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# Corporate Information

## The Association

The DREAMIN Foundation Inc, is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act and reports to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

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# THE BOARD

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### Ms Larissa Hall

### Dr Giri Krishnan

# A Message from the Chair

DREAMIN is an acronym for the Dean Richards Endeavour to Assist the Medically Ill and Needy. It honours the memory of the late Dean Richards, a stalwart of the Rotary Club of Prospect. It was founded in 2003 and provides a mechanism support appropriate medical intervention service for those people in need in South Australia, Australia and developing countries. The Foundation is currently chaired by Professor Suren Krishnan and its board comprises junior doctors, members of the Rotary Club of Prospect and the wider community.

Unfortunately, for the second year running our annual DREAMIN Foundation Adelaide Cup Day function was not held, but we were able to successfully hold a raffle with over $5000 worth of prizes. The DREAMIN Foundation was the featured charity at the Australian Medical Association (SA) Gala Ball – 20 May 2023, at the Adelaide Town Hall. As well as the exposure for the DREAMIN Foundation it also received $2,100 from this event.

The Foundation's work with Maranatha Health in Uganda continues to gain the attention of our supporters and this year we have contributed to a new truck, medical staff, and equipment. We look forward to supporting their projects into the future.

We have continued our support and partnership with Adelaide Paediatrics to fund Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), screening for young children and their families. Unfortunately, there are sometimes long wait lists in the public sector and a specialist diagnosis is required prior to accessing NDIS funding for children's therapy and support. Thus, DREAMIN Foundation has financially supported another 12 families to undergo assessment and opening the door for life-changing therapy for these children. The DREAMIN foundation is in consultation with Royal Lifesaving SA, regarding funding for their inclusive swim programme, which will see an extension to the screening with Adelaide Paediatrics, to include three children from the Inclusive Swim Programme.

DREAMIN also helped to fund Darlene Kafa, a nurse from Tonga to attend the Asia Oceania ENT meeting in Brisbane in March this year. This large international meeting had a section on healthcare in Lower Middle-Income Countries. Darlene is a senior nurse in Tonga and has had training in China and is the coordinator of the ENT teaching program ran by Dr Suren Krishnan on Sunday afternoons. Her registration costs were met by the Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, and DREAMIN contributed $3,000 to help with her airfare, accommodation, and any living costs for the convention.

The need for ENT surgeons in the Pacific has been identified as a need by the World Health Organisation. Dr Suren Krishnan was funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to fly to Tonga where he saw 90 patients and performed 30 operations. Dr Krishnan met with the Assistant High Commissioner and reported that the IMF has allocated $20M to help with infrastructure, especially ear health. A significant amount of this has gone to foreign affairs In NZ but may be able to represent DREAMIN to provide some of the services. In view of this DREAMIN is planning the PACIFICA ENT project which hopes to provide sustainable training for ENT surgeons in the Pacific.

The DREAMIN Foundation organises fundraising events during the year to support the vital work being carried out by generous South Australians. As a charity, the DREAMIN Foundation is reliant on the generosity of members of the Prospect Rotary Club, associated medical professionals and members of the DREAMIN Foundation to raise much needed funds to continue the valuable work of the Foundation. If you would like to donate, please visit our website dreamin.org.au, Facebook or contact Director, Dr Jarrad Hopkins (0401908345) or Board Chair, Professor Suren Krishnan (0413514628).