



## We've been awarded Charity of the Year 2017!

In case you missed it, FSHD Global Research Foundation has been recognised as Charity of the Year in The Australian Charity Awards 2017. This is fabulous news and we are thrilled and honoured to be recognised for our "exceptional work undertaken through charitable initiatives".

This award recognises our innovation, transparency and commitment to funding world's best medical research and education of FSH muscular dystrophy on a global scale. In addition, it's an acknowledgement of our amazing staff and volunteers who have helped get us to where we are today, and also our incredible network of partners and supporters who have generously given their time, skills and donations to drive us towards finding a cure for this debilitating disease.

Read more about the Award here and to hear our Chair Bill Moss AO's engaging radio interview with Alan Jones on 2GB [click here](#).

For us, winning Australian Charity of the Year is the start of an exciting new era which gives us a platform to boost our public profile and open conversations with new partners and supporters who wish to work with a charity committed to innovation, good governance and transparency.

If you know someone who may be interested to partner with us, please contact the Foundation!

If you are a proud supporter of the Foundation and wish to share this exciting news, we welcome you to download our Supporter Banner which you can proudly display on your website, emails or social media accounts.

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## Celebrating our new CEO - Welcome Kate Ross

Winning Australian Charity of the Year has driven us to set new benchmarks and expectations, and in doing so has led to a changing of the guard, welcoming Kate Ross as our new CEO.

Having had a successful career at the Royal Agriculture Society of NSW and The Smith Family, she is a highly motivated and dedicated not for profit leader and fundraising professional looking to transfer her skills and energy to an organisation with big goals and dreams.



We are excited to welcome Kate to the FSHD Global family and encourage you to reach out to [kate@fshdglobal.org](mailto:kate@fshdglobal.org) as she settles in.

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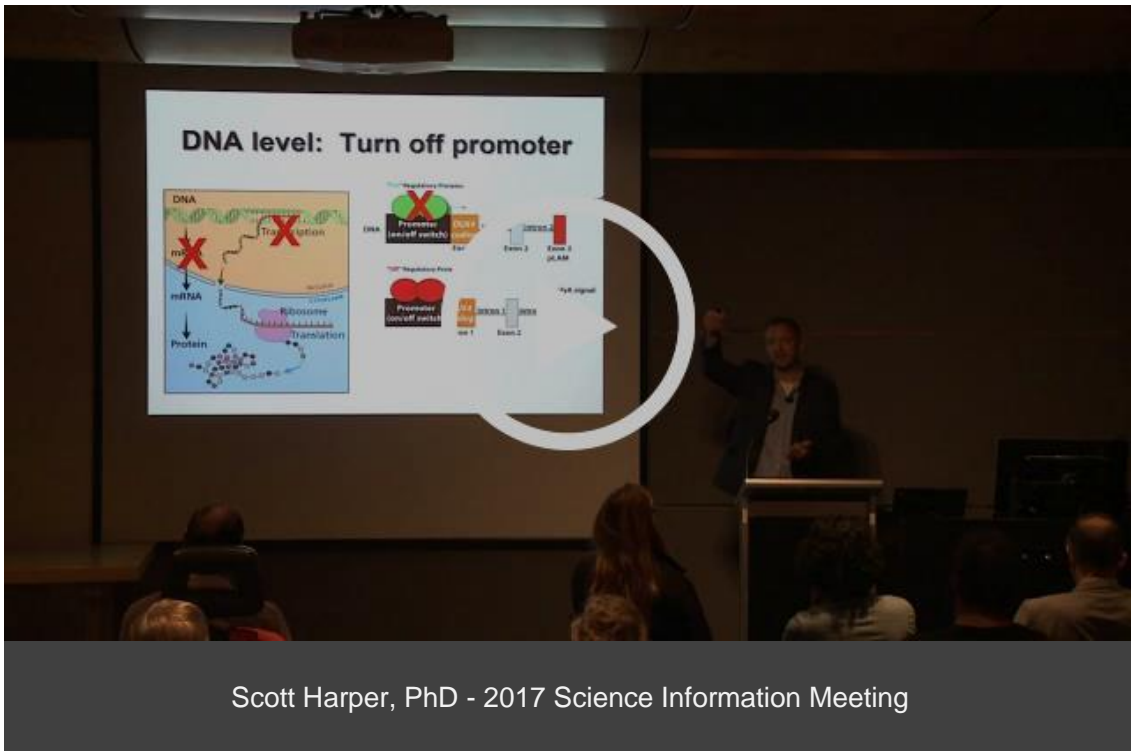
## Science Week: a success

The Foundation prides itself on advancing global medical research and medical education. In doing so each year during 'Science Week' we welcome eminent scientists, clinicians and researchers from around the world to visit Australian research institutes and members of our FSHD community to share their exciting research updates and advancements.

This year's Science Week was exceptional, as we toured Dr Scott Harper from Ohio, USA and our very own Dr Paul Gregoravic, across New Zealand and Australia visiting Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Each State presented a local guest speaker who inspired us with their latest research findings.

Once again, Science Week was a great event that brought together members of our community, united by the message of hope, highlighting the urge and drive for treatments and a cure.

If you missed out on Science Week, you can watch Dr Scott Harper's presentation below.



Scott Harper, PhD - 2017 Science Information Meeting

## Golfers get swinging to raise funds for FSHD

The Foundation held its 9th Annual FSHD Global Golf Tournament on Friday, 13th of October, at St. Michael's Golf Club. It may have been Black Friday, and what a day it was! The sun was shining, golf clubs were swinging, and donations flowing with more than \$26K raised on the day.

The golfers enjoyed games along the green, a live fundraising auction and a luncheon emceed by Adam Thompson with guest appearances from NRL legend George Rose, and Chairman Bill Moss AO.

Whilst the competition was hot, it was Wyndham Vacation Resorts Asia Pacific who took home bragging rights as the Tournament champions.

A huge thank you to our fabulous volunteers and corporate sponsors, who made the day possible.







View the full album [here](#).

