commissioned by the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes, showed that:



Medical research delivered:

110,000 jobs

32,096 medical research jobs
78,409 jobs in the medical technology and pharmaceuticals sector

\$78B in net gains to the Australia economy

\$52 billion health gains
\$26 billion wider economic gains



RECELL®

Research has shown the significant economic benefits of using RECELL® compared to conventional treatment:

For patients with burns greater than 40% TBSA, total **savings per patient could be up to \$172,000**

14-17% reduction in operating costs at burn treatment centres, or \$19,000 - \$32,000 per patient for patients with burns up to 20% of total body surface area (TBSA).

In the US, the BEACON model predicted that by adopting RECELL®, annual burn centre costs are anticipated to be **reduced by up to US\$6.8M**

These statistics demonstrate the wide-reaching benefits of medical research, not just for the patient but also for the Australian health system and economy. With the Fiona Wood Foundation's track record of translating medical research into bedside treatments, we know that substantial research funding will make a difference in the lives of Australians for decades to come.

1. Economic Impact of Medical Research in Australia, KPMG Report 2018 for Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI)

2. Economic value of the health and medical research sector in Western Australia, Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes, Deloitte Access Economics, December 2023

SURVIVAL IS NOT ENOUGH

In 2007 while working as a journalist in Indonesia I was in a plane crash and suffered full thickness burns to 60% of my body.

I was medevac'd from Indonesia to Perth and was treated by Professor Fiona Wood at the Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) for my burns and given physiotherapy to help my recovery. Due to my severe burn injuries, I had to have both my legs amputated to survive. I had to learn to walk with prosthetics.

Seven years later when I was told that my PhD thesis had been approved for award, there were two people, apart from my husband and parents, who I immediately wanted to tell - Fiona Wood and Dale Edgar. The life I have now only exists because of Fiona and her team who saved my life, and Dale, my physiotherapist, who kept me moving, helped me sit up for the first time and took me for my first ride in a wheelchair out of the front doors at RPH.

Through my accident I was thrust into a situation where my life was in Fiona Wood's hands. I became

aware very quickly that she was probably the only person in the world who could have saved my life in that situation. I was extremely fortunate that I found myself in her hands and in her care. It was her knowledge from ongoing learning and research, the way she'd built on her experience in Bali and applied it, and her absolute dedication and determination, that meant she was able to save my life.

With Fiona it is her passion and her intelligence and the absolute trust that you feel when you are in her care. She's the best of the best.

The pain of a burn injury is indescribable; the ongoing pain wreaks havoc with your quality of life and your ability to stay positive. If Fiona and her team can see a research pathway to address this, we need to help her follow that path. It would be transformative for burn patients in so many ways and make such a difference to their ongoing quality of life.



Cynthia Banham
(Australian Lawyer,
Journalist and Author)

“Despite the monumental task of bridging the gap between innovation and translation, Fiona’s tenacity, expertise, and dedication have successfully enabled her to navigate this critical pathway. With RECELL[®], she had the ability to collaborate, inspire and to bring people with her, for however long they could help through that journey, with the relevant expertise to ensure RECELL[®] became a commercially viable product.

Fiona’s comprehensive approach has changed schools of thought within the scientific community and shaped holistic burn care.”

Professor Minghao Zheng PhD MD FRCPA FRCPATH, Professor of Orthopaedic Research Medical School, Division of Surgery, Academic pathologist and Winthrop Professor at the Medical School at the University of Western Australia

“The continued development and application of RECELL[®] technology demonstrates a strong commitment to improving patient care and reducing the overall burden of skin diseases.

By providing innovative treatment options and expanding into new clinical areas, Fiona’s work continues to have a profound impact on both individual patient outcomes and the broader health system. This results in substantial health system savings.”

Dr Rajiv Sood, Plastic Surgeon (Burns Specialist) and Chairman of Plastic Surgery at Indiana University



Esther Chaney
Patient from 4 years of age

WILL YOU HELP US BRING FORWARD A NEW ERA IN BURN RESEARCH?

Burn research touches us all, from the dramatic impact on patients and their families to the wider impact on the health system and economy.

The Fiona Wood Foundation aims to be at the forefront of global research and discovery in burns and scarring.

By continually growing the body of knowledge in burn care, our work will save lives and significantly improve the recovery of people who have sustained burn injuries, both locally and worldwide.

Our team can already see this new horizon—of scarless healing and freedom from the suffering burns currently cause. Only with the Research Innovation Fund can we reach it. But we cannot do this alone.

To help transform our vision into a reality, we invite community leaders and generous philanthropists who fully understand the positive impact of innovative burn research to join us.

Together, we can move towards this new horizon: where patients return to life after a burn injury, healed inside and out, and thrive.

“The launch of the Horizon Campaign is a pivotal moment for the Fiona Wood Foundation. It sets us on a path to ensure the Foundation can focus on long-term research goals that have the potential to make ongoing and significant differences to the health outcomes for people who suffer a burn injury.

The journey of translating research from bench to bedside is a long and challenging road. Through the Research Innovation Fund, we can provide our researchers with the financial stability to plan and execute ambitious long-term projects. They can focus on their research without thinking about their next grant application. We know this surety will help us reach our research goals sooner.

I hope you will join me in supporting the Horizon Campaign, and together we will make a significant impact in this incredibly important area of healthcare.”

Professor Fiona Wood AO
Director, Fiona Wood Foundation

GIFTING OPPORTUNITIES

Burn scars have a long-lasting impact on survivors' quality of life. We are committed to continually growing the body of knowledge to save lives and significantly improve recovery by establishing a funding model that will stand the test of time.

The Research Innovation Fund will be a quasi-endowment fund managed by an external funds agency under the direction of the Fiona Wood Foundation Board. The Board will designate the annual income and capital distributions to fund the Foundation's world-leading research.

Research Innovation 'Central' Fund

The central fund is the primary fund that will allow the Foundation to distribute funds strategically across the primary research areas. The Board will designate the annual income and capital distributions to fund the Foundation's world-leading research.

AUD\$50,000+ gifts

Donors will be invited to make gifts of \$50,000+ to the Research Innovation Central Fund.

Named Funds AUD\$250,000+ gifts

When any gift is \$250,000 or more, donors may name their fund. The fund may be named after a family member, creating a lasting legacy.

Visionary Gifts AUD\$750,000+

Once fulfilled, gifts of **AUD\$750,000 or more** may be directed into one of the three Strategic Pillars at the heart of the Fiona Wood Foundation's long-term strategy. If the research area for which the endowment distributions are directed should cease or become impossible to carry out, the Foundation reserves the right to direct distributions from the gift to the central fund or purposes as it determines to be consistent with the donor's original intent.

- Physiological – The Unseen Damage
- Psychological – The Mind-body Connection
- Physical – Skin and Scar

Legacy Gift AUD\$3,000,000+

Donors of \$3,000,000 or more, in discussion with the Fiona Wood Foundation, can establish a specific-purpose fund. This allows the donor to direct the returns earned on their fund to a particular area of the Foundation's research, such as the Chair of Burn Research Innovation and Translation.

If the purpose for which the specific purpose funds distributions are restricted, should cease to exist or become impossible to carry out, the Fiona Wood Foundation reserves the right to direct distributions from the fund to such other purpose or purposes as it determines to be consistent with the donor's original intent.

All gift levels can be pledged over 3 years.

The Fiona Wood Foundation acknowledges the importance of recognising generosity, especially the support provided by its early and significant donors.

Gifts of \$250,000+ will offer recognition, including naming opportunities for a specific fund with the Research Innovation Fund, creating a lasting legacy. We welcome the opportunity to discuss meaningful and appropriate acknowledgement opportunities with our generous corporate and individual donors.



"I was only eight years old when I had my burn accident. Consistently everyone said that the best care anywhere in the world was under the leadership of Professor Fiona Wood here in Perth... my family was at ease knowing that I was in the best hands possible."

Ben Smith, Fiona's patient since Ben was 8yo in 2020

GOVERNANCE

Fiona Wood Foundation Board of Directors



David Fyfe

Chair, Fiona Wood Foundation

David was appointed Chairman of the Foundation in 2023. David has an Honours Degree in Engineering and post graduate qualifications in business. He is a Graduate of the Institute of Company Directors and a Member of the Institute of Engineers Australia. David holds a position on the board of Ability WA. He is a survivor of the 2002 Bali bombings which claimed the lives of over 200 people including 88 Australians. David was treated by the staff at Royal Perth hospital under the leadership of Fiona Wood. He is passionate about the research the Foundation undertakes. He is a recipient of the “spray on skin” technology the Foundation developed and wants to assist the Foundation in furthering research to ensure a better quality of life for burns patients. David regularly presents as a keynote/motivational speaker at events throughout Western Australia. David was appointed to the Board in 2013. He has held executive leadership positions at Synergy and Western Power.



Geraldine Erridge

Director, Candid Business & Tax Advisors Pty Ltd

Geraldine is a Director at Candid Business & Tax Advisors Pty Ltd. She has a Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Major and has been a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants since 1999. She has extensive experience in general taxation advice and self-managed superannuation funds as well as providing a number of services to high wealth individuals.



Jessica Ilich

Legal Counsel, Telstra Corporation

Jessica is a lawyer, working as Legal Counsel (Dispute Resolution) at Telstra. She previously worked in private practice at top tier law firms in commercial litigation. She holds a Bachelor of Laws, a Bachelor of Science (Anatomy and Human Biology), and a Graduate Certificate in Business. Jessica has extensive experience providing strategic and commercial legal advice to a range of clients, predominately in the areas of contract, privacy, intellectual property, regulatory, and consumer disputes. Jessica was appointed to the Fiona Wood Foundation Board in December 2022.



Todd Mairs

Partner, Sia Partners

Todd Mairs, a Partner at Sia Partners, a global consultancy, is renowned for his 25-year experience in management consulting across Europe, Asia, and America. Specialising in strategic planning and customer management, he has a strong background in Health and Aged Care, and non-profits. Formerly with Churchill Consulting, Todd was a Group Executive at St John of God Health Care and worked with Accenture in the UK. Todd recently retired from the Board of Bethanie Aged Care, and now Chairs an aged care technology start up. Todd, a “40 under 40” award recipient from WA Business News, is a CPA Australia Fellow and a non-executive Director of a NFP building homes in Cambodia. Todd was appointed to the Board in September 2023



Arthur Psaltis

State Director Western Australia & Northern Territory, Colliers

Although most of Arthur's career has been with the one firm, his work life has been dynamic. After completing vacation work with Pritchard Francis, he joined as a graduate engineer. He later moved to a large international firm but returned three years later as an Associate Director in 1994. By 1996, he became a Director, Managing Director in 1998, and later CEO. In 2024, Pritchard Francis joined Colliers, strengthening its presence as a leading consulting practice in Western Australia. Now nationally recognised, Colliers Engineering & Design is one of Australia's most highly regarded firms. Arthur has held numerous committee and board positions, both voluntary and paid, across industry organisations and private companies. He has mentored professionals at General Manager and Practice Manager levels, both independently and through structured mentoring programs.



Suzanne Rea

Consultant Plastic Surgeon

Suzanne is a Consultant Plastic Surgeon at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Perth Children's Hospital, with a specialist interest in burns surgery. Strongly involved with the Foundation's scientific and burns related research, Suzanne's primary goals for the Fiona Wood Foundation are to assist in growing the burns team, particularly in regard to the medical and surgical side of burn management and how the burn scars can be influenced. Suzanne has led the development and growth of laser treatment for burns scars at the adult and paediatric units. She is currently involved in a number of research projects specifically examining the role of laser in burns scars. She aims to see the Foundation evolve to be a world leader in holistic burn care, focusing on patient survival as well as quality of life post injury (both physical and psychological). Suzanne was appointed to the Board in 2013.



Winthrop Professor Fiona Wood FRACS AO

Director, Burns Service of Western Australia

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**“The quality of the outcome must
be worth the pain of survival.”**

Professor Fiona Wood

We can see a new horizon –
a time when a person can return
to their life after a burn injury,
healed inside and out, and thrive.

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