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WELCOME

In the last 40 years thanks to the research funded by CLCRF into childhood cancer, there has been a drastic increase in survival rates.



DONATE NOW THROUGH FACEBOOK THANKS TO PAYPAL GIVING FUND

We are pleased to announce that CLCRF have recently joined the PayPal Giving Fund, allowing our supporters to easily make donations through Facebook. The PayPal Giving Fund also gives our supporters the ability to use Facebook to set up their own fundraisers in support of CLCRF or any other charity of their choice.

This new service allows for secure online donations and there are no fees for organisations or individual donors, meaning 100% of the funds are distributed directly to the intended charity or not-for-profit organisation.

Innovations like this are important to help not-for-profit organisations survive in our increasingly cashless and mobile society.

"The way Australians are supporting their chosen charities is changing." Says Elaine Herlihy, Director of the PayPal Giving

Fund in Australia. "Charities in Australia need to embrace the opportunity that digital and online donations present."

CLCRF supports PayPal and Facebook's commitment to enable greater charitable giving and we are happy to be able to give our supporters an easily-accessible and uncomplicated way to fundraise.

If you would like to use the PayPal Giving Fund to raise funds for important research into childhood cancers, it's very easy to do so. Simply click on the "create" button on the top of your Facebook page, then select the "Fundraiser" option. When

asked what charity to donate to, simply search "Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation" and you will see our account!



CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

We are well and truly into the 2019 year and quite frankly, like everyone else, I am not sure where the time has gone.

The Foundation continues to be supported by the many generous companies, groups and individuals who choose to hold events or participate in community activities to raise funds for child cancer research. We are indebted to you all and share a small snapshot of some of the innovative ideas in this edition of our Foundation Update.

On the research side, we congratulate Dr Rishi Kotecha and his team on their recent publication. Important research projects like this would not be possible without the continued support and funding from CLCRF and the Foundation could not do this without you.

In June this year we are having our annual Quiz Night and our board would be very honoured if you would join us on the 15th at Lathlain Function centre for a night of fun, great family entertainment and most importantly fundraising, with our amazing auction items. Please book your tables now.

Geoff Cattach, AM
Chairman



CORPORATE SUPPORT

CLCRF Receives Generous Donations from MSP Engineering and AGC



Recently, CLCRF received a generous donation of \$12,000 from MSP Engineering and AGC AusGroup Company. This was made possible through an incentive scheme run late last year called the Six Week Crunch.

The Six Week Crunch was designed as a way for both companies to keep on track during the busy pre-Christmas period and was run at the CGP2 project for Talison Lithium in Greenbushes.

AGC's site employees chose CLCRF as the recipient of their donation as a way to do their bit to help children battling cancer.

The Six Week Crunch was successfully completed with all targets met safely, meaning both companies were each able to contribute a \$6,000 donation.

"This opportunity brought meaning to work beyond just a normal day," said

Peter Davis, AGC's Project Manager for CGP2. "We had the ability to contribute beyond that and give real meaning by making an impact on people's lives."

**"...IT'S A WAY OF
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THAN THEMSELVES.."**

Andrew Rowe, the CEO of MSP Engineering, said: "We find an initiative like this to be very empowering. It's a way of mobilising the guys and helping them to do something that's bigger than themselves and the project."

Ambassador Georgia Lowry and CEO Andrea Alexander were there to accept the cheque on behalf of the CLCRF and speak about how

much these initiatives mean to the Foundation.

Corporate donations like this are so important for helping the Foundation continue the ground-breaking research into childhood cancers. As a great way to boost employee morale and give back to the community, it's something all organisations should consider.

CLCRF would like to sincerely thank both MSP Engineering and AGC and all the employees who made this generous donation possible.

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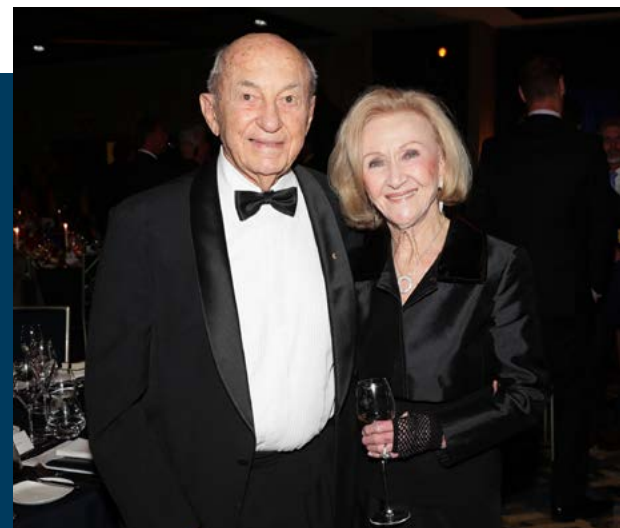
Andrew Rowe, CEO of MSP Engineering with Daniel Kennedy, COO of AGC and Peter Davis AGC Project Manager present \$12,000 cheque to CLCRF Young Ambassador Georgia Lowry and CEO Andrea Alexander.

Vale Stan Perron (2/11/1922 – 23/11/2018)

Remembering WA's Generous Philanthropist Mr Stan Perron

On Friday morning, 23 November 2018, 96-year-old Mr Stan Perron passed away at his home, survived by wife Jean, three children and seven grandchildren.

The Foundation was saddened to learn of Mr Stan Perron's passing. The Stan Perron Charitable Foundation Ltd have been loyal and strong supporters of CLCRF since 1999. On behalf of the Foundation Board, it's members and supporters, we would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Perron family.



CLCRF QUIZ NIGHT 2019

After having huge success last year and raising over \$16,000, we are excited to be hosting another Quiz Night on Saturday 15 June to Keep the Flame Alive for child cancer research!

There will be plenty of fun to be had with great raffles, a door prize, a silent auction and countless other games and prizes! So why not grab a bunch of your brainiest mates for a fun night out for an excellent cause. All monies raised will go towards the important research into childhood cancer funded by CLCRF.

Tables of 10 are available for \$250 (\$25 per person). The event is expected to sell out so don't wait too long to get your tickets!

Tickets:  clcrfquiznight.com

When: 6:30pm - Saturday 15 June

Location: Perth Football Club - Lathlain Function Centre (upstairs), Goddard Street, Lathlain WA 6100

Dress: Why not pick a theme for your table and dress up for the occasion? We may even have a prize for the best dressed table!

Food & Drink: BYO snacks for your table - alcohol must be purchased from the venue. No BYO alcohol.



CLCRF Annual General Meeting 2018

On the 5th of December at the Wembley Golf Course, Foundation members and invited guests attended the 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation.

Geoff Cattach, AM, Chairman, and Andrea Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, each gave their reports on the Foundation's operations during 2017/2018 year. Geoff proudly reported that the Foundation managed to maintain and in some instances increase research funding, even with the challenges that today's economy has had on community and corporate support.

The AGM was a great opportunity to address the Foundation's transition to a Million Dollar Partner of Telethon. "With the additional \$500K triggered by our partnership with Telethon, we have been able to expand our research endeavours to continue paediatric brain cancer research as well as a new funding for paediatric sarcoma research" said Geoff.

Dr Rishi Kotecha was also at the 2018 AGM to update the Foundation members and guests about the important research that is being funded by the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation at the Telethon Kids Institute. Rishi explained his current studies into a key new drug, Blinatumomab, and whether it can be safely used to treat infants with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.



The AGM was followed by the customary CLCRF Christmas Cocktail Party, where members and invited guests enjoyed light refreshments overlooking the picturesque golf course and lake.



Keep the Flame Alive

QUIZ



Night for CLCRF

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6:30PM SATURDAY
15 JUNE 2019



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\$25 PER HEAD



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Perth Football Club

Lathlain Function Room

Goddard Street, Lathlain WA 6100



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Leukaemia & Cancer Research
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PUBLISHED

Dr Rishi and his team get published

▼ Dr Rishi Kotecha

The Foundation received some excellent news earlier this year that a manuscript from Dr Rishi Kotecha and his research team at the Telethon Kids Institute has been provisionally accepted for publication in a high impact journal.

The manuscript is being published in *Haematologica*, a journal for the broad field of haematology that reports on novel important findings in basic, clinical and translational research.

The manuscript came about from the team's research project funded by CLCRF to identify novel therapeutic approaches for patients with high-risk infant leukaemia.

The team has screened many new drugs and the manuscript focuses on how a particular drug, called Romidepsin, has shown benefits in pre-clinical models of infant leukaemia.

Being published in a high impact journal is important for scientists as it allows the dissemination of information discovered in the laboratory to the broader public of other scientists and other clinicians.

"Without this information being shared, it won't be translated to the clinical setting. If everyone's aware of the information that you discover, then they can translate it to have a direct effect on the patients with cancer," Rishi says.

Important research projects like this would not be possible without the continued support and funding from CLCRF. "Without the support of CLCRF, our program would not exist essentially," Rishi says. "Without the support that we get, we just wouldn't be able to conduct the research we're doing today."

The Foundation would like to commend Rishi and his team for this excellent achievement. We look forward to continue funding the research project and learning more about their developments in infant leukaemia research.



MORE INFO



childcancerresearch.com.au/2019/03/13/dr-rishi-gets-published/



"New therapeutic opportunities from dissecting the pre-B leukemia bone marrow microenvironment"

Laurence C. Cheung, Jennifer Tickner, Anastasia M. Hughes, Patrycja Skut, Meegan Howlett, Bree Foley, Joyce Oommen, Julia E. Wells, Bo He, Sajja Singh, Grace-Alyssa Chua, Jette Ford, Charles G. Mullighan, Rishi S. Kotecha & Ursula R. Kees



Dr Rishi Kotecha on the Today show.



The CLCRF is proud to fund key ground-breaking research in leukaemia and looks forward to further exciting developments. If you would like to give towards child cancer research please donate at our website: childcancerresearch.com.au

BUILDING EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS

We are thrilled to acknowledge the recipients of the Building Excellence in Research Travel Grants - Anastasia Hughes and Anthony Buzzai. These worthy recipients have each received a \$5000 grant from CLCRF, which has allowed them to attend important conferences to advance their respective research.

Anastasia Hughes, PhD student in the Leukaemia and Cancer Genetics team at the Telethon Kids Institute (TKI), received a grant to attend the 3rd Scientific Workshop on Tumour Microenvironment in the Haematological Malignancies and its Therapeutic Targeting in London from the 24th to the 26th of February.

This workshop is designed to promote scientific interaction between participants from all over the world and aims to present strategies to target haematological cancers in their tumour microenvironment. Anastasia will be attending this significant workshop with Dr Laurence Cheung, Senior Research Officer of Leukaemia and Cancer Genetics at TKI. Laurence will be using his CLCRF travel allowance from the Block Grant for this excellent opportunity.

Anthony Buzzai, PhD Candidate in the Cancer Immunology Unit at TKI, will be using his grant to attend the Keystone Symposia Cancer Metastasis: The Role of Metabolism, Immunity and the Microenvironment in Florence from the 15th to 19th of March. This conference brings together biologists and immunologists who have a common interest in how cellular metabolism influences cell function and it encourages new collaborations between researchers to advance their knowledge.

It is important for the Foundation to continue funding these travel grants in order to provide young researchers with the chance to advance their research. We look forward to hearing more about the excellent opportunity these travel grants have afforded Anastasia and Anthony and we wish them both a safe and successful trip.



Presenting Kai's Big GOLD Ball 2019

Raising funds for The Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation



Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

31st August 2019

Pre-drinks 6.30pm | 7pm until midnight | Dress: Black Tie

After achieving huge success last year, the 2nd annual Kai's Big Gold Ball will be held on Saturday 31 August 2019 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The ball was created in honour of Kai Nell, a brave little boy who lost his battle with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in January of 2017. The first annual Kai's Big Gold Ball raised over \$35,000 for the Cancer Council WA. At this year's ball, all funds raised will be supporting CLCRF to fund research into childhood cancers.

Kai's family, or #teamkai, came up with the idea of the Big Gold Ball as a way to make Kai's short life make a difference. By using his memory to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer research, #teamkai are bringing hope to children and families who are fighting the same battle.

Guests of Kai's Big Gold Ball will enjoy a delicious three-course meal, drinks and entertainment. Pre drinks start from 6:30pm with the event kicking off at 7pm until midnight. It's guaranteed to be an unbelievably fun night and we can't think of a better excuse to get dressed up and go out with a group of friends!

For more information and to buy tickets to the ball, head to:



bit.ly/BigGoldBall2019

FRIENDS OF FINLAY SLEEPING BAGS FOR SALE



With so much more awareness and many more funds still to be raised for Hepatoblastoma, the Friends of Finlay Camp Out project is far from over. We're now inviting you to host your very own family camp out at home with our Friends of Finlay sleeping bags!

Our limited edition Friends of Finlay sleeping bags are available to purchase online, with all funds going towards continuing the important research into childhood cancer at CLCRF.

These sleeping bags are custom-made and can comfortably fit children under 140cm in

height. Get your children one of these warm and cosy sleeping bags and they won't want to sleep anywhere else!

Sleeping bags can be either collected from the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation office or we can post it to you for an additional postage fee.

Find out more and purchase your limited edition sleeping bag today:



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NEWS

OFFSHORE WORKFORCE DONATES

CLCRF Receives Generous Donation from
the Greater Enfield Development Project



The Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation (CLCRF) was delighted to receive two donations totalling \$11,081.36 from the Greater Enfield Development Project. The project set up an HSE Incentive scheme for the offshore construction and installation of vessels Located 60 km off Exmouth, WA.

The aim of the incentive scheme was to achieve "Zero Lost Time Incident" during construction & installation which involves the elimination of loss-producing events that result in an injury, property damage, or a lost work day. This outcome was successfully achieved.

The offshore workforce was asked to identify 5 worthwhile charities that they have heard of or had personal experiences with. CLCRF was one of five charities selected and approved by the TechnipFMC Compliance Team to receive a donation. The presentation of the donations took place on Friday 7 December at the TechnipFMC Office in West Perth.

CLCRF would like to thank the Greater Enfield Development Project for their generous donation.





SOUTH WEST BIKE TREK

📍 \$36,376 Raised

Kicking, or pedalling, off on Sunday 7 October was the annual Southwest Bike Trek. The bike trek started at Mueller Park in Subiaco and finished in Augusta on Saturday the 13th of October.

The trek was organised by Foundation member, Eric Maddock, with the help of Lions and Rotary Clubs.

12 riders took part in the 600km bike ride, raising a Total of \$36,376 to help fund important research into childhood cancers. This brings the total funds raised over the past 16 years close to \$700,000!

Riders rode through the wonderful southwest towns of Fairbridge, Harvey, Bunbury, Busselton, Margaret River and Augusta.

Participating in the bike ride this time was Katelyn Lush, Executive Assistant of CLCRF. Katelyn diligently trained for several months with the help of Eric, who she thanks for taking the time to make sure she was prepared.

"In the beginning I never thought I'd be able to actually do it and travel the entire distance but I am beyond ecstatic and overwhelmed to have reached the end with a fantastic bunch of riders and support crew." Katelyn says. "You can do anything if you set your mind to it, I did!"

The riders were fortunate enough to enjoy lovely weather throughout the trek. "7 days on the bike and we only had a tiny bit of rain, which for a first time trekker, was very much appreciated." Katelyn says.

The team were overwhelmed by the amount of support they received from local communities of WA's South West during the trek, who deserve acknowledgement.

"The support from all the Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Binningup Senior Citizens, Business & Professional Women - Harvey, Fairbridge Village, Camp Grace, Eaton Scout Camp, Mooba Coffee, Jarra Infusions, The Beach Shack Cafe and Swings Kitchen made sure that everyone slept well and no rider went hungry.

It would also be remiss of me not to thank Bunbury Toyota for providing a support vehicle and PEACH for their funding of lights, first aid kit and signs." Says Eric.

It was also great to see local schools getting involved, including St Joseph's School in Waroona and Harvey Primary school who brought 65 kids and the principal for a bit of fresh air and exercise.

The Foundation would like to commend the efforts of all who participated in the Southwest Bike Trek and we look forward to another successful bike ride in 2019!

*To register your interest for the
2019 South West Bike Trek email Eric
at swbiketrek@gmail.com*



FRIENDS OF FINLAY CAMP OUT 2018

The second Friends of Finlay Camp Out was held on Saturday 27 October. This was a fun-filled community event that saw over 300 people camp out under the stars at Lathlain Oval for a great cause.

The Camp Out was a fantastic experience for the whole family that not only helped to raise funds for CLCRF but also awareness for Hepatoblastoma, a rare form of childhood cancer.

Five-year-old Finally Higgs, our fair-haired-hero, was the star of the Camp Out, filled with excitement from everyone who attended to camp with him and his family.

At just 18 months old, Finlay was diagnosed with Hepatoblastoma and sadly missed out on the fun activities that other children his age have enjoyed, including his favourite activity of camping. This is why the Camp Out event was created, in order to honour children like Finlay who may have missed out on a lot of outdoor fun while undergoing treatment.

The Camp Out kicked off at 2:00pm, with families arriving to set up their tents. The kids then enjoyed a day full of fun games, a bouncy castle, face-painting and footy drills with the Perth Demons Football Club.


At 5:30pm, a BBQ dinner was served and the campers kicked back to enjoy live music from the talented Sally Jane and Double Shots. The lights were out at 10pm so that those that who weren't still wide awake with excitement could get some sleep. The next morning, families were able

to use the BBQs to cook breakfast before beginning the camp pack up at 7:30am.

"There was so much interaction, communication, smiling, laughing, occasional bickering and team work happening within each group and they were really all present in the moment, together." Says Katey Higgs, Finlay's mum. "Which is what the whole philosophy behind our event was about. It meant a lot and was special to witness that they were there making memories, building connections whilst also supporting a very important cause."

Katey says she is extremely thankful for everyone who supported the cause and attended the Camp Out. "It was such a special afternoon, evening, night and morning and we feel incredibly special and grateful to you all that we were able to bring to life this unique event for the second time."

All proceeds made from the Camp Out went towards the research into childhood cancer at CLCRF. We are thrilled to report that \$14,653 was raised for the Foundation. We would like to thank the Higgs family and everyone who camped out to support the amazing cause.

 **\$14,653 Raised**



FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP



NAMBUNG COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

In October 2018, the Nambung Country Music Muster was held at Nambung Station. The music festival saw 1,200 country music fans enjoying 4 days of entertainment around the historic Nambung Station shearing shed, 200 kilometres north of Perth.

Headlining the festival were the talented Pete Denahy, Sharon Heaslip, Dianne Lindsay and Peter Simpson. The festival celebrated all things country, with guests also enjoying old-time dancing, food trucks and the popular Bush Poets Breakfast.

The Nambung Country Music Muster supports local groups and a large proportion of the proceeds go to several different charities. The festival was able to raise \$2000 for CLCRF which will go towards the vital research into childhood cancer.

CLCRF thanks the Nambung Country Music Muster for their kind donation and we wish them continued success for this year's festival.

 **\$2,000 Raised**



CANNINGTON STUDENTS DONATE THEIR OLD MOBILE PHONES

In September 2018, students at the Cannington Community Education Support Centre generously donated their old mobile phones to CLCRF as part of their community engagement and responsibility activities. The students managed to accumulate 29 mobile phones, which they personally dropped off to the CLCRF office.

Not only is recycling old mobile phones environmentally and socially responsible but by donating them to CLCRF, the students have helped to support essential research into childhood cancers. This initiative is made possible through the Aussie Recycling Program (ARP), who donate funds to the Foundation in exchange for receiving old mobile phones.

Mobile phone donations contribute to the optimum recycling solution of re-use, as the recycled phones are either refurbished or sent for material recycling, where materials can be recovered and put back into productive use. This follows the ARP's environmentally conscious policy to guarantee zero landfill.

CLCRF would like to thank the students of Cannington Community Education Centre for their kind donations and for helping to raise awareness for the Foundation.





UNSW MEDSHOW

Every year, The University of New South Wales (UNSW) medical students put on an amazing, charity-driven production that showcases their skills in acting, dancing, singing, music and tech production.

UNSW donates all proceeds from their production to a selected charity each year and in 2018 all profits were proudly donated to CLCRF.

UNSW's MedShow started in the year 2000, with the annual productions having traditionally been an original script exploring the lives of medical students and doctors.

Last year's MedShow, titled *She's the Mandible*, centred around an aspiring orthopaedic surgeon, Jessie who is rejected from the Bones R' Us Hospital for Orthopaedics and Erectile Dysfunction on the basis of being a woman.

She's the Mandible had three shows in October 2018 and was a huge success. We are thrilled to report that UNSW were able to raise a generous \$5,800 for CLCRF.

We would like to thank the UNSW for choosing to support CLCRF and the Foundation's important research into childhood cancer.



💖 \$5,800 Raised



SMOCKING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

There's nothing quite like a rewarding, fun and enjoyable hobby that takes your mind off the stresses of day-to-day life.

Whilst the majority of us may join the local sports team or take part in volunteering projects, CLCRF supporter Anne Chua's hobby stems from her passion of smocking and sewing dresses for toddlers and young girls. Anne has utilised her hobby to not only keep herself and her little customers happy but also as a way to generously help raise money for the Foundation.

All proceeds raised from Anne's beautiful smock dresses go directly towards CLCRF's life-saving research into childhood cancers.

For those who may not be aware, smocking is an embroidery technique used to gather fabric so that it can stretch. Smocked dresses are popular among young girls and are high quality, timeless and can be used for formal or casual occasions.

Anne has so far raised over \$700 and says she will continue to donate the proceeds of her smock dress hobby to CLCRF.

CLCRF would like to thank Anne for her generous donation and her ongoing efforts to raise funds for the Foundation.

💖 \$700 Raised



THE KARALEE ON PRESTON CHRISTMAS APPEAL

What would a Christmas tree be without a few baubles sprinkled throughout it?

CLCRF's Christmas Appeal took the humble ornament to the next level, teaming up with The Karalee on Preston in a unique incentive for patrons to donate.

Visitors to the venue could purchase a Bauble over the bar for any donation amount they choose and then place it on the beautiful Christmas tree.

Donors filled in their details on the back and CLCRF collected the Baubles and sent receipts out at the end of the Christmas period. It was that simple! The Karalee on Preston opened in 1975 and recently won the WA's Best Casual Dining Pub 2018 award.

CLCRF would like to thank the venue for their support of the 2018 Christmas Appeal raising \$467.



💖 \$467 Raised

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JOHN'S JOURNEY

John Buchanan left Bedfordale on 1st June 2018 on a self-funded trip to travel anticlockwise around Australia on a vintage Yamaha XS650 motorbike raising money for CLCRF, stopping at Woolworth supermarkets in all states, rattling a CLCRF donation tin. John's wife, Carol, travelled in a support vehicle which was donated by their son Scott, comprising of a Toyota Landcruiser with a camper on the back.

People around Australia were very generous and donated cash from their pockets and purses as they left the supermarket's. John heard many stories of families affected by cancer and it was a great comfort for them to know that advances are being made in research to help with the treatment of these diseases. John arrived safely back home in Bedfordale on 20 July.

John would like to thank all the local businesses, family and friends who donated and supported him in his trip through his Everyday Hero Page.

As at the 07/05/19 John has raised \$17,404 !!

Footnote: The Foundation wishes to thank John, Carol and everyone that supported John's journey – this is an amazing result not only in funds raised but in the awareness of the cause.

\$17,404 Raised

RAISING CRUCIAL FUNDS IN MEMORY OF THREE BRAVE BOYS

DHS STAFF JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD CANCER

A father whose five year old son died from brain cancer has pledged to work tirelessly to raise money for childhood cancer research to help other families fighting for their children's lives.

Department of Human Services Social Work Support Manager, Jon Wannberg's son Ricky died in 1996.


"My boy was one of three from separate families who passed away from brain cancer within a month of each other – they were really good friends," said Jon.

His colleagues at the Morley Service Centre in Western Australia have been quick to support him. Jon and the team's latest fundraising effort saw him shave his head

and much loved facial hair, generating more than \$1000.

The families have established the 3 Boys Legacy (3BL), a brain cancer research project administered by the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation (CLCRF).

Fundraising efforts by 3BL and CLCRF have raised much needed money for equipment and research, which has greatly helped the team at the Telethon Kids Institute for Child Health Research.

 **\$1,145 Raised**

"I'm always looking for an opportunity to raise funds for children's cancer research, whether it's running a marathon in England or Sweden, or having my beard and head shaved clean here in the Morley Service Centre," Jon said.

CLCRF Executive Officer Wendy Kearns said the quest to find cures for childhood cancer is one of medicine's greatest success stories.

"Fifty years ago only two percent of children with cancer survived and medical research alone has improved overall survival rates to 80 percent," Wendy said.

"However with childhood cancer still the leading cause of death from disease in Australian children, there is more work to be done.

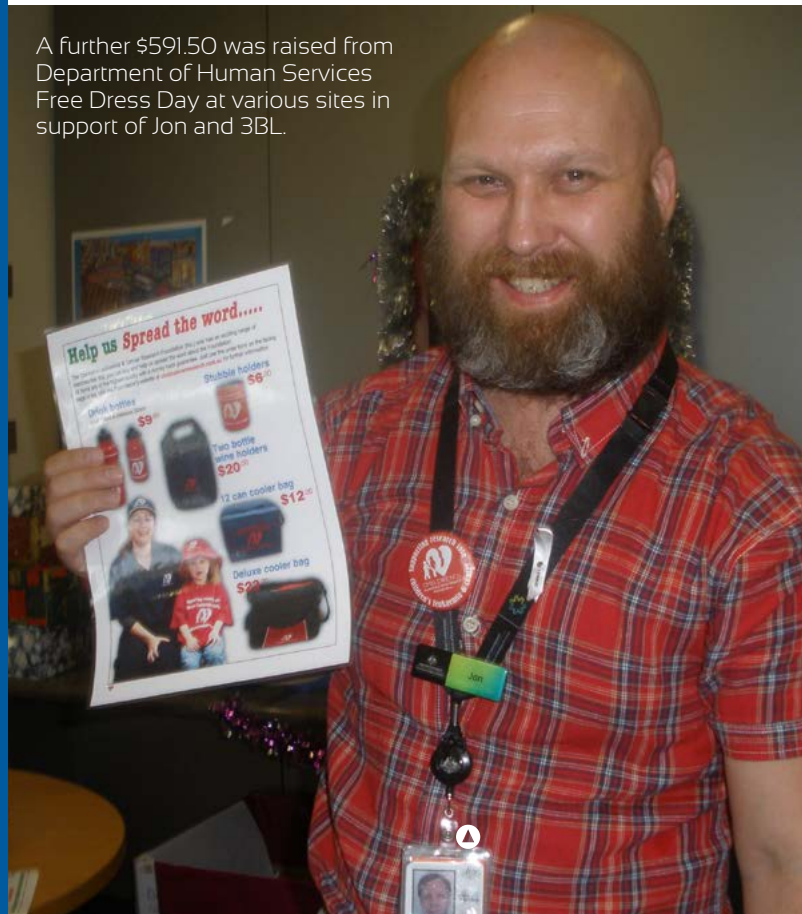
"There are still particular childhood cancers, such as brain tumours and neuroblastoma, with survival rates as low as 50 percent."

Jon said he is thrilled and humbled by his colleagues at the Department of Human Services who always support his fundraising efforts. "This shows how committed department staff are – they genuinely care about people who need assistance and help wherever they can.

"Reducing the number of kids we lose to cancer is really important, not just to me but for so many other families."

SOURCE: MEDIA HUB > DEPT HUMAN SERVICES 5 APRIL 2019

A further \$591.50 was raised from Department of Human Services Free Dress Day at various sites in support of Jon and 3BL.



I'M THERE FOR YOU

9-year-old Ruben Shaves His Head to Support his Friend with Leukaemia

Ruben, from NSW, learnt that his friend was being bullied for having no hair – caused by her leukaemia treatment.

Devastated by what was going on, Ruben offered his support in one of the most heart-warming ways possible – to don the clippers and shave his own head!



This was a big step for Ruben who previously avoided haircuts and was proud of his long, curly cut.

The shave took place a few weeks before Christmas and Ruben sent the photos and videos to his friend in a show of support. Ruben's dad, Paul, worked as an Oncology nurse and in the palliative care sector – and has raised his son to show compassion to those who are struggling with their health. Paul said that's not the only reason Ruben decided to shave off his hair.

"Ruben decided to shave his hair in mid-December and really wanted to do it for Christmas," said Paul.

"Christmas is a hard time for families that are suffering from cancer with all the hospital visits, so he wanted to show his support during those hard times."

Ruben was also inspired by Bolt – his Golden Retriever crossed with a Labrador – who recovered from his own battle with cancer after surgery was performed to remove a tumour on his left side.

"I'm doing this to support all people with leukaemia. I'm going to shave my hair and wait until my hair grows back to support them and feel what it's like," said Ruben.

"I've heard (leukaemia) is terrible and I want to support them. I'm sorry if you have it."

CLCRF would like to thank Ruben and his dad Paul for supporting children battling leukaemia.



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