

CELEBRATING 'MRUFD' and the 'POWER OF GIVING'

MELBOURNE RESEARCH UNIT FOR FACIAL DISORDERS

2003 - 2025

'Helping Children Smile'









MEMORIALIZING 'MRUFD'

- > Founded with a generous benefaction to the University of Melbourne (2001-13) by philanthropists Allan Myers (AC, KC) & Maria Myers (AC), the Melbourne Research Unit for Facial Disorders ('MRUFD') became a pioneering force at translating science into
- > MRUFD's novel mission to 'Help Children Smile' through harnessing a unique combination of expertise in basic science, paediatric medicine and dentistry - was rewarded with multiple achievements as below
- > These successes reflect the "Power of Giving", having drawn on diverse charitable contributions (time, resources, funds) during and after the founding benefaction
- > To memorialise MRUFD and honour the late Glenn Bowes as MRUFD mentor/ambassador, the MRUFD 2014 website is preserved as a free booklet available below

FOUR BIG WINS for 'MRUFD'









- Founding benefaction, Allan & Maria Myers
- Paul Schneider Co-founder
- Andrew Heggie, Co-founder, Clinical

2003

- Mike Hubbard, MRUFD Research Director
- MRUFD lab established,
- Jon Mangum, MRUFD lab manager

2008

- The D3 Group launched, Australia & New Zealand
- Proteomics & Metabolomics Victoria launched

2010

- "Chalky Enamel" proteomics discovery
- "BlueCheck" patent filed
- Incisive Technologies Pty Ltd' spin-out

2013

- D3 Group (D3G) website launched
- 'Chalky Teeth Campaign' & Kid's Storybook launched

2014 - 25

- 'D3G International' membership, 2017
- Toronto D3 Symposia, 2020-21-22
- Chalky Enamel breakthrough, 2021
- MEDLINE adopts D3G terms, 2023
- Pediatric Dentistry 'D3-adoption', 2024
- GC-Nakao Recognition Award, 2025

HOW "THE MRUFD STORY" EVOLVED

THE MRUFD

2014 website archive DOWNLOAD



MRUFD's 2014 WEBSITE MRUFD was hosted at The Royal Children's Hospital by the Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne and affiliated with Murdoch Children's Research Institute



- "MRUFD SPIRIT" LIVES ON > On the humanitarian front, MRUFD beats on as D3G's translational heart
- Technologically, "MRUFD's children" (Proteomics & Metabolomics Victoria, Incisive Technologies) continue to mature



GLENN BOWES, RIP This "MRUFD Memorial" is dedicated to the wonderful Glenn Bowes, who deftly mentored MRUFD's leadership and advocated for MRUFD from 2003 until his untimely passing in 2025