



# FOUNDATION UPDATE

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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.

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



I would like to start my letter by saying that I hope you, and those closest to you, are well and safe. 2020 was an unusual year, and one that we will never forget. COVID-19 has been hard on businesses and organisations like ours, but it has also been tough on individuals and families.

I admire the generosity that our supporters have continued to show amid the uncertainty. The world may have stopped for a bit, but cancer certainly hasn't. I am so grateful to see so many people still donating to the cause and coming together for the common purpose of funding vital childhood cancer research. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Despite the disturbance of COVID-19, I was pleased we were still able to celebrate CLCRF's 40th Anniversary last December. It was a fantastic evening where we were able to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the Foundation and those who took up the challenge to raise funds for this cause so many years ago.

It was great to see so many long-time supporters and past committee members join us in celebrating. The night was a great reminder of what we have been able to achieve in the past 40 years, and the successes we have seen in the research we fund.

Looking ahead, I have confidence in the future of CLCRF. We have some exciting campaigns and events in store for our supporters this year, so be sure to follow our social media channels and sign up to our digital newsletter to stay up to date.

As we stay focussed on our commitment to see a cancer-free future for children, the Foundation hopes to harness our existing relationships, while also building and celebrating new ones. We look forward to what we hope will be a prosperous year.

Geoff Cattach, AM  
Chairman

**FRONT COVER IMAGE:**  
Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM  
Director of Telethon Kids Institute



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## CLCRF RIDE WITH BJR

Last October, we were honoured to be a part of the Brad Jones Racing (BJR) team at the Bathurst 1000. Our logo was featured on the B-Pillar of Nick Percat and Thomas Randle's Supercar to raise awareness for the Foundation and childhood cancer research.

CLCRF is close to both team owners, Brad and Kim Jones, hearts and we are so grateful for their support at what is widely regarded as the most important motorsport event in Australia.

"We're so proud to be able to support such a special charity for the Supercars season finale," said Kim Jones. "Cancer is a horrible illness and unfortunately, in this day and age, everyone in some way has been affected by this disease. It's been a

tough year for everyone so hopefully we can help raise some awareness and help research continue so one day children can have a cancer-free life."

BJR is the only non-metro V8 Supercar Championship team, based three hours north of Melbourne in the NSW regional town of Albury. The team was created by the Jones brothers and embodies the Aussie spirit of mateship and hard work. Justin Bruce, CLCRF Board Member, is thankful to BJR as he understands firsthand just how devastating childhood leukaemia can be. "Funding research is very important to me as I was diagnosed with leukaemia as a child aged four," said Justin.

"During this time the survival rates were less than 20% with very little to no



research done in WA. Although cured at age eight, the cancer treatments of the day have had long term effects on me."

"Having the valued support from Brad Jones Racing is an incredible opportunity for the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation to raise awareness and funds for much needed research so the children of today do not need to suffer what I did," expressed Justin.

A big thank you to BJR for taking CLCRF along for the ride at this very exciting event!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Hello to you, a member of our wonderful CLCRF Family. I will be sharing my insights about the Foundation and our goals for each year on a more regular basis. This year the Foundation is focused on "Celebrating Relationships". I know you will continue to be part of the journey that has led to us celebrating our 40th year.

So much has happened in the last 12 months, what with the COVID-19 pandemic, and lock downs around Australia. I hope that you and your loved ones have been able to stay safe and healthy.

We expect that things will get back to 'normal' this year and as such have already booked our 2021 Quiz Night for 12 June 2021. Following that confidence, we are organising our Family Night Out for November 6, so make sure you save the date. We are so excited about the Family Night Out as we have a very special guest coming over from the east coast to perform

especially for us!! Both events will follow all COVID-19 government health plans.

It is important to us that we know how you want us to connect with you and we will be sending out a survey soon to ask you a few questions about this – so that we get it right for YOU.

Thanks to all those people who have been able to continue their support of our cause during the past 12 months. We can't fund the valuable research without you, if you can think of any other ways you'd like to support us please reach out to any one of the team we have here. They are always ready to help.

Andrea Alexander  
Chief Executive Officer

# INTERNATIONAL TRIAL

to improve outcomes for infants with leukaemia



Acclaimed paediatric oncologist and researcher at the Telethon Kids Institute Cancer Centre, Dr Rishi S. Kotecha, was recently involved in an international phase 3 randomised clinical trial aimed to improve outcomes for infants with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL).

Dr Kotecha was the principal investigator for Australia and New Zealand on the trial called Interfant-06. The trial tested whether more intensified chemotherapy treatment is superior to the standard lymphoid chemotherapy that has been used to treat infants for many years. The more intensified treatment was based on therapy used to treat acute myeloid leukaemia (AML). The patients enrolled were infants diagnosed with ALL at less than one year of age. The clinical trial ran for approximately 10 years and 651 patients were recruited.

The trial concluded that the more intensified, myeloid-type chemotherapy treatment did not significantly improve the outcome for infant ALL compared to the

standard lymphoid-type treatment. The 6-year disease-free survival rate for the intensified treatment was 39.3%, whereas, for the standard treatment it was 36.8%.

Out of the total 651 infants included in the trial, there was a 6-year event-free survival rate of 46.1% and a 6-year overall survival rate of 58.2%. “So, we still continue to have really bad outcomes for these patients,” said Dr Kotecha.

“What this shows to me is that giving babies more intensive chemotherapy is not going to improve their outcomes. We need to find new drugs rather than increasing the intensity of traditional chemotherapy. We need to use something new – like molecularly-targeted therapy and immunotherapeutic approaches, to improve outcome without increasing toxicity.”

As the Interfant-06 study showed, it can sometimes take up to 10 years to complete one clinical trial. This is why it is so important that CLCRF continue to support the research being done so that scientists can find the right drug to take into trial next. “If we just pick a drug out of nowhere, without pre-clinical evidence, you could waste 10 years of potential progress,” said Dr Kotecha.

“What we do in our laboratory is test new drugs – whether they’re immunotherapies or targeted therapies – and we’re doing testing in our pre-clinical models to try and work out which ones might be the best to take into clinical trials.”

Even though the Interfant-06 trial showed no real difference between the two types of treatments, it can still be deemed successful because of the information that was learnt. The study showed that infants who had a good response to initial therapy respond better to standard treatment, whereas those who had a poor response to initial therapy respond better to the intensified treatment.

“In the next clinical trial, we’ll now be able to use this information to determine which treatment methods babies will undertake,” said Dr Kotecha. “We are then going to add in new treatments as well.”

The Interfant-06 study led to two high-impact papers published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, one of the most prestigious medical journals in the world.

“We’re making huge advances for paediatric leukaemias,” said Dr Kotecha. “We really want to see all children with leukaemia, and all cancers for that matter, have good outcomes and survival.”

Rishi’s determination to find better treatments for children stems from his experience as a paediatric

 Dr Rishi Kotecha



oncologist. "I see the patients in the clinic, and I go through the heartache with them and the family," he expressed. "You do see families and children who don't do well or pass away, and you feel helpless in that sense, because you follow treatment protocols and you really aren't able to make a change at the core end."

"So that's what drove me to do research," explained Dr Kotecha. "Because I thought the only way to help these kids in the future is by doing research and driving change to ensure that we have access to the best scientific outcomes that we can put into clinical trials. Ultimately, we don't want to see any child dying from cancer."

We give praise to Dr Kotecha for his involvement in such an impressive study and we thank him for allowing us to share the findings with our supporters. CLCRF is so proud to be helping fund this ground-breaking research being done by Dr Kotecha and other researchers at the Telethon Kids Institute Cancer Centre.

"The funding that CLCRF provides is core to our program and that's what has enabled me to be a part of these clinical trial groups and integrate and suggest findings for future clinical trials," said Dr Kotecha.

More research is needed to ensure the survival rates for children can increase, and future generations can ultimately live cancer-free. You can help us realise this by making a donation toward childhood cancer research today. Simply head to [www.clcrfgiving.org](http://www.clcrfgiving.org).

## MORE INFO



Clinical Implications of Minimal Residual Disease Detection in Infants With KMT2A-Rearranged Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Treated on the Interfant-O6 Protocol



Outcome of Infants Younger Than 1 Year With Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Treated With the Interfant-O6 Protocol: Results From an International Phase III Randomized Study



The CLCRF is proud to fund key ground-breaking leukaemia research and looks forward to furthering exciting developments. If you would like to give towards child cancer research, please donate at our website: [childcancerresearch.com.au](http://childcancerresearch.com.au)

# CONGRATULATIONS, ANDREA!

On Thursday December 3, 2020, our wonderful CEO, Andrea Alexander, received a very special award at the Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) End of Year Party and Awards, held at the Rendezvous Hotel in Scarborough.

In front of a room full of notable figures in the WA fundraising industry, Bec Stott, FIA WA Chair, presented Andrea with the very well-deserved 2020 WA State Chair Award.

"I feel very honoured to receive this award," said Andrea. "Thank you to Bec and the Committee, you are an amazing group of people to work with."

This award is given out when a committee member has demonstrated great dedication to the work of the Institute. Andrea is always going above and beyond in her role as FIA Committee Member and we couldn't be prouder to see her hard work be recognised.

Overall, it was a lovely night where FIA members and guests came together to celebrate all that we were able to achieve in the unforgettable year that was 2020. Congratulations again to Andrea and a big thank you to FIA WA for having us!



## BECOME A MEMBER



The Foundation would not be where it is today without the support of our wonderful members. As we look forward to many more years of continued success, we would love to have you by our side to help us make a real difference.

By becoming a member of CLCRF, you will receive regular updates from the Foundation and will have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to our events and concerts. You will also be able to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where you will have voting rights.

As we focus on providing greater funding for the valuable research into childhood cancers, there will be some changes to our membership levels and fees this year. As of July 1, 2021, we will offer Individual Memberships for \$25, Family Memberships for \$50 and we will no longer offer junior memberships.

We are also thrilled to now offer Corporate Memberships! As a Corporate Member, you will have the first chance to advertise in our publications, the first opportunity to get onboard with our events, and will be the first choice to have stalls at our events.

A Corporate Membership costs just \$50 for 1-10 employees, \$250 for 11-50 employees, and \$500 if you have more than 50 employees. We believe our Corporate

Members will contribute significantly to the success of the Foundation by helping us expand our membership base to the broader community.

If you are currently a member of CLCRF, you will receive more information about the changes to your membership fee. If you have any questions about the changes or would like to know more about our Corporate Memberships, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

CLCRF is a low maintenance, low involvement charitable organisation and, as a member, you can be confident that your financial donation is helping to ensure future generations of children can live cancer-free.

Are you ready to start making a real difference? It's easy to apply for an Individual or Family Membership online. All you have to do is head to <http://bit.ly/CLCRF-Membership> and fill out an application.

If you prefer to speak to someone in our office or would like to apply for a Corporate Membership, you can give us a call on (08) 9363 7400 or send an email to [admin@childcancerresearch.com.au](mailto:admin@childcancerresearch.com.au).



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## CELEBRATING RELATIONSHIPS: TELETHON KIDS INSTITUTE

This year, we are focused on celebrating existing relationships while also forming new ones. We are aiming for a bigger and better future for the Foundation and childhood cancer research. When we think of the connections we have made throughout our 41-year history, it's impossible to look past our friends at the Telethon Kids Institute.

Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation (CLCRF) and the Telethon Kids Institute both observed significant milestone anniversaries last year. This served as a great reminder of how long our connection has existed and how important it has been to fund research into childhood cancers.

The Telethon Kids Institute celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2020. CLCRF's support has been critical to its success since the very beginning. Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM, Director of the Institute, summed this up perfectly in his enlightening speech at CLCRF's 40th Anniversary function last December.

"When the Institute formally began in 1990, Professor Ursula Kees' lab was there. So, from the start, CLCRF has stood beside the Institute, working to improve the lives of children and their families," said Jonathan. "30 years on, the commitment remains unwavering, with CLCRF remaining one of the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre's closest friends." The Foundation is so proud to have

helped Telethon Kids Institute become the magnificent establishment you see today. It is one of the largest and most successful medical research institutes in Australia. We know just how crucial it is to have the community's support to prosper.

"Our partnership with the community is central to everything we do. It's our greatest strength. It's our financial support, for which we are so deeply grateful. Our community drives our research, participates in it, and is just as interested in it as we are," expressed Jonathan.

With your support, CLCRF has achieved so much in its 40 years as an organisation. Funding ground-breaking research at the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre is something we are most proud of. "CLCRF's support has been absolutely critical," said Jonathan. "It has enabled us to bring international superstars to Perth and contributed to vital research projects."



We are so grateful for our relationship with the Telethon Kids Institute. We look forward to continuing to stand strong beside them for many more years. This relationship would not be possible without you.

Its supporters like you that allow us to continue funding the research at the Institute by making donations, coming to our events, and raising awareness of the need for more funding. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of families living with childhood cancer.

## SCIENCE

# LIGHTENING THE LEUKAEMIA LOAD FOR KIDS WITH DOWN SYNDROME

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▲ Dr Sébastien Malinge is proudly funded by the CLCRF grant program.

Kids born with Down syndrome are at high risk of an array of health problems – including issues with sight, hearing, heart defects, bone complications, immune disorders and learning difficulties. One of the lesser-known complications is their increased risk of childhood leukaemia.

Acute leukaemia is the most common type of cancer in children, affecting more than 200 Australian children annually. But some children are more prone than most, with those born with the genetic disorder Down syndrome carrying a 27-fold risk of developing B-cell leukaemia.

Not only are kids with Down syndrome at higher risk of developing leukaemia, but they also have a harder time fighting it – responding poorly to current treatments and facing triple the risk of having toxic secondary effects. They are also at almost twice the risk of relapse compared to other children.

It's a load Telethon Kids cancer researcher, Dr Sébastien Malinge, has dedicated more than a decade of his career to lightening.

"I've been fortunate enough to meet many children with Down syndrome over

the last ten years, and their warmth and kind nature continues to inspire me," Dr Malinge said.

"I felt genetics had been unfair to these kids. They're at an increased risk of lymphoid leukaemia and are given a far worse prognosis – and that's what drives me, finding the genetic causes of this to give them the same fighting chance against leukaemia as any other kid.

*"There is a real lack of suitable and effective treatments for these children. The ultimate aim is to develop treatments that are more tailored with fewer side-effects."*

Dr Malinge began this work as a PhD student in Paris in 2006, using a sample donated by a Down syndrome child in France to try to better understand the relationship between Down syndrome and cancer. Focusing on chromosome 21 – an extra (third) copy of which leads to Down syndrome – Dr Malinge and colleagues were able to show the same chromosome is implicated in a range of blood cancers, in children with and without Down syndrome.

Dr Malinge subsequently used another half a dozen samples to develop the world's first Down syndrome preclinical models. Since moving to the Telethon Kids Institute in 2017, he has gone one better – developing the world's first Down syndrome cell line. Using the models and this cell line, he is now working to identify new weaknesses in leukaemia cells and testing novel therapies to help improve treatments and outcomes.

"There are many lessons to be learnt from studying leukaemia in children with Down syndrome," Dr Malinge said.

"Extra copies of chromosome 21 are one of the most common genetic features in kids with blood cancer, and we have recently established that they also have a role outside Down syndrome patients.

"This knowledge is giving us new clues

about the mechanism behind other types of leukaemia in kids – possibly even lymphoma in adults."

Dr Malinge and his team are currently using the unique lab models they built to screen a wide range of drugs and therapies.

"We have already tested some drugs to decrease the growth of leukaemia cells and we are looking at widening this scope to other types of drugs," Dr Malinge said.

"Through this process, we are finding new vulnerabilities to attack the cancer – not only paving the way for more efficient, more targeted therapies for kids with Down syndrome – but also non-Down syndrome children with leukaemia and lymphoma. That's the ultimate goal."

Dr Malinge has travelled the world in search of answers in his bid to improve life for Down syndrome children with leukaemia. Since starting his PhD at the Necker Children's hospital in Paris in 2006, he has taken his work to Northwestern University in Chicago, then back to the Gustave Roussy Institute in Paris – where he made his breakthrough in developing novel preclinical models – and now to the Telethon Kids Institute in Perth. It was in the Telethon Kids cancer lab that he made his latest breakthrough, developing a world-first cell line for that is allowing him to widen the search for novel therapies which could make leukaemia treatment for Down syndrome children not only more effective, but less harsh.

Dr Malinge's work to improve outcomes for Down syndrome children extends beyond the lab. He is a consultant with the Jérôme Lejeune Foundation in France, a member of the Trisomy 21 Research Society (T2IRS) based out of the Netherlands, and a Board Member of Down Syndrome WA. He has travelled the world presenting on his research, including most recently in the T2IRS conference held in Barcelona in June 2019. He is the Ursula Kees Fellow, CLCRF and Co-Head, Leukaemia and Cancer Genetics, at the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre.



# INCLUDE A GIFT OF HOPE IN YOUR WILL



Naturally, looking after your family comes first when it comes to considering your Will. After remembering your loved ones, we would be so grateful if you would consider leaving a gift to CLCRF.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a great opportunity to make a lasting impact by helping us ensure the ground-breaking research into childhood cancers can continue for many years to come, bringing hope to all children battling the gruelling disease.

Anyone can leave a Gift in Will, however large or small, and it is a relatively quick and easy process. Most gifts in Wills are made by ordinary, hard-working people who want to make a positive difference to the community.

There are a number of ways you can support CLCRF with a gift in your Will. You can leave money, property, or a percentage of your estate. Leaving this gift should give you the peace of mind that you are not only planning ahead for those you care for, but you will also be generously helping to make a real difference beyond your lifetime.

As the Foundation does not receive State or Federal funding, we rely on the generous support of the community to help us in our commitment to see future generations live cancer-free. Leaving just 1% of your estate can assist the CLCRF greatly.

For further information or to advise us that you have included Children’s Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation in your Will – in the strictest confidence – please contact us on (08) 9363 7400 or email [admin@childcancerresearch.com.au](mailto:admin@childcancerresearch.com.au).

If you have already left a gift for CLCRF in your Will, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## CLCRF SAYS GOODBYE TO TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In September last year, the Foundation sadly said goodbye to Kim Williamson (Foundation Treasurer) and Kimon Anderson from the Committee of Management.

Kim has been involved with the Foundation since November 1983, when he accepted the role of Secretary to the Committee. From April 1995 to June 1996, he held the position of Executive Officer.

“It was wonderful to serve with someone who has such knowledge, skills and whom we trusted implicitly,” said Chairman Geoff Cattach. “Kim has shown an unwavering dedication to CLCRF, and we are very sorry to see him go.”

Kimon has been on the Committee of Management since November 2013 and provided a great level of expertise during this time. For this, we are so thankful.

From everyone at the Foundation, we wish Kim, Kimon, and both of their families all the best for their future endeavours.



# KADE DONATES POCKET MONEY TO CHILD CANCER RESEARCH

At the Foundation, we are always in awe of the generosity and kindness of our supporters, especially when they are so young. Recently, we were delighted to receive a \$13 pocket money donation from a thoughtful 11-year-old named Kade.

Every year, Kade saves a portion of his pocket money and donates it to a cause of his choice in December or early January. For the second year in a row, we are so pleased that Kade has chosen to support CLCRF.

Childhood cancer is a cause close to Kade's heart as he has a friend who has been battling leukaemia since 2014. His friend went into remission not long after his diagnosis, however, the cancer returned, and he spent more than a year out of school undergoing further treatment.

"This has given Kade a better understanding of leukaemia and the impact that it has on the lives of children and their families," said Kade's mum, Natalie. "Having seen his friend go through this and miss so much school, sport and other fun activities has been sad for him."

When a child is battling cancer, it is not only a difficult time for themselves and their family, but it is also hard on their friends. It's wonderful to see Kade use this as an opportunity to help ensure future generations of children do not have to face the same struggles as his friend.

"We are extremely proud of Kade for making the decision to support this Foundation and for the lessons he has taken from doing so. It has given him an understanding of how tough it is for

some children and also of the importance of giving and supporting others in need," expressed Natalie.

We thank Kade for his generosity and support over the past 2 years. No matter how big or small, every contribution really does help us ensure the ground-breaking research can continue so that future generations can live cancer-free.

"Having watched Kade's friend and his family deal with the impact of childhood leukaemia has been heartbreaking. No child or family should ever have to go through this," Natalie said.

Research is vital if children are to have long, healthy, and fulfilling lives. You can help us continue funding this research by making a donation to CLCRF today.





# CLCRF'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



2020 was a milestone year for CLCRF, as it marked our 40th Anniversary of raising funds and awareness for childhood cancer research.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, and all of the restrictions that came with it, we were not sure if we were going to be able to celebrate this incredible accomplishment.

After having to scrap our plans for a celebration earlier in the year, we made the decision to merge our 40th Anniversary Celebration with our Annual General Meeting (AGM), after restrictions were eased and the Department of Health allowed it. Both events were held at Ambrose Estate at the scenic Wembley Golf Course on Monday, December 7.



The Foundation's 27th AGM took place from 5pm, led by Chairman Geoff Cattach and CEO Andrea Alexander. If there was a world record for the shortest AGM ever, Andrea and Geoff surely broke it, with the AGM lasting around only 10 minutes!

The shortened meeting did not mean members missed out on important information - everything they needed to know was carefully put together in the Annual Report, which they were presented with upon arrival. CLCRF Board members were also happy to address any questions or concerns during the function that followed.



When the AGM wrapped up, members were invited to enjoy a drink on the deck, overlooking the stunning gardens and picturesque lake of Wembley Golf Course. By 6pm, over 130 invited guests started to arrive for the Foundation's 40th



Anniversary Celebration.

The celebrations kicked off with the very talented Western Australian Youth Strings Orchestra, who played their own renditions of fan favourite tunes, such as The Little Mermaid's Under the Sea and the Pirates of the Caribbean theme song.

Guests were treated to delicious canapés as they were free to mingle and check out the display of photographs from the Foundation's 40-year history. They also enjoyed informative speeches from Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM, Director of the Telethon Kids Institute, and Professor Terry Johns, Professor of Paediatric Cancer Research and the Head of the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre.

Jonathan and Terry provided great insight into the Telethon Kids Institute's relationship with CLCRF. Child cancer researchers at the Telethon Kids Institute's Kids Cancer Centre rely heavily on CLCRF to continue funding their important projects, and this became very clear



through both of these speeches as the gentleman thanked the Foundation for what it's made possible.

Andrea and Geoff also addressed the crowd, thanking them for their support not only during this unprecedented year, but throughout the past 40 years.

"It takes a village to raise funds for childhood cancer research," said Andrea. "Thank you to each and every one of you for being a part of our village."

As a small gesture of the Foundation's gratitude, each guest was given a gift as they left the event, a special 40th Anniversary stemless wine glass beautifully wrapped with a ruby ribbon.

Overall, it was such a lovely night, full of so many new and old faces. "I think we can all agree how lucky we are here in Perth and WA, that we can all get together and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Foundation," said Andrea. "Thank you to everyone who came and helped us make the night so special."

If you would like to become a CLCRF member, and enjoy future events like this, you can contact us at the office, or find the membership form on our website. Our wonderful members are so critical to the ongoing success of the Foundation and you can take pleasure in knowing you are helping such an important cause.



## FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP

# LEO'S MEANINGFUL FIRST BIRTHDAY

First birthdays are such a special milestone in a family's life. It's a time to celebrate the little human you brought into the world by letting your loved ones shower them with affection and gifts.

For Leo Kilgallon's first birthday, his parents asked their family and friends to consider giving their son a more meaningful gift than toys, a donation towards childhood cancer research.

"We were happy to celebrate Leo's first birthday by asking for donations to CLCRF," said Leo's mum, Tania James. "We have never taken for granted what a blessing it is to have a healthy, happy baby, and we hope he continues to grow up healthy and strong."

With many children having cupboards full of toys that they don't even know they have, asking for donations instead of gifts is a great way to reduce the amount of unnecessary clutter coming into your home, while also giving back to the community. On top of that, the thoughtful gesture teaches children about helping others and making a difference in the world – even though young Leo may not be able to fully comprehend this just yet!

"Asking for donations to CLCRF, instead of gifts, meant that Leo could bring joy and hope to other families whose babies haven't had the chance to fully embrace life, due to illness. This is a much greater gift than toys," expressed Tania.

We would like to wish Leo a very happy first birthday and we thank his parents, Tania and Matthew, for choosing to support the Foundation for this special occasion.

**Want to help make a difference and give your child the gift of giving? Consider asking for a donation towards childhood cancer research in lieu of birthday gifts! Our team will be happy to assist you if you have any questions or need help getting started. Simply call our office on (08) 9363 7400 or send an email to [admin@childcancerresearch.com.au](mailto:admin@childcancerresearch.com.au).**



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The best part? For every Membership sold, 20% of the funds will go to CLCRF, so you will be helping to support the vital research into childhood cancers that we fund.

CLCRF is so proud to be fundraising with Entertainment, giving our supporters the opportunity to save more while discovering new favourites and supporting the local community.

You can purchase an Entertainment Membership today by heading to [http://bit.ly/CLCRF\\_Entertainment](http://bit.ly/CLCRF_Entertainment)





# OVER \$35,000 RAISED FROM THE 2020 SOUTH WEST BIKE TREK

\$35,000 Raised

From October 11 to 17, 2020, the 18th annual South West Bike Trek took place, organised once again by long-time CLCRF supporter Eric Maddock. The event saw 15 enthusiastic riders embarking on the 600km journey from Perth to Augusta to raise funds for childhood cancer research.

We are so thrilled to announce that over \$35,000 was raised for the Foundation from this event! This is an incredible achievement, considering the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic and the reduced peloton of 15.

The riders spent 7 days cycling through the beautiful towns of Fairbridge, Harvey, Bunbury, Busselton, Margaret River and Augusta.

"We had a few of the old stagers and several newbies," said Eric. "All the first-timers said they would be back, which is great"

We would like to thank and commend all of the riders who participated in the 2020 event. We could not have achieved such an incredible outcome without your fundraising efforts and commitment to the cause!

"A great ride was had by all and much needed funds and awareness were raised," expressed Eric. "The event could not have gone ahead without the fantastic support from all the sponsors and service clubs along the way."



## A big thank you to the following:

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- Bunbury Toyota
- Bakers Delight Baldivis
- Cowaramup Lions
- Busselton Rotary

"And of course, we need to thank our drivers Harry Ball and Rick Dermody," said Eric. "Plus the main support in organising it all, Annette Maddock."

Every year, we receive such generous support from the community for our South West Bike Trek and 2020 was certainly no exception. We look forward to another successful event in 2021!

**Save the date 10-16 October 2021**

## EVENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 12 JUNE, 2021

Come along to the Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night for the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation on Saturday 12 June at 6:30pm!

With great Raffles, a Door prize, huge Silent Auction and games with fantastic prizes to be won, what's not to love? Everyone knows that no one goes home empty handed from our quiz nights!

So, grab a bunch of your most brainy mates for a fantastic night out! Book your table today and help raise funds for childhood cancer research!

KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE

# QUIZ NIGHT

6:30PM - SAT, 12 JUNE

*Raising vital funds for  
Child Cancer Research*



**BOOK YOUR TABLES NOW!**

**[clcrfquiznight.com](http://clcrfquiznight.com)**

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM, TABLES OF 10 - \$25 PER HEAD

LATHLAIN FUNCTION CENTRE, PERTH FOOTBALL CLUB  
GODDARD STREET, LATHLAIN WA

# FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL QUIZ NIGHT FOR CLCRF

On Saturday November 14, 2020, we held our annual Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night at Lathlain Function Centre at Perth Football Club. After a long year of COVID-19 restrictions working against us, we are so grateful this much-loved event was able to safely go ahead (after some rescheduling.)

The capacity restrictions of the event did not stop the Quiz Night from being another roaring success, with an incredible total of \$17,163 raised for the Foundation!

“It was such an incredible night, and nobody left empty handed,” said Andrea Alexander, CLCRF CEO. “It’s lovely to see so many people continuing to support the Foundation during such a crazy year. We are so appreciative for the generosity of our supporters, which lead us to an amazing result.”

The sold-out Quiz Night was MC’d by the very enthusiastic Sean Fry who kept the audience entertained all night long, receiving overwhelmingly positive reviews from our attendees. “Sean gets brownie points for serenading us with a verse of Frozen’s Let it Go,” said one attendee. “He was so much fun!”

Congratulations to Table 18, who won the Quiz after spending the majority of the night in the lead. There were so many smart minds in the room, including a table of researchers from Telethon Kids Institute, so the winners should all be very proud.

A huge thank you is in order for all of the wonderful businesses that made the night possible by donating goods towards our prizes and silent auction. We would not have been able to raise as much money as we did without your help! There were a total of 75 silent auction items on the night, as well as a bunch of amazing raffle prizes. We have listed the businesses we would like to thank on our website, and we encourage you all to go and check them out.

We also need to thank our incredible volunteers, who went above and beyond to make sure our Quiz Night was as

successful as possible. A special mention goes to Jonelle, Kristy and Michele who all worked tirelessly to source the best prizes and gifts for the night. Not only did they sometimes travel far and wide to pick up the items, but they spent their valuable time making them up into the beautiful hampers you saw on the night.

A huge thank you also goes to the Perth Football Club, who kindly donated Lathlain Function Centre to the Foundation for a fourth year. This is such a great venue and we could not imagine holding this event anywhere else. Last but not least, we thank every single person who attended the Quiz Night. It is because of you that we were able to raise as much as we did. We are thrilled that so many people showed up to pit their wits against each other for a very important cause.

**We are already looking forward to this year’s Quiz Night coming up on Saturday 12 June. Make sure you book your tables now before they all sell out!**



 **\$17,163 Raised**



## FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP



WAVERLEY COLLEGE

👤 \$7,000 Raised

## WALKATHON DONATION

For the past three years, Waverley College, an Independent school in Sydney NSW, has generously chosen to support CLCRF in their Junior School Annual Walkathon. From their most recent event, held in November last year, the Junior School raised an incredible total of \$7,000 for the Foundation!

"For those who know of our Junior School Annual Walkathon, this year has been the most challenging we have faced," said Mr Anthony Gill, Walkathon Coordinator. "We were worried that the event would have to be cancelled owing to the current health precautions but with the knowledge that the charities we support are still in need of our financial support, we had to try our best to go ahead with the Walkathon."

We are so grateful not only for the school's decision to safely go ahead with the Walkathon, but also for their decision to support our Foundation again. We rely heavily on community support to continue funding the vital research into childhood cancers.

"These charities have already suffered a reduction in support from the community," Anthony expressed. "So today, we held our Walkathon in a modified and Covid-safe format with energetic and enthusiastic boys willing to do something positive for those less fortunate."



In total, 2422km was walked by the boys participating in the Walkathon. Three of the boys walked 13km in the 75 minutes but one boy topped the honours by walking 14km. What an incredible effort!

We thank Anthony for organising this event, all of the boys who participated, and everyone in the Waverley College Junior School community for their wonderful fundraising efforts. This generous donation will go a long way to help us fund the research into childhood cancers.

👤 \$3,600 Raised

## A BARREL OF FUNDS RAISED



Last September, the Foundation received a very generous donation of \$3,600 from The Old Barrelhouse. These funds were raised through a raffle, where whiskey-enthusiasts purchased tickets for the chance to win a bottle of Jack Daniels Barrel Strength Whiskey via a Facebook page called "Down Under JD Community."

The first \$1000 was raised in just 36 minutes and there were 106 different ticket holders, with a total of 722 tickets sold.

"The reason why we chose to support CLCRF is because cancer has touched both my business partner and I, losing family and friends in the past," said David MK, co-owner of The Old Barrelhouse.

The Old Barrelhouse is an Australian owned and operated company, founded by two men with a shared passion for great whiskey. The company sells a range of antique, limited edition and hard to find whiskies, and offers the largest Australian whiskey portfolio on the planet.

We would like to thank The Old Barrelhouse, Down Under JD Community, and everyone who bought a raffle ticket. This incredible community support will go a long way in supporting childhood cancer research!



👑 \$2,550 Raised  
**BOAR SWAMP CAMPDRAFT**

On November 27 to 29, 2020, the Annual Boar Swamp Campdraft took place at Boar Swamp, just south of Pinjarra. Proceeds from the popular event were once again donated to CLCRF.

We are so pleased to have seen an incredible total of \$2,550 raised for childhood cancer research at this year's event! The funds were raised through a raffle, as well as donations from the Campdraft's generous supporters.

"It was such a great event," said Andrea Alexander, CLCRF CEO, who attended the event on the Saturday. "The hospitality of the Boar Swamp Committee and the McLarty family is second to none."

Campdrafting is a uniquely Australian sport dating back to the late 1800s, involving a horse and a rider working cattle for the title of the best stockhorse and rider. The Boar Swamp Campdraft Club have been supporting CLCRF for a number of years now and we only hope to see this wonderful relationship continue well into the future.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the event and made a donation towards the Foundation. Your support will help us ensure the vital research into childhood cancers can continue for many years to come.



## FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP

# AN AUSSIE DAY BBQ FUNDRAISER



There's nothing like a good old-fashioned BBQ to catch up with friends, have some fun and enjoy great food. Sue and Owen Breasley have taken this one step further by also using it as a way to make a real difference in the community.

For the past 5 years, Sue and Owen have hosted an Australia Day BBQ Fundraiser at their home, where their friends come together to raise money for an important cause. This year, we are so grateful for their decision to support our Foundation!

"Everybody had a say in what cause to support," said Sue. "We all wanted to donate to a cause that helps children, so we decided to support the important work being funded by the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation."

We are thrilled to announce that a total of \$2,050 was raised for CLCRF! This is an incredible achievement and \$500 more than what they were able to raise at their BBQ last year.

To raise the funds, guests were encouraged to bring something to put towards a raffle prize. They could then purchase raffle tickets for their chance to win what was on offer. Guests were also asked to bring an item of more value to be auctioned off on the day. "We've only started doing the auction in recent years and it is a lot of fun!" Sue expressed.

A big thank you to Sue and Owen for organising this wonderful event which has helped raise vital funds for childhood cancer research. We also thank all of their friends and family that joined them in

supporting the Foundation on the day.

We love hearing about these wonderful fundraising events happening in the community! Community support is so important for us to continue funding the ground-breaking research into childhood cancers, so that future generations can live cancer-free.

Want to host your own fundraising event for CLCRF? Tell us all about it! Email us at [admin@childcancerresearch.com.au](mailto:admin@childcancerresearch.com.au) or give us a call on (08) 9363 7400. Our team will also be happy to assist you if you need some help getting started.

 **\$2050 Raised**

## BECOME A REGULAR GIVER

We may be well into 2021, but it's not too late to set resolutions and think about what positive changes you can make in your life. Giving more regularly to charity is a simple yet powerful way to help make a real difference and feel good about yourself.

No matter how big or small, a regular donation to CLCRF will help us continue funding the ground-breaking research into childhood cancers, so that future generations of children can live cancer-free.

When becoming a regular giver, you can choose to have your donation automatically deducted weekly, monthly, quarterly, or at any other interval of your choice. You will then receive a one-off receipt at the end of each financial year so you can easily keep track of your tax-deductible gifts. Regular donations can be altered or cancelled at any time.

Regular donations enable the Foundation to more effectively plan for the future and offer financial stability to support our long-term research projects.

If you would like to help make a difference and donate regularly to our cause, contact our office at (08) 9363 7400 or send an email to [admin@childcancerresearch.com.au](mailto:admin@childcancerresearch.com.au)





## KARATE KICKING CHILDHOOD CANCER

Our good friends at West Coast Karate did something very special for the Foundation last year. Every December, the club holds gradings for their clients, with each client paying a grading fee. Instead of charging their clients last year, the club asked that they make a donation to support childhood cancer research being funded by CLCRF.

A MyCause page was set up by the club, where clients could conveniently process

their donations online. This is such a generous initiative, and we are thrilled to announce that a total of \$1,835 was donated to the Foundation!

Thank you to Brian and Shelley Sullivan for coming up with this wonderful idea and setting it into motion. Thank you also to all of the clients who donated. These funds will go a long way in continuing the ground-breaking research into childhood cancers.

 **\$1835 Raised**

West Coast Karate is an independent club in Willetton that aims to provide a safe and friendly environment for the practice of karate as a fun, active and healthy activity. If you would like to learn more about the club and get involved, head to [www.westcoastkarate.com.au](http://www.westcoastkarate.com.au) for more info.

## THANK YOU, TRINITY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

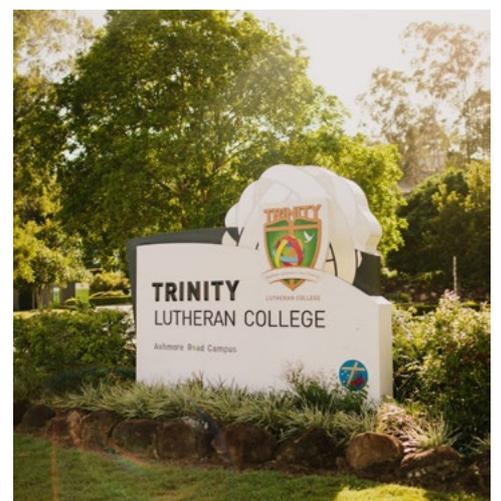
Last September, the Foundation received a very generous gift of \$551 from Trinity Lutheran College in Queensland. These funds were raised by some wonderful Year 6 students through the school's café.

In their Humanities classes, the students have been learning about business and trade. As part of the unit, they studied ethical business, marketing, and the way in which businesses can choose to use their money ethically. The students also learnt about how words and colours can be used in marketing to influence a buyer, and they put this theory into practice when they were given a product to advertise in the school's café.

The main goal was for the students to raise as much money as possible for charity. "The students were so excited that their work would be able to help other people in need," said teacher Mrs Tina Croll.

The students raised money for several different charities, and we are so thrilled to have seen such an incredible amount donated towards CLCRF. With these funds, these students are helping us in our commitment to ensure future generations can live cancer-free. Thank you to all the students and teachers who helped raise funds for the Foundation through this wonderful initiative!

 **\$551 Raised**



## FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP

# THANK YOU, PLUS FITNESS CURRAMBINE!

 \$500 Raised

In October 2020, Plus Fitness Currambine implemented a wonderful initiative to help raise funds for childhood cancer research. From October 1 to 31, the proceeds of all membership access card sales were donated to the Foundation.

We are thrilled to announce that a total of \$500 was raised! We would like to thank Paul Butterfield, the club manager of Plus Fitness Currambine, for implementing this great idea and for thinking of CLCRF.

"I walked into Currambine Shopping Centre and there was a lovely lady promoting your organisation," said Paul. "I believe everything happens for a reason, so it can't be a coincidence that the very day I was looking for a charity I walked in and came across CLCRF. It just felt right."

"I am a father and I have sadly lost some of my family members to cancer. So, supporting the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation seemed appropriate."

We would like to thank Paul, Plus Fitness Currambine and all of the people who signed up to become a member and purchase an access card throughout the month. There really was no better reason to get fit and active!



By joining Plus Fitness, you can use any of their gyms with no lock in contracts and 24-hour access. We recommend visiting Paul and the team at Plus Fitness Currambine for your workouts! Head to [www.plusfitness.com.au/gyms/currambine](http://www.plusfitness.com.au/gyms/currambine) for more information.



## CLCRF WINS GRILL'D SUBIACO'S LOCAL MATTERS

Throughout the month of October in 2020, CLCRF was selected to participate in Grill'd Subiaco's Local Matters initiative. The Foundation went up against two other charities in a bid to receive the most tokens in their respective jars by the end of the month. The jar with the most tokens would then receive a \$300 donation.



**We are so excited to announce that CLCRF's jar came first!**

Tokens are given out to customers with every burger purchase, so we would like to thank every single customer who used their token to support the Foundation. Your consideration has helped us raise vital funds for childhood cancer research.

We also owe thanks to Grill'd Subiaco and Assistant Restaurant Manager Phoebe for selecting us to participate in this wonderful initiative. The Local Matters program is a great way for the restaurant to give back and help strengthen communities. We are hopeful for the chance to participate again in the future!

*Grill'd*

 \$300 Raised



## FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP

# STOPPING THE SPREAD WHILE SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH



Face masks have become very popular accessories thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, with most of us having to wear one at least once in the past year. In a creative way to raise funds for childhood cancer research, long-time supporter and good friend of the Foundation Judi Haederle has been making and selling her own face masks and donating all proceeds towards CLCRF!

An incredible total of \$112 has been raised through Judi's face mask sales so far. Judi has been selling these masks for just \$8 each, and she sold the majority of them to friends and family during Perth's sudden 5-day lockdown in early February.

Judi came up with the idea after reading the 31st Volume of our Foundation Update Newsletter, released in April 2020. This Newsletter was released in the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak and featured many stories about how the pandemic is affecting families currently undergoing cancer treatment.

"Right at the beginning of the COVID-19 scare, I saw a story about how parents are

worried about their children with weakened immune systems, because of their cancer treatment," said Judi. "I just wanted to do something to help."

Judi is no stranger to childhood cancer, having sadly lost her daughter, Natasha, to the disease back in 2003, when she was just nine years old. Natasha was diagnosed with neuroblastoma at the age of three. She had been in remission for two years and was featured as the face of Telethon in 2002 before doctors discovered that the cancer had returned.

Judi and her husband Mike have been supporting the Foundation ever since Natasha's passing, helping to raise funds and awareness for the vital research into childhood cancers so that future generations of children can go on to live the long and healthy lives they deserve.

This was such a creative and helpful way to raise funds for childhood cancer research and we thank Judi for her incredible support! If you would like to get your hands on one of Judi's face masks, contact us today.



\$112 Raised

## HELP US MAKE CHANGE!

Want to help the environment AND support childhood cancer research? With the Containers for Change initiative, it's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

### 1. Collect eligible containers

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible.

### 2. Take them to a refund point

With over 200 refund points in WA, there is sure to be one near you!

### 3. Donate your funds

You will receive 10 cents for every eligible container, which you can donate to CLCRF using our Scheme ID: C10285275

Containers for Change is a great way to show a commitment to the environment and encourage better recycling behaviours in the community. The initiative also provides an exciting opportunity to support the Foundation by helping to raise much needed funds for childhood cancer research.

So, why not turn your containers into change TODAY? Return your containers and use our Scheme ID to donate the funds!

CLCRF Scheme ID: C10285275

For more information, and to find your nearest refund point, head to: [www.containersforchange.com.au/wa](http://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa)



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CLCRF PRESENTS

# FAMILY NIGHT OUT

ANNOUNCING  
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I would like to become a member of the Children's Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation and am enclosing:

- \$25 (individual membership) or
- \$50 (family membership) and/or
- Please send me a Gift in Will pamphlet.

