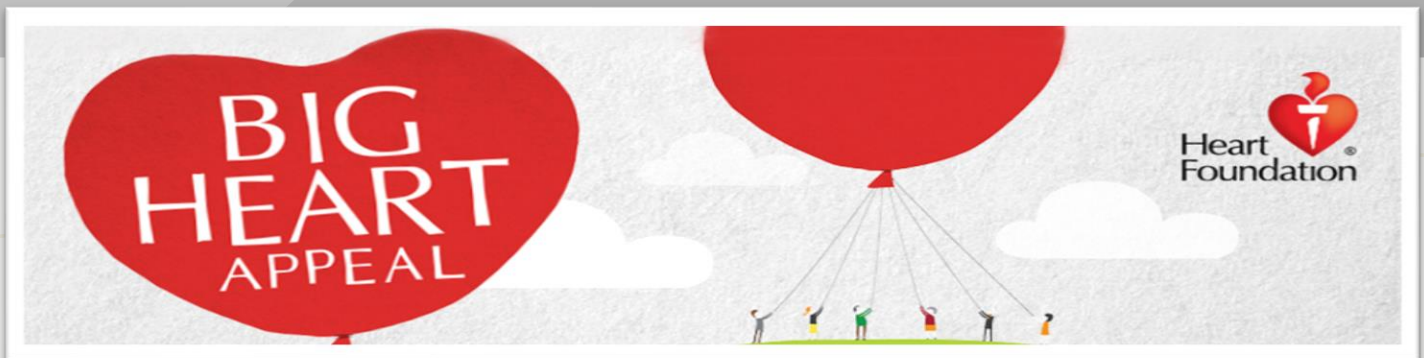


Heart Organisations Saving Kids Lives



Big Heart Appeal – 1–30 September

Heart disease does not discriminate – it affects young and old, men and women. It is still the single biggest killer of Australians, taking a life every 26 minutes.

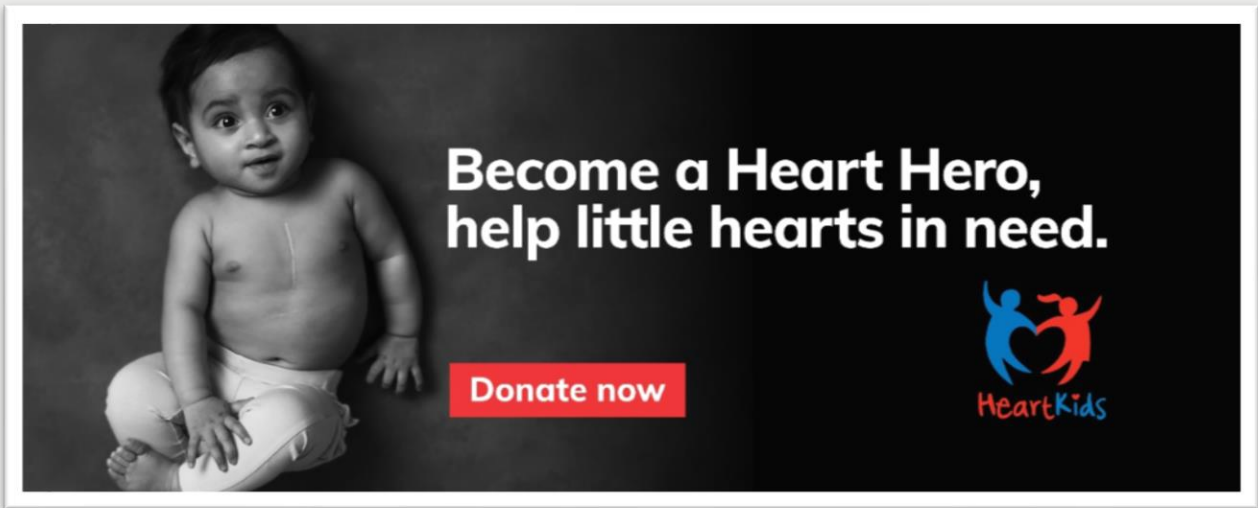
The Heart Foundation's Big Heart Appeal aims to help to fund vital research that saves the lives of everyday Australians affected by heart disease.



This year about 180 Heart Foundation-funded researchers are working towards a world free of heart disease.

An example is “**Improving assessment of cardiovascular risk in children and young adults**”. In the KidCoreBP study conducted at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Dr Jonathan Mynard is developing a novel technology allowing non-invasive measurement of central pressure in children for the first time.

Dr Mynard is also developing a clinical ultrasound, MRI and central pressure analysis software package to enable widespread application of state-of-the-art assessments of heart-arterial interactions for the first time.



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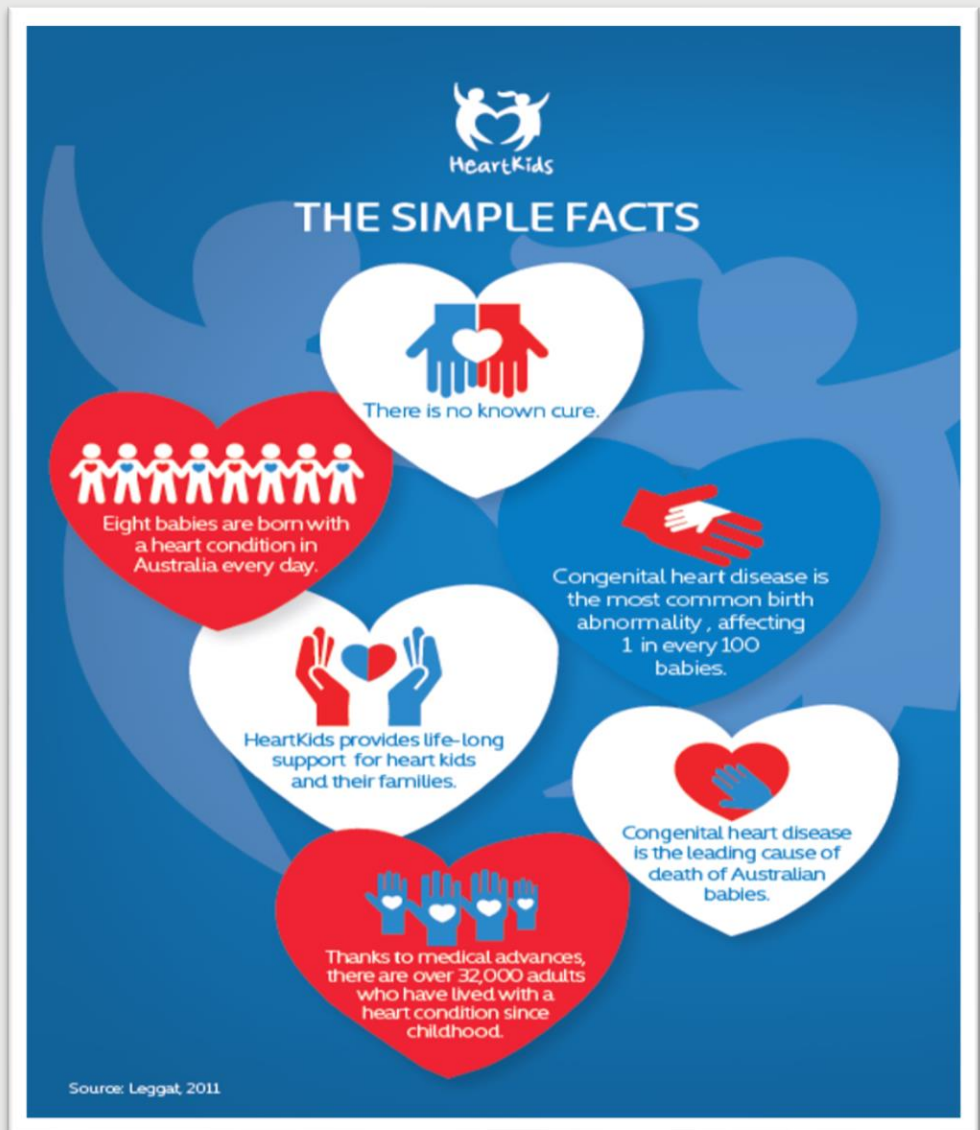
HeartKids is the compass to help navigate the lifetime journey of the 64,000 Australian children, teens and adults affected by congenital heart disease (present at birth). The aim is to help them –and their families – to lead the most fulfilling life possible and to reach their personal goals.

Heartkids is the voice for all people impacted by congenital heart disease – the largest cause of infant death in Australia.

Their work is focused on the four pillars of Advocacy, Information, Research and Support.

More information:

[Heart Kids Fact Sheets](#)



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