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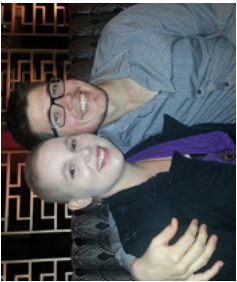
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Together, these stories show how community support continues to translate into real outcomes for children and families.

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Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night

A night of fun that delivers real impact. The Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night brings people together for laughter, friendly rivalry and a shared cause.

Turn to page 26 to see how community-led events like this are helping fund vital childhood cancer research and why this quiz night continues to make a difference year after year.



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from the chairperson.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is both an honour and a privilege to write to you for the first time as Chairperson of the Child Cancer Research Foundation (CCRF). Stepping into this role following the extraordinary leadership of Geoff Cattach AM, who has guided CCRF for over 40 years, is both humbling and inspiring. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Geoff for his unwavering commitment, his vision, and his incredible legacy, one that continues to impact countless children and families today.

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Tracy Hollington, and I have been connected with CCRF for around 5 years, both as a supporter and through my role on the Board. My passion for this cause is deeply personal. My son Angus was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma in 2014 at just 11 years of age. He experienced a raft of side effects both during and following treatment, and in 2019 at just 16 he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a known side effect of the current standard treatments for Ewings Sarcoma.

I have witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of childhood cancer, physically, and emotionally, and am dedicated to the discovery of more effective and less toxic treatments for our children, so they may not only survive their cancer diagnosis, but also to return to a life which is not dominated by the fallout of their cancer treatment.

When I was asked to step into the Chair role, I accepted with a strong sense of responsibility. CCRF has a proud history of funding more than \$43

million into research, and I am determined to see this important work not only continue but grow stronger. My goal is to ensure CCRF remains a trusted, transparent, and impactful organisation. One that is here for the long term and continues to make a meaningful difference for children facing cancer.

Like many charities, CCRF has faced significant challenges in recent years, but we are emerging with renewed focus and energy. Together with our CEO Andrea Alexander and our dedicated Board, I am committed to rebuilding our fundraising capacity, strengthening community partnerships, and making sure every dollar raised has the greatest possible impact.

Most importantly, I want to thank you, our loyal supporters, members, volunteers, and community partners. CCRF has always been powered by people who care, and it is because of you that research breakthroughs are possible. Your belief in us ensures that more children can live the long and fulfilling lives they deserve.

As I begin my time as Chair, I invite you to walk alongside me and the CCRF team as we continue this vital mission. With your help, we will keep pushing for better outcomes, better treatments, and brighter futures for children with cancer.

With gratitude,

Tracy Hollington LLB&GDLP

Chairperson
Child Cancer Research Foundation

We
thank you for
your support.

FROM THE ceo.



Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is wonderful to be writing to you again after some time. The past 18 months have been a period of change and renewal for the Child Cancer Research Foundation (CCRF), and I want to begin by thanking you for your patience, loyalty, and belief in our mission. Through every challenge, CCRF has remained focused on what matters most, funding vital research so more children can live long and fulfilling lives.

We have entered a new chapter with the retirement of our long-serving Chairman, Geoff Cattach AM, after more than 40 years of extraordinary leadership. Geoff's vision and tireless commitment helped shape CCRF into the organisation it is today, and his legacy will continue to guide us. I am delighted to welcome Tracy Hollington as our new Chairperson. Tracy brings passion, energy, lived experience, and deep commitment to ensuring CCRF thrives into the future.

Although it has been a time of transition, there has been much to celebrate across our community. In December 2024, we honoured Geoff at our AGM. This year, our Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night once again brought people together for an evening of fun and fundraising. We were humbled by the generosity of Greater Bunbury Rotary, who presented a \$10,000 donation to support CCRF's work.

Together with Tracy, I had the privilege of representing CCRF at the Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Ministerial Roundtable in Canberra, ensuring the voices of children and families remain central in national discussions. We were also proud to see our community rally through events such as the HBF Run for a Reason, the Boarswamp Campdraft Club Charity Draft, and the remarkable celebration organised by Angus and Tracy Hollington, marking Angus' five years in remission. Our Giving Month was another highlight, with our supporters raising an incredible \$167,950 during June. This result reflects

the power of community generosity and what can be achieved when we come together for children with cancer.

Alongside these celebrations, we also pause to remember and honour several cherished members of our CCRF family who sadly passed away in recent months:

- Peter Harper - founder of the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation, whose courage and determination created the very foundation on which our work stands.
- Brent Cattach – beloved son of Geoff, whose courage and resilience inspired many (March 2025)
- Dr Peter Dallas – an esteemed researcher and tireless advocate for better outcomes (December 2024)
- Ros Worthington OAM – a passionate champion for children and families (October 2024)
- Eric Maddock – the driving force behind the South West Bike Trek, who gave so much to CCRF (October 2024)

Their legacies are woven into the fabric of this Foundation, and we will continue our work in their memory.

Looking forward, CCRF is focused on rebuilding our fundraising capacity, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that every dollar raised drives life-changing research. Inside this newsletter, you will read more about the projects we are proud to support, as well as the incredible efforts of our community.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for standing with us. Together, we will continue to fund the research that gives children a fighting chance at a brighter future.

With gratitude,

Andrea Alexander

Chief Executive Officer
Child Cancer Research Foundation

Paediatric Cancer Progress



What the latest US Report means for Children in Australia

Why CCRF supporters play a critical role in driving discoveries here at home

Last week, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) released the 2025 Pediatric Cancer Progress Report, a comprehensive look at how childhood cancer research is advancing, where challenges remain, and what must happen next.

Although the report focuses on the United States, its findings reflect what researchers and families see in Australia every day. Childhood cancer is a global problem, and research progress depends on international collaboration. Discoveries cross borders, clinical trials rely on shared evidence, and the challenges facing patients are universal.

For Child Cancer Research Foundation (CCRF) supporters, the report offers something important: validation that the work you fund in Western Australia contributes directly to the priorities identified worldwide. Your donations place WA and Australia in a global movement that is improving survival, driving precision treatment, and supporting survivors long after treatment ends.

 By Michele Dalton

Survival is improving, but not for every child

The AACR report highlights significant gains in survival over recent decades, but progress remains uneven. Some cancers, such as KMT2A-rearranged infant leukaemia and aggressive sarcomas, continue to have poor outcomes. These are exactly the areas where CCRF-funded researchers are making meaningful contributions.

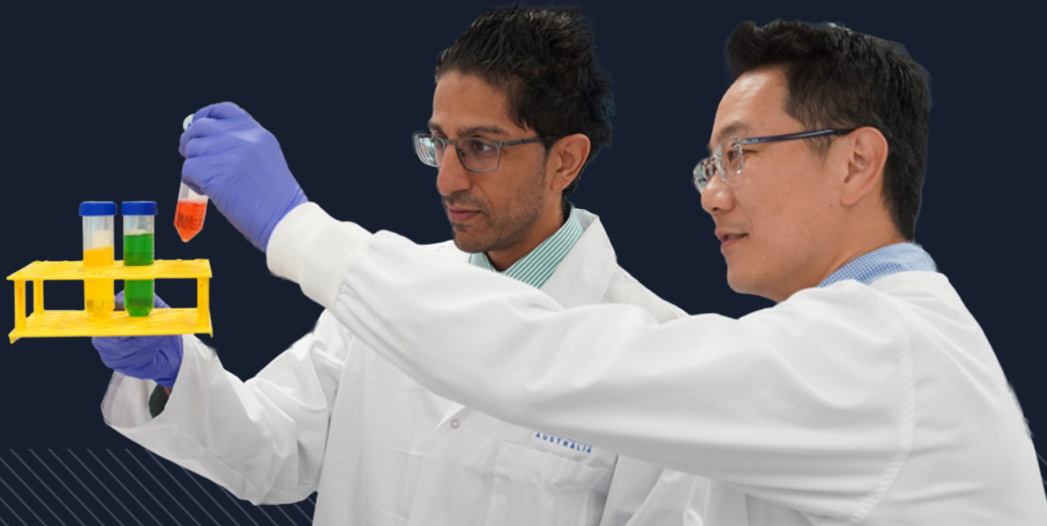
Through long-term support from the Foundation, the Leukaemia Translational Research Program led by Associate Professor Rishi Kotecha and Associate Professor Laurence Cheung has delivered major advances between 2022 and 2025. Their WA-based team co-led the global pilot study of blinatumomab for infants with KMT2A-rearranged ALL, with results published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2023. Their preclinical work paved the way for venetoclax to be trialled internationally in the same patient group. They have also developed new bone-marrow models that are now helping researchers worldwide understand why some children relapse.

The Ursula Kees Fellowship, held by Dr Sébastien Malinge, has expanded WA's research capacity even further. Over the past two years, Dr Malinge's team has created ten new models of leukaemia, including models based on WA patient samples, and identified new drug targets that could lead to future clinical trials.

In addition, CCRF supporters helped fund the innovative sarcoma immunotherapy program led by Associate Professor Joost Lesterhuis. His team developed a gel-based immunotherapy that prevents tumour recurrence in preclinical sarcoma models, and early pilot testing through a veterinary clinical trial has shown that the treatment is safe and feasible in real surgical settings. These findings support future progression toward human clinical trials.

Each of these projects reflects the global priorities outlined in the AACR report: precision treatment, immunotherapy innovation, targeted approaches for high-risk cancers, and a focus on reducing treatment toxicity.





Genomics is reshaping childhood cancer worldwide

The AACR report emphasises that genomics is not an optional extra. It is the foundation of modern childhood cancer care. Australia is already part of this shift, and CCRF supporters helped make it possible.

For decades, the Foundation funded the research infrastructure, laboratories, and training pathways that underpinned WA's scientific growth. This groundwork contributed to the establishment of the WA Kids Cancer Centre, housed within The Kids Research Institute of Australia. The Centre now drives genomics-based care for children in Western Australia and participates in global research efforts that inform international clinical practice.

Across CCRF-funded projects, your donations have supported single-cell sequencing studies, genomic profiling of treatment-resistant leukaemia, international research collaborations, and the development of patient-specific models that help predict which therapies may be effective before a child even begins treatment. These are the kinds of advances the AACR report identifies as essential for accelerating global progress.

Survivorship is a global priority, and CCRF is stepping up

The AACR report warns that survivorship is one of the most urgent and under-resourced areas in childhood cancer. Nearly two-thirds of survivors will experience long-term effects that impact learning, mental health, cardiac health, fertility, and employment. These needs do not end when treatment does. In Australia, and especially in Western Australia, the system is not yet built to support survivors through these long-term challenges.

That is why CCRF is launching the Childhood Cancer Survivorship Advocate Program. This new role will support children and young people navigating life after cancer, including those transitioning from Perth Children's Hospital into adult hospital systems at around age 16. The Advocate will help families access education support, mental health care, late-effects monitoring, community services, and social reintegration. This initiative directly responds to the priorities outlined in the AACR report and represents CCRF's next major investment in the future wellbeing of survivors.

Research is global, and WA is part of that network

The AACR report underscores the importance of international collaboration. Modern childhood cancer research is a worldwide effort. WA researchers are active contributors to this global network, participating in international clinical trials, sharing genomic datasets, publishing in high-impact journals, and collaborating with scientists across Europe, Asia, and North America. CCRF's long-term funding is what allows WA teams to remain part of these global projects.

Over the past three years, supporters have helped deliver more than three million dollars in research funding, dozens of scientific publications, and major advances that place Western Australia on the world stage of childhood cancer research.

What this means for CCRF supporters

The AACR report reinforces what CCRF has championed for 45 years: better treatments, improved survival, precision medicine, global collaboration, and lifelong survivorship care. It also shows that the next decade will be critical. To turn scientific discoveries into real-world outcomes for children, investment must continue to grow – in WA, across Australia, and internationally.

Every contribution makes a difference. Your support funds international clinical trial leadership from WA, new discoveries in immunotherapy and genomics, innovative research programs, the building of future clinician-scientists, and the Foundation's first survivorship initiative. Progress does not happen in isolation. It happens because ordinary people choose to take action.

Support the next breakthrough

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Read the full AACR Report

cancerprogressreport.aacr.org/pediatric



A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

On Wednesday 4 December 2024, the Child Cancer Research Foundation (CCRF) hosted A Night of Gratitude at Ambrose Estate to celebrate the extraordinary legacy of Geoff Cattach AM.

After 41 years as Chairman and 44 years of service, Geoff has stepped down, leaving an indelible mark on childhood cancer research in Western Australia and beyond.

A Life of Purpose

Geoff's involvement with CCRF was born from personal tragedy. Two of his sons faced cancer diagnoses at a young age — Brent with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia before his third birthday, and Stewart with a brain tumour at 13. Later in life, Geoff endured the heartbreaking loss of his wife Marie in 2015 and his son Stewart in 2023. Rather than turn away, Geoff channelled his grief into action,

determined to bring hope to other children and families.

He joined CCRF's inaugural committee in 1980 and was elected Chairman in 1983, a position he held with vision and passion for more than four decades. Under his leadership, CCRF has raised over \$43 million to fund world-class research. This investment has been instrumental in lifting survival rates for some childhood leukaemias from 20% to more than 80%.

Geoff played a pivotal role in establishing the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Laboratory at Princess Margaret Hospital, led by Dr Ursula Kees, and later supported WA's first paediatric tumour and tissue banks. He championed young researchers, ensuring future generations could continue to make breakthroughs.

His service was widely recognised: in 2009 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, in 2014 he was a finalist for WA Senior Australian of the Year, and in 2018 he received AMP's inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award. Beyond CCRF, he served as Chairman of the Harvey Hospital Board for 25 years, was a Harvey Rotary Club member for 26 years, and helped redevelop the Yarloop Workshops after the 2016 bushfires.

A Night of Reflection

Hosted by journalist and broadcaster Christina Morrissy, the celebration brought together researchers, supporters, family, and friends. Guests enjoyed a moving tribute video, followed by speeches from Professor Fiona Stanley AC, Professor Jonathan Carapetis AM, and CCRF Patron Justin Langer AM.



HONOURING GEOFF CATTACH AM

Justin Langer described Geoff as:
"Geoff is a warrior, Geoff is a gentleman, and Geoff's legacy is immense."

Professor Carapetis reflected:
"If I could describe Geoff in three words, they would be: visionary, courageous, determined... There are other families who fundraise for kids with cancer, but Geoff is by far the shining light — someone who devotes their life to making sure that others have better lives."

Associate Professor Rishi Kotecha spoke of the measurable impact Geoff had made:
"When Ursula's research began, survival outcomes were 50–60%. Today they are over 95% for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia — and Geoff has been the drive to making that difference."

From the community perspective, Kylie Dalton, CEO of Back on Track Foundation, added:

"He actually just shows up. His consistent tag line would be: 'Just be there — just be yourself, be there and show up for the kids.' There are children alive today because of the work he's committed his life to."

And from CCRF itself, CEO Andrea Alexander shared:

"Geoff's impact is like ripples in a pond — you never know how far they will go. His vision and leadership have created waves of hope that will continue to touch children and families for generations to come."

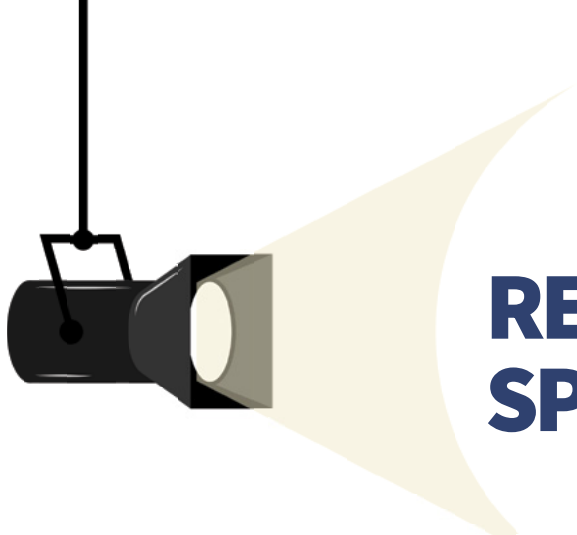
The evening concluded with a heartfelt thank-you from Geoff's son, David, who expressed the Cattach family's gratitude to all who have walked alongside his father in this journey.

Carrying the Legacy Forward

As the tribute video closed, the words were clear:

"Geoff's impact will guide the Foundation for years to come. Together, we can carry his legacy forward."


While Geoff's time as Chairman has ended, his legacy lives on in the lives saved, the researchers supported, and the families given hope. CCRF now enters a new chapter under the leadership of Chairperson Tracy Hollington, continuing the mission Geoff so passionately championed — to fund the research that will ensure every child has the chance to live the long and fulfilling life they deserve.



RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

New study uncovers dual benefit of bone-protecting treatment for childhood leukaemia

We're proud to share this groundbreaking research update from our partners at The Kids Research Institute. This study uncovers a dual benefit of bone-protecting treatment for childhood leukaemia. Full article below, reprinted with permission.

 *By The Kids Research Institute Australia
First published Friday 7 March 2025.*

A groundbreaking study from cancer researchers at The Kids Research Institute Australia has identified a promising new therapeutic strategy for children battling the most common childhood cancer – B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

While overall survival rates for B-ALL have reached nearly 90% over the past 50 years, certain sub-groups continue to face poor outcomes. The discovery brings a new approach to treating children who face these tougher cases of leukaemia.

B-ALL starts in the bone marrow – the soft tissue inside bones where blood cells are made. In children with B-ALL, the disease often causes bone damage. One reason for this damage is the activity of a bone cell called osteoclasts. Osteoclasts, which normally help in bone remodelling, have now been found to cause the bone loss often observed in children with leukaemia. The study focused on whether targeting osteoclast cells with the bone-protecting treatment zoledronic acid (ZA) could not only restore bone health in children but also enhance overall treatment efficacy for children with B-ALL.

Co-head of the Institute's Leukaemia Translational Research Team, Associate Professor Laurence Cheung, said that using zoledronic acid to target osteoclasts can really change the way we treat high-risk childhood leukaemia.

"By keeping the bone environment healthier, we see improvements in both bone strength and overall survival when ZA is added to the usual treatments," Associate Professor Cheung said.

The researchers used special imaging tools to look at how bones responded to the treatment. The images showed that ZA reduced the number of osteoclasts and helped reverse the damage caused by B-ALL, such as bone loss and thinning.

The results were replicated using cells from a Perth Children's Hospital patient – a 14-year-old boy with relapsed B-ALL. In this model, ZA again

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improved survival and helped restore healthy bone structure. The study went further by combining ZA with common chemotherapies used to treat B-ALL. Even in cases where the disease burden was high, this combination treatment led to better survival than chemotherapy alone.

The final part of the study demonstrated safety and feasibility of administering ZA to children receiving chemotherapy for B-ALL.

"In our clinical cases, we also saw that children with severe bone complications benefited from ZA," Associate Professor Cheung said. "It was safe to use with other treatments, and it helped reverse bone loss without causing any significant adverse effects."

The findings show that ZA may offer a two-fold benefit for children with B-ALL: protecting their bones and boosting the effectiveness of standard cancer treatments. The research team now hopes to see clinical trials to further test ZA as a part of everyday treatment for childhood leukaemia.

Read the full paper
www.nature.com/articles/s41408-025-01239-3.epd

Representing WA

Championing Research, Advocacy, and Collaboration



"To meet in Old Parliament House truly felt like our children and young adults are finally being heard by government, and there was an air of positive change at the policy level."



In June 2025, the Child Cancer Research Foundation was honoured to be represented at the Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Ministerial Roundtable held at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

CEO Andrea Alexander and Chairperson Tracy Hollington attended the national forum, hosted by Cancer Australia, which brought together leaders from across the country to explore how research, care, and collaboration can better support young people impacted by cancer.

The Roundtable, attended by the Hon. Mark Butler MP, Minister for Health, Disability and Aged Care, focused on two key priorities: delivering optimal care for children and adolescents with cancer, and investing in ongoing research to improve future outcomes.

For Andrea, the experience was both humbling and affirming. "After decades championing children and families in Western Australia, being invited into a national ministerial forum felt like recognition that the quiet, tireless work behind the scenes truly matters," she said. It meant that the whisper of research labs, hospital corridors, and family kitchens in WA was finally being heard in rooms where systems bend and futures form. CCRF does not just support change. It helps lead it."

Tracy described the experience as a milestone moment for WA families. "To meet in Old Parliament House truly felt like our children and young adults are finally being heard by government, and there was an air of positive change at the policy level," she said.

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National Childhood Cancer Roundtable

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One of the most significant moments for Tracy came early in the day. "I had the opportunity to speak when national statistics on funding were presented, and I corrected the record," she explained.

"Philanthropic support from community organisations like CCRF has played a huge role in funding child cancer research for decades, yet it was missing from the conversation. I made sure that contribution was recognised, and by the end of the day, it was."

Both Andrea and Tracy highlighted the value of bringing together researchers, clinicians, government, and community voices. Tracy said, "It was a fantastic opportunity to discuss priorities, identify gaps and common goals, and nurture collaboration across the child cancer research landscape."

Andrea added, "When we sit at the same table, we stop being separate players and become one team


with one goal, helping young people not only survive, but thrive."

The discussions also addressed critical issues such as the funding gap for adolescents and young adults aged 14 to 24, and the development of a new Optimal Care Pathway that will set best-practice standards for clinical care in this age group.

"Previously, policy making has been left to researchers and clinicians," Tracy said. "It's vitally important that community organisations like CCRF, and families with lived experience, are included so research can target areas that matter most to us."



Andrea and Tracy expressed their gratitude to Cancer Australia for hosting the Roundtable and for creating a space where meaningful collaboration and shared purpose can shape the future of childhood cancer care across Australia.

A portrait of Associate Professor Rishi Kotecha, a man with dark hair and glasses, smiling. He is wearing a blue button-down shirt and a blue and white plaid tie. The background is a blurred pattern of brown and white geometric shapes.

The Child Cancer Research Foundation is proud to share this recognition from our long-standing research partner, The Kids Research Institute Australia.

Associate Professor Rishi Kotecha, whose work CCRF helps fund, has been awarded Cancer Council WA's 2024 Cancer Researcher of the Year for his pioneering work in childhood leukaemia.

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*By The Kids Research
Institute Australia*

*First published
Friday 13 September 2024.*

Associate Professor Rishi Kotecha

PIONEERING PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGIST RECEIVES TOP CANCER RESEARCH AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that Associate Professor Rishi Kotecha, Co-Head of Leukaemia Translational Research at The Kids Research Institute Australia Cancer Centre and Consultant Paediatric Oncologist at Perth Children's Hospital, has been named Cancer Council WA's 2024 Cancer Researcher of the Year.

The prestigious award recognises Associate Professor Kotecha's contributions to advancing leukaemia research and improving access to clinical trials and cutting-edge therapies for infants and children in Western Australia. In particular, his research has made a significant impact on improving the outcomes for infants diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL).

"Outcomes for infants under one year of age with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia have remained stagnant over decades, with five-year event-free survival rates less than 40 per cent," Associate Professor Kotecha said.

"My vision has been to improve this grim outcome through the establishment of a research program to identify novel therapies and develop innovative models to rigorously assess promising candidates for translation into clinical trials.

"I would like to thank Cancer Council WA for the incredible honour of being recognised as their 2024 Cancer Researcher of the Year."

Associate Professor Kotecha's dedication to advancing both scientific understanding and clinical applications is exemplified by a recent pilot clinical study, which drastically improved participant outcomes using immunotherapy in addition to chemotherapy.

"A small pilot clinical study we conducted recently with the addition of an immunotherapy called blinatumomab improved survival outcomes by 30 per cent – findings which indicate we are on the cusp of changing the paradigm for infants with ALL," he said.

"We will now investigate this approach further in larger international trials." Professor Catherine Elliott, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Research at The Kids Research Institute Australia, acknowledged the profound impact Associate Professor Kotecha's work has had on children and their families through the integration of clinical research into treatment.

"Rishi's work exemplifies the transformative power of research, driven by his sustained collaboration with both local and international partners," Professor Elliott said.

"This approach has not only advanced our understanding of leukaemia but has led to life changing outcomes for children and this award is a testament to the significant progress he has made.

"Rishi's achievements go beyond the laboratory and clinic. His mentorship of young researchers and collaboration with international teams are helping to build a brighter future for paediatric cancer research globally. We are fortunate to have such a visionary leader here at The Kids." As part of this honour, Associate Professor Kotecha – who is also an Associate Professor at Curtin University, University of Western Australia and Monash University – will receive \$20,000 towards his research program, further supporting his team's innovative work.



Western Suburbs Business Association

End of Year Celebration

The Western Suburbs Business Association (WSBA) wrapped up the year with its End of Year Celebration at The Claremont Hotel on Wednesday 10 December. The event brought together local business owners and community leaders for an evening of conversation, connection and a festive touch of red.

For CCRF, it was a chance to strengthen relationships within the business community. Andrea met with Sandy Gray from Mason Gray Insurance Brokers, long term supporters who provide the Foundation's insurance services. Their continued professionalism and commitment are deeply appreciated.

As a proud WSBA member, CCRF values the role the Association plays in connecting professionals across Perth's western suburbs. WSBA is a practical, business focused network that helps members build relationships, share expertise and access opportunities that support their work. Being part of this community helps the Foundation maintain strong partnerships and stay connected with organisations that champion local impact.

BECOME + A MEMBER

Becoming a member of the Child Cancer Research Foundation means more than adding your name to a list. It means joining a community of people who believe in the power of research to change outcomes for children with cancer.

Members play an important role in the life of the Foundation. They help strengthen governance, support long term planning, and ensure CCRF continues to fund vital research, advocate for better care, and invest in the future of childhood cancer research in Australia.

As a member, you stay connected to the work you help make possible and stand alongside others who are committed to creating lasting change.

**To become a member, visit
childcancerresearch.com.au**

AGM 2025

Reflecting on Progress and Looking Ahead



CCRF Board Members: Dr Barbara Sheil, Andrea Alexander, Tony Carvajal, Justin Bruce, Tracy Hollington and Natalie Hiddlestone

From the CEO

"It was wonderful to spend time with members who are so deeply invested in the future of the Foundation and the impact we can continue to make together for children and families."

-- Andrea Alexander



David & Geoff Cattach

The Foundation held its 32nd Annual General Meeting on Monday 1 December in the Ambrose Estate room at Wembley Golf Course. The AGM was an opportunity for the Board, staff, members and supporters to come together, reflect on the year, and share the priorities shaping the work ahead.

Chairperson Tracy Hollington opened the meeting and presented a clear overview of the Foundation's activity and performance during the 2024 to 2025 financial year. Attendees received updates across



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governance, research investment, advocacy, and community engagement.

Key matters reported included:

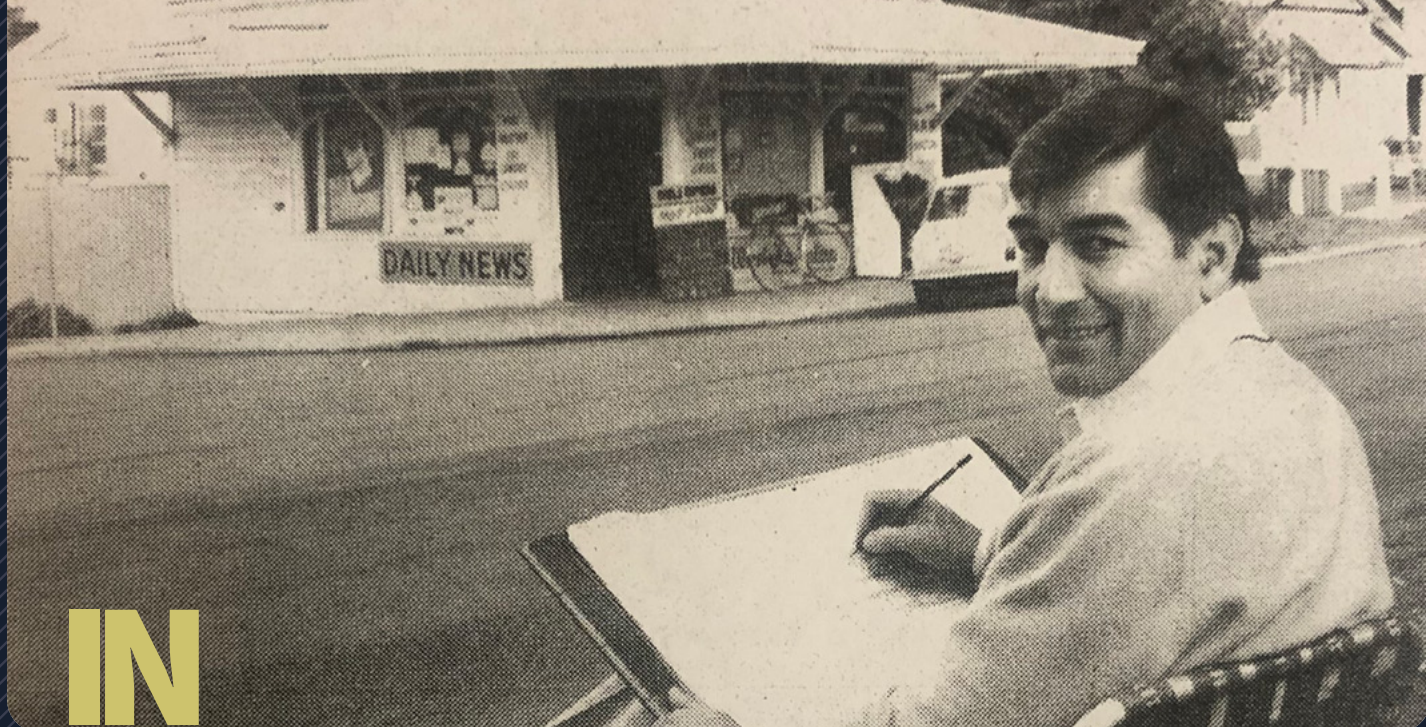
- The appointment of new members to the Committee of Management, strengthening the Foundation's governance and strategic capability.
- The formal transition of the Back on Track program into an independent organisation, the Back on Track Foundation, marking an important milestone for both charities.
- The success of the 2025 Matched Giving Month which achieved the highest result in the Foundation's history.
- National recognition of CCRF's work through the invitation for the Chairperson and CEO to attend the Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Ministerial Roundtable in Canberra.

The AGM also acknowledged the commitment of volunteers, donors, researchers, and community partners who make the Foundation's work possible. Following the meeting, guests gathered for Christmas refreshments on the terrace, offering a relaxed chance to connect, celebrate the end of the year and acknowledge the collective effort that drives CCRF's mission forward.



Carrying the legacy
forward





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MEMORIAM ↙

We pause to remember and honour several cherished members of our CCRF family who sadly passed away during the past year.

PETER HARPER

The Child Cancer Research Foundation mourns the passing of Peter Harper, who died peacefully on 15 November 2025.

Peter was one of the original founders of the organisation, inspired by the courage of his nine year old daughter, Jennifer, who was diagnosed with leukaemia in 1977. At that time, Peter discovered that no research into childhood leukaemia was taking place in Western Australia. Motivated by the urgent need for better answers, he set out to change that.

In 1979, together with a group of parents and with the support of Princess Margaret Children's Medical Research Foundation, Peter helped establish what would become the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation. His work, alongside early partners such as Geoff Cattach, laid the foundation for more than four decades of research progress that continues to save lives today.

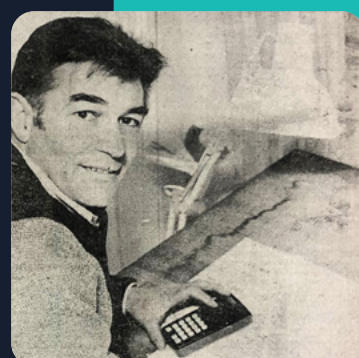
Jennifer sadly passed away in 1978, but her legacy lived on through her father's determination to create a future where

other children had a better chance of survival. Peter's advocacy contributed directly to the establishment of the dedicated Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Laboratory at PMH in 1983, and to the appointment of Dr Ursula Kees in 1984, whose leadership helped transform childhood leukaemia outcomes in WA.

Beyond his role as a founder, Peter was known for his artistic talent, his deep love for his family, and his steadfast commitment to improving the outlook for children diagnosed with cancer. His vision was one of hope, progress and community driven change.

Our thoughts are with the Harper family and all who know and loved Peter at this sad time.

The Foundation honours Peter with profound gratitude. His determination and compassion created a legacy that continues to shape the future of childhood cancer research in Western Australia.



PETER DALLAS

The CCRF community was deeply saddened by the passing of Dr Peter Dallas on 28 December 2024, after a courageous four-year journey with pancreatic cancer.

Peter first became connected to CCRF in 1999 when he commenced research into brain cancers at the Kids Research Institute, funded initially by the 3 Boys Legacy (then under the CCRF umbrella) and later through CCRF and other fellowships.

A talented scientist, Peter completed his undergraduate studies at Macquarie University before moving to UWA to complete a PhD in microbiology under the late Geoff Shellam. From 1994–1999, he undertook postdoctoral research at Temple University in Philadelphia, before returning to Western Australia to join the Institute's Cancer Division.

Peter was a trailblazer, establishing the first brain tumour research program in WA, and in 2008 partnered with Dr Nick Gottardo to advance brain tumour-focused drug discovery. He later transitioned from research to roles in scientific writing and editing, contributing his skills to the Institute until 2018 and beyond through freelance work.

Above all, Peter will be remembered for his vision, dedication, and lasting contributions to brain cancer research in WA.



"A true gentleman that dedicated his life to helping others. It was a pleasure having been able to assist you in your work. A fond memory that remains with me 22 years later." – Cassie Gilbert, cancer survivor

BRENT CATTACH

On behalf of everyone at the Child Cancer Research Foundation, we extend our deepest condolences to Geoff, David, and the entire Cattach family on the heartbreaking loss of Brent in March 2025.

Brent's story, like that of his beloved mother Marie and brother Stewart, is woven into the very fabric of CCRF. His strength, courage, and quiet resilience were not only inspirational – they were foundational to the mission that Geoff so passionately championed for over four decades.

The Cattach family's personal journey through childhood cancer has fuelled a legacy of hope that continues to change lives. Brent's life, though marked by profound challenges, became a beacon that illuminated the path toward better outcomes for so many others.

As we honour Brent's memory, we also honour the extraordinary love of a family whose determination to spare others from such pain has led to real and lasting impact.

Rest peacefully, Brent. Reunited now with your dear mum and brother, your light lives on in every child given hope through research.



ROS WORTHINGTON

In October 2024, CCRF farewelled Ros Worthington OAM, a remarkable charity icon and true champion for those in need. Ros, a former Western Australian of the Year, dedicated her life to giving back to her community, raising millions of dollars to support vital causes, including her advocacy for CCRF. As an ambassador, she played a pivotal role in raising awareness for childhood cancer research and inspiring others to join the cause.

Her influence extended well beyond CCRF. Ros was the driving force behind organisations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation WA, Breast Cancer Care WA, and Lifeline WA. Even after her diagnosis with stage four lung cancer, she used her voice to raise awareness for Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD).

We are forever grateful for Ros's extraordinary dedication and the legacy of compassion, kindness, and resilience she leaves behind. Our hearts remain with her family and loved ones. Rest in peace, Ros. Your light continues to shine through the lives you touched.



ERIC MADDOCK

The CCRF family also mourned the loss of Mr. Eric Maddock, who passed away on 11 October 2024 following illness.

Since 2013, Eric and his wife Annette were unwavering supporters of CCRF. Eric participated in many South West Bike Treks and, from 2017 to 2022, served as Bike Trek Coordinator with Annette by his side. Together, they dedicated countless hours to raising funds and building a community of riders united by a common purpose — to give hope to children with cancer.

Eric's generosity, commitment, and warm spirit left a lasting impact on CCRF. While the Bike Trek is no longer part of CCRF's fundraising calendar, its legacy remains a testament to Eric's leadership and passion.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Annette and her family. Eric's presence and contributions will be deeply missed, but the difference he made will continue to be felt for years to come.



More than 30 Years of Community Impact with The Entertainment Group

In August 2024, the Child Cancer Research Foundation was honoured to join The Entertainment Group in celebrating 30 years of fundraising, community support, and connection. The milestone event was held at C Restaurant in Perth, where CCRF CEO Andrea Alexander had the privilege of co-hosting the evening and acknowledging the long-standing partnership between the two organisations.

For three decades, The Entertainment Group, through its popular Entertainment Book and Entertainment App, has helped raise millions of dollars for charities, community groups, and schools across Australia. Since joining the program, the Child Cancer Research Foundation has raised more than \$46,000 through sales of these great-value books and digital memberships.

The partnership continues to be an easy and rewarding way for supporters to contribute to CCRF's mission while enjoying discounts at local restaurants, cafés, and businesses. Each purchase directly supports research into childhood cancers, helping improve outcomes for children and families across Western Australia.

Andrea expressed her gratitude to the team at The Entertainment Group for inviting CCRF to share in the celebration and for their ongoing commitment to making a difference through community giving.

The event was a fitting reminder that when local businesses and supporters come together, the impact can last for generations. CCRF looks forward to many more years of partnership and purpose with The Entertainment Group.



DOUBLE THE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

This festive season, CCRF supporters can turn everyday spending into real impact through our partnership with The Entertainment Group.

From 15 December to 7 January, the Festive Joy Doubled campaign lets you buy one Entertainment Membership and receive a second membership free, with a Multi City upgrade included on both. Two memberships, one purchase, and every sale supports childhood cancer research.

An Entertainment Membership unlocks dining, shopping and experiences across Australia, making it an easy gift or practical purchase for the months ahead. It is fundraising that fits into real life, while helping CCRF continue more than 45 years of investment in research that improves outcomes for children, adolescents and young adults with cancer.

If you are already planning summer meals, outings or Christmas gifts, this is a simple way to make your support go further.

Support CCRF and double the joy this Christmas.



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Celebrating Community with Beyond Bank

"Partnerships like this remind us that progress doesn't happen in isolation..."

- CEO, Andrea Alexander

On March 24, 2025, the Child Cancer Research Foundation (CCRF) was proud to attend the Beyond Bank Community Connection event, a night dedicated to celebrating the incredible impact of purpose-driven organisations across Western Australia.

Hosted by Beyond Bank, the event brought together a wide range of community organisations, each working to make a difference in their own unique way. For CCRF, it was an opportunity to reflect on the strength that comes from collaboration and to acknowledge the ongoing support of Beyond Bank and its customers.

Through their Community Reward Program, Beyond Bank has helped fund vital childhood cancer research over the years. The program allows customers to nominate CCRF as their chosen charity, with Beyond Bank then directing funds to support our mission. This simple but powerful initiative transforms everyday banking into life-saving research funding.

"The Beyond Bank Community Reward Program shows how small, everyday choices can have an extraordinary impact," said Andrea Alexander, CCRF CEO. "Thanks to the generosity of Beyond Bank and its customers, we've been able to invest in research that gives children diagnosed with cancer the best possible chance for a cure."

Andrea described the evening as inspiring and heart-warming, noting how meaningful it was to stand alongside other organisations united by a shared purpose to make life better for others.



"Partnerships like this remind us that progress doesn't happen in isolation," Andrea added. "We're deeply grateful to Beyond Bank and everyone who nominates CCRF. Your support helps turn hope into discovery."

Since becoming part of the program, CCRF has received \$15,365, thanks to Beyond Bank and its generous customers who have chosen CCRF as their nominated charity.

Events like the Community Connection evening are a powerful reminder that real change happens when we work together.

CCRF extends heartfelt thanks to Beyond Bank and to everyone who continues to support the Foundation through the Community Reward Program. Your generosity directly funds the research that gives children a brighter, healthier future.



Want to make a difference?

By choosing CCRF as your nominated charity in the Beyond Bank Community Reward Program, you can help fund the research that saves lives.

Visit: beyondbank.com.au/bank-and-save/accounts/community-reward-account/



Why Regular Giving Matters

How ongoing support helps childhood cancer research move forward

Breakthroughs in childhood cancer research do not happen overnight. They are built slowly, through years of careful study, collaboration and persistence. Behind every major discovery is sustained funding that allows researchers to keep going, even when progress is incremental or uncertain.

This is where regular giving makes a powerful difference.

Regular donations provide stability. They allow the Child Cancer Research Foundation to commit to research programs over multiple years, support early-stage ideas before they attract major grants, and back researchers through the long journey from laboratory discovery to clinical application.

Many of the advances supported by CCRF over the past four decades, including improvements in survival rates for childhood leukaemia, were made possible because funding did not stop when a single project ended. Ongoing support helped researchers refine their work, test new approaches and build the expertise needed to change outcomes for children.

Regular giving also helps CCRF respond to emerging needs. It enables the Foundation to invest in new areas of research, support innovative trials, and develop initiatives that address gaps in care, including survivorship support for children and young people after treatment ends.

Unlike one-off donations, regular gifts help CCRF plan with confidence. They provide a reliable foundation that

strengthens partnerships with research institutes, hospitals and clinicians, and ensure that promising work does not stall due to lack of funding.

For supporters, becoming a regular giver is a way to be part of long-term progress. It is not about funding a single experiment or campaign. It is about helping build the conditions that allow discoveries to happen at all.

Every monthly donation, no matter the amount, contributes to a future where more children survive cancer and live healthier lives beyond treatment.


If you would like to support childhood cancer research year-round, you can become a regular giver at

www.ccrfgiving.au

Your commitment today helps shape the breakthroughs of tomorrow.



Hope Starts with You...

**double your
donation** 
this June

FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP

Fundraising is the engine that powers childhood cancer research. Over the past year, individuals, community groups and partners across Australia have helped CCRF continue its long-standing commitment to funding research that improves outcomes for children and young people with cancer.

This section highlights some of the fundraising moments that made that work possible.



Childhood Cancer in Australia

The Numbers We Cannot Ignore

Australia continues to face a sobering reality when it comes to childhood cancer. In 2025, an estimated 1,270 Australian children and teenagers will be diagnosed with cancer. In the same year, 144 children and adolescents aged 0 to 19 are expected to lose their lives to the disease.

Childhood cancer remains the leading cause of death from disease in Australian children. These numbers underline why sustained investment in research, treatment and survivorship support remains essential.



**Many thanks to our incredible
matched giving partners**



2025 Giving Month

Double the Impact Amount Raised \$167,950!

June was a month of generosity, compassion, and extraordinary community spirit, as supporters from across Western Australia came together to make the 2025 Giving Month campaign one of CCRF's most successful yet.

Through the incredible response to our "Double Your Donation This June" appeal, the Child Cancer Research Foundation raised an outstanding total of \$167,950 to help fund life-saving childhood cancer research.

This remarkable result included \$70,966 in donations received directly through the CCRF office, \$46,733 raised via the online giving platform, and \$250 in additional gifts during July. Most significantly, the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation

stepped forward as our match donor, contributing a generous \$50,000 that inspired others to give and ensured every donation went twice as far.

"We are deeply grateful to the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation for their extraordinary generosity," said CEO Andrea Alexander. "Matched giving allows donors to see their impact instantly doubled, and this year's result shows just how much our community believes in the power of research to save lives."

The Giving Month campaign was supported through heartfelt appeals, social media outreach, and Belinda's powerful story of courage and survival, reminding us all of the difference that continued research can make for children facing cancer.

Every donation, large or small, helped turn compassion into action. The success of Giving Month 2025 reflects what can be achieved when a community unites behind a shared purpose: giving every child with cancer the best possible chance for a healthy future.

CCRF extends heartfelt thanks to the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation and to every supporter who gave so generously. Together, we are making an enduring difference for children and families across Western Australia.

If you would like to continue supporting CCRF's mission, donations can be made anytime at www.ccrfgiving.au



"Events like this remind us that the strength of our community lies in its compassion."

- Andrea Alexander, CCRF CEO.

"We are so grateful to every person who donated, volunteered, or attended. Your support helps us continue funding vital research that changes children's lives."

Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night Raises \$45,499!



An Unforgettable Night of Fun, Generosity, and Impact

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The event brought together more than 400 guests for an evening filled with laughter, games, and friendly rivalry – all for an important cause. Hosted by the dedicated volunteer organising team, this year's quiz night exceeded all expectations, raising a remarkable \$45,499 for the Child Cancer Research Foundation and the Back on Track Foundation.

"You showed up, you bid big, and you made a massive difference," said event organiser Michele Dalton. "To everyone who attended, donated, or volunteered – thank you for helping make this night one to remember."

With the support of 192 businesses and organisations, the night featured a record-breaking silent auction, raffles, coin toss games, and a highly contested best-dressed table competition. Every dollar raised will help fund life-changing childhood cancer research and education advocacy for children recovering from cancer treatment.

A very special thank you goes to the volunteer organising team, who devoted months of planning, coordination, and

creativity to bring the night to life. From sourcing hundreds of auction items to managing logistics and running the night, their tireless efforts and passion were the driving force behind this year's success.

From the high-energy quiz rounds to the heartfelt stories shared on the night, there was no mistaking the sense of purpose in the room. Guests not only competed for prizes but also stood united for a cause that touches families across Western Australia.

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"We are so grateful to every person who donated, volunteered, or attended. Your support helps us continue funding vital research that changes children's lives."

The Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night continues to be one of CCRF's most anticipated annual fundraisers, and 2025's event proved once again how much can be achieved when fun and purpose come together.

Thank you to everyone who helped keep the flame burning bright for children with cancer. Stay tuned for the announcement of next year's event!

Thank You to our Incredible Supporters



Thank You

Boarswamp Campdraft Club Charity Draft

Raises \$30,000 for Childhood Cancer Research



Story thanks to: Kylie Walmsley

The Boarswamp Campdraft Club's New Year's Eve Charity Draft on 31 December 2024 delivered an extraordinary result, raising \$30,000 for the Child Cancer Research Foundation.

Held on the Blythewood property owned by Leigh and Nicole McLarty, the event brought together competitors, families, sponsors, and the wider community for an afternoon and evening of competition, generosity, and celebration.

Boarswamp Campdraft Club has supported the Child Cancer Research Foundation since its early years, with total donations now exceeding \$120,000. This year's New Year's Eve Draft marked one of the club's most successful fundraising efforts to date and reinforced its long-standing commitment to supporting children and families affected by cancer.

The draft featured both Junior and Open classes, with finals running into sunset and drawing strong spectator support. As the evening unfolded, guests enjoyed a lively charity auction, silent auction, and live entertainment that carried the celebrations into the New Year.

The success of the event was made possible through the generous backing of sponsors and donors. Major sponsors included Spudshed and the Galati Family, Western Meatpackers, Blythewood Pastoral Company, Boarswamp Campdraft Club, and Cleanaway. An extensive list of auction partners contributed high-quality items, helping drive strong bidding and an outstanding fundraising outcome.

Boarswamp Campdraft Club also acknowledged the tireless efforts of volunteers who supported every aspect of the event, from setup and coordination through to pack down. Special thanks were extended to

the First Aid team at Medicaid, the McLarty family for the supply and cartage of cattle, and the many club members, friends, and extended family who contributed their time and energy.

The charity auction was led by Leigh McLarty, with coordination support from his daughter Claire, alongside Club President Eric Walmsley and Event Secretary Kristie May. Their leadership ensured the event ran smoothly and achieved its fundraising goals.

The evening concluded with dancing, music, and celebration, closing out the year in true Boarswamp spirit.

The Child Cancer Research Foundation extends its sincere thanks to the Boarswamp Campdraft Club, its sponsors, volunteers, and every person who donated or bid on auction items. Your generosity continues to make a meaningful difference for children with cancer and their families.



Consulate Court Christmas Lights Shone Bright for Childhood Cancer Research

A Record-Breaking \$24,773.25 Raised

The festive season once again brought magic and generosity to Consulate Court in Thornlie, as thousands of visitors came together throughout December 2023 to enjoy the spectacular Christmas light displays in support of the Child Cancer Research Foundation.

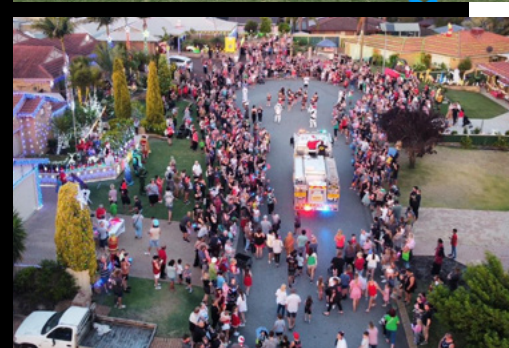
This much-loved community tradition continues to capture hearts and light up lives, with a phenomenal \$24,773.25 raised through donations across the month. From a few cents dropped into coin tins to contributions via tap stations, wand and merchandise sales, and generous cash gifts, every act of giving helped make this an unforgettable result.

"It's always amazing to see how a neighbourhood's Christmas spirit can bring people together for such an important cause," said Andrea Alexander, CCRF CEO. "We're deeply grateful to every visitor, donor, and

volunteer who made 2023's event another incredible success."

The Consulate Court Christmas Lights have long been a highlight on Perth's festive calendar, bringing joy to families while raising vital funds for childhood cancer research. Every dollar collected helps advance life-saving projects and provides support for children and families affected by cancer across Western Australia.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Consulate Court community and the many volunteers who dedicate countless hours each December to make this event possible. Their commitment, creativity, and kindness continue to make a real and lasting difference.





Standing Strong for Children with Cancer

Amount Raised \$10,000

On 15 July 2025, CCRF CEO Andrea Alexander and former Chair Geoff Cattach AM travelled to Bunbury to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Bunbury at the historic Rose Hotel. The evening was filled with warmth, generosity, and a shared commitment to helping children and families affected by cancer.

Guests took part in an inspiring auction featuring beautifully crafted timber pieces generously donated by the Bunbury Men's Shed, with all proceeds directed to the Child Cancer Research Foundation.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a \$10,000 donation to CCRF, accepted by Geoff, Andrea, and former Board member Phil Bruce, from immediate Past President Robyn Lloyd. The heartfelt gesture reflected the Rotary Club's long-standing dedication to community causes and its continued belief in the importance of supporting medical research.

The evening was made especially moving by Mr. Murray Harris, who spoke about his son Justin's leukaemia diagnosis in 1984 and the hope CCRF provided during their family's journey. His story was a powerful reminder of the Foundation's enduring impact and the difference that research and community support can make.

In recognition of his extraordinary leadership and decades of service, Geoff was also honoured with his second Paul Harris Fellow Award, one of Rotary's most distinguished accolades.

"We are deeply grateful to the Greater Bunbury Rotary Club for their generosity, compassion, and unwavering support," said Andrea Alexander, CCRF CEO. "Their contribution helps us continue funding vital research and providing hope to families across Western Australia."

The Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to the Greater Bunbury Rotary Club for their unwavering generosity and commitment, with special appreciation to Robyn Lloyd and Paul Diggins for their outstanding support.



A Night of Generosity and Community Spirit

Amount Raised \$11,600

In April 2024, the Rotary Club of Katanning hosted a memorable evening in support of the Child Cancer Research Foundation, bringing together more than 200 guests for a celebration of generosity, friendship, and purpose.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, took part in a lively silent auction, and were entertained by the legendary Tiny Holly, whose energy and auctioneering flair helped drive the fundraising total even higher.

Adding to the excitement, a raffle was held in the lead-up to the event, with prizes donated by generous local businesses and supporters. Together, these efforts culminated in an outstanding \$11,600 raised to help fund vital research into childhood cancers.

"It's always inspiring to see communities rally behind the cause," said Andrea Alexander, CCRF CEO. "The Rotary Club of Katanning's passion and generosity truly reflect what community spirit is all about. Every dollar raised helps us continue funding the research that gives children with cancer the best chance for a healthy future."

Andrea later had the pleasure of meeting Club President Gary Quarmby in Perth to personally express CCRF's gratitude for the club's incredible contribution and continued support. A heartfelt thank you to everyone at the Rotary Club of Katanning for your compassion, dedication, and generosity. Your support brings us one step closer to a brighter future for children facing cancer.





Run for a Reason

Running, Walking, and Rolling for a Cause



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Raises \$4,793 in 2025



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The annual HBF Run for a Reason once again brought thousands of Western Australians together in May, and this year the Child Cancer Research Foundation team joined forces with the Back on Track Foundation to take part in the event with heart and purpose.

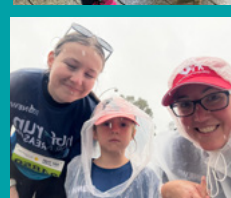
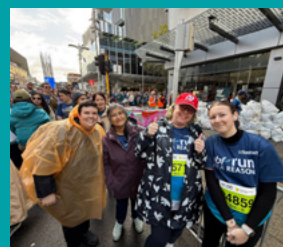
Families, friends, and supporters of both organisations braved the wet weather to walk and run through Perth's city streets, raising vital funds to help children and families affected by cancer. From toddlers in strollers to multigenerational teammates, the CCRF and Back on Track crew showed what community support looks like in action.

Together, the team raised an inspiring \$4,793 through the event's

official fundraising platform. Every dollar raised helps fund life-saving research and programs that support children returning to education and everyday life after cancer treatment.

CCRF CEO Andrea Alexander thanked everyone who joined the team, donated, or cheered from the sidelines. "It's always wonderful to see so many people coming together for a cause that truly matters. Every step taken helps bring hope to children and families facing some of life's toughest challenges."

Rain or shine, CCRF's supporters continue to show that when a community moves together, it makes a lasting difference.





PEDALLING FOR

Purpose

Mark Gibbens Takes on 7,400km



Last year, adventure, endurance, and compassion came together as Mark Gibbens once again took on an extraordinary challenge in support of the Child Cancer Research Foundation (CCRF).

In 2024, Mark completed the North Cape to Tarifa self-supported cycling event, a gruelling 7,400-kilometre journey from the top of Norway to the southern tip of Spain. The route took him through 14 European countries and across four major mountain ranges, demanding immense strength, discipline, and determination.

No stranger to extreme endurance events, Mark pushed himself to the limit to help fund vital research for children with cancer. Through his incredible effort, he raised \$2,670, with every dollar supporting research that gives children a better chance at life.

"The pain I willingly push my body through is nothing compared to the suffering endured by kids with cancer," Mark said. "Please support me to support them. Your encouragement keeps me going."

Mark's determination and generosity continue to inspire everyone at CCRF. His challenge not only raised vital funds but also shone a light on the resilience and hope that drive the Foundation's mission.

CCRF extends heartfelt thanks to Mark Gibbens for once again going the distance for children with cancer. His efforts prove that no distance is too great when it comes to making a difference.

Amount Raised
\$2,670





CELEBRATING STRENGTH & HOPE

Angus Hollington Marks Five Years Cancer-Free

In April 2025, family, friends, and supporters gathered at the Byford Country Club to celebrate an extraordinary milestone for Angus Hollington, son of CCRF Chair Tracy Hollington. The evening marked five years since Angus' stem cell transplant and five years of complete remission from Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML), the first time since his initial diagnosis in 2014 that he had been cancer-free.

The celebration was filled with love, laughter, and gratitude as the Hollington family organised a community fundraiser to benefit both the Child Cancer Research Foundation and the Back on Track Foundation, two organisations close to their hearts. Guests enjoyed happy hour festivities, live music, and a raffle that featured generous prizes donated by local businesses.

The event raised an impressive \$1,700, with every dollar supporting childhood cancer research and education advocacy for children recovering from treatment. In a touching gesture of generosity, the winner of the \$500 first-place raffle prize donated it back to the cause,

ensuring even greater impact.

Tracy shared, "Angus' story is a reminder that survival is just the beginning. The side effects and challenges that come after treatment are immense. My hope, through CCRF's work, is that children not only survive but thrive, free from the lasting impact of cancer and its treatment."

Against all odds, Angus overcame a secondary AML diagnosis that carried only a seven-percent survival rate. His story stands as a testament to the strength of families, the power of research, and the importance of community support.

CCRF extends heartfelt thanks to Angus, Tracy, and the Hollington family for turning their personal milestone into a night that will help other children on their journey toward recovery and hope.

Amount Raised
\$1,700

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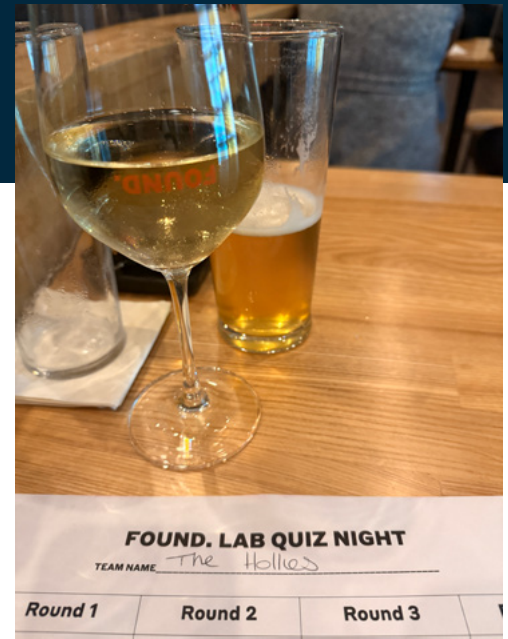
On Wednesday 30 July, the FoundLab in Byford turned up the fun for a great cause, hosting one of their much-loved monthly quiz nights in support of local charities. Each month, the FoundLab community comes together to test their trivia skills and give back, with proceeds directed to a chosen organisation making a difference.

For July, the Child Cancer Research Foundation was proud to be the nominated beneficiary. CCRF Chair Tracy Hollington and her family joined in the lively evening of friendly competition, laughter, and community spirit, representing the Foundation and sharing more about its vital work funding research into childhood cancers.

The event raised an impressive \$1,059, which will help support life-saving research and give hope to children and families facing cancer. As the FoundLab team says, "At FOUND., we believe in the power of community." Their commitment to supporting local causes continues to make a real difference, bringing people together over good food, great company, and shared purpose.

CCRF extends heartfelt thanks to the FoundLab Byford team and everyone who took part for their generosity and support. Your kindness and community spirit continue to make a meaningful impact for children with cancer.

Quiz Night



Amount Raised
\$1,059

GIRLS FESTIVAL OF SOCCER 2025 EMPOWERING GIRLS, BUILDING COMMUNITY, SUPPORTING RESEARCH

The Girls Festival of Community Soccer once again brought colour, energy, and connection to Fremantle Oval, celebrating the growth of girls' football and the power of sport to unite communities.

This year's festival featured 72 teams, 550 players, and 20 clubs, each coming together for a day of friendly competition and community spirit. The event is more than just a soccer tournament; it's a movement that encourages young players to play, belong, and push for something bigger.

While there was no monetary donation to the Foundation this year, CCRF CEO Andrea Alexander

proudly represented the Child Cancer Research Foundation with a merchandise stall at the event. Chairperson Tracy Hollington and her husband also attended, showing their support and joining in the day's celebrations. The event provided a valuable opportunity to raise awareness, sell CCRF merchandise, and share the Foundation's message with hundreds of families and spectators.

The partnership between CCRF and the Girls Festival

of Community Soccer continues to grow stronger each year. In 2024, the event raised an incredible \$3,200 for CCRF, helping to fund vital research and support children and families affected by cancer.

As the organisers shared, "The festival isn't just about football, it's about connection, confidence, and community." The excitement is already building for next year's festival, which will take place on Saturday, 18 April 2026, at Hilton Reserve in Fremantle. Don't miss your chance to be part of this inspiring celebration of sport, community, and generosity.

CCRF extends heartfelt thanks to the Girls Festival of Community Soccer organisers, players, and supporters for their continued partnership and commitment to making a difference.





A Gift in Your Will

A Future Changed Forever

Many of the breakthroughs we see in childhood cancer research today exist because someone, years ago, chose to leave a gift that would outlive them.

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A powerful way to create lasting change for children, adolescents diagnosed with cancer

A gift in your Will to the Child Cancer Research Foundation is a powerful way to create lasting change for children, adolescents and young adults diagnosed with cancer across Australia. It allows you to support research, innovation and survivorship programs that give families hope, not just today, but for generations to come.

For more than 45 years, CCRF has funded childhood cancer research that has improved survival rates and transformed care. From early laboratory research to clinical translation and now survivorship support, long-term investment has been key. Gifts left in Wills help make this possible. They provide stability, continuity and the confidence to fund research that can take years to deliver results.

A bequest is not about the size of the gift. After taking care of your loved ones, even a small percentage of your estate can help fund research that leads to better treatments, fewer side effects, and



stronger futures for children who survive cancer.

Many people choose to leave a gift in their Will because childhood cancer has touched their lives personally. Others do so because they believe every child deserves the chance to grow up. Whatever your reason, your legacy can help ensure research continues, care improves, and no child faces cancer without hope.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a deeply personal decision. If you would like to learn more about how a bequest to CCRF can make a difference, or if you would like to have a confidential conversation, we are here to help.

Your legacy can change a life. And shape the future of childhood cancer research in Australia.

Please, contact us today for more information on (08) 9363 7400.

Containers for Change

Turning Everyday Recycling into Research Funding



Looking for an easy way to make a difference? By recycling your bottles and cans through Containers for Change, you can help the Child Cancer Research Foundation continue funding life-saving research into childhood cancers.

Every eligible container collected and returned helps keep waste out of landfill while supporting children and families affected by cancer. Whether it's from a summer barbecue, family picnic, or after-school sports day, those small 10-cent containers can add up to something truly meaningful.

It's simple to get involved:

1. Collect eligible containers marked with the 10c refund symbol
2. Take them to your nearest refund point
3. Donate your funds to CCRF using our **Scheme ID C10285275**

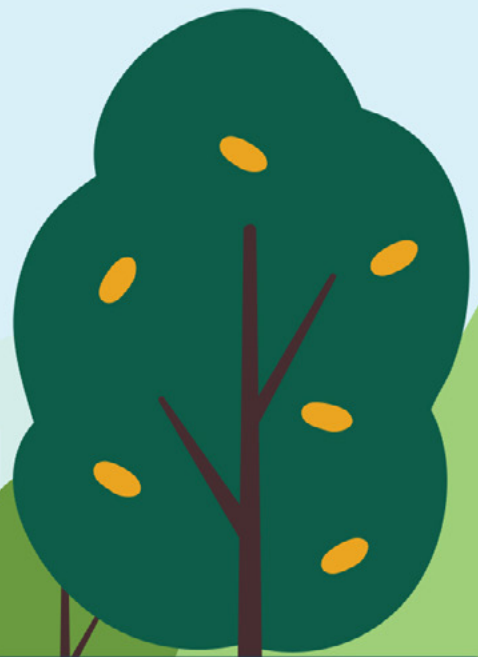
Since joining the program, CCRF supporters across Western Australia have raised an impressive \$12,042.80, with every dollar helping fund vital childhood cancer research projects. Each container recycled is a small act of care for both the environment and the children we support.

There's also exciting news ahead. The State Government recently announced that from 1 July 2026, Western Australia's container deposit scheme will expand to include additional drink containers such as juice, cordial, flavoured milk, and even wine bottles and casks up to 3 litres. The expansion means even more opportunities to recycle and raise funds for causes like CCRF.

So next time you finish a drink, remember — that empty bottle could help fund the next breakthrough in childhood cancer research.

To learn more or find your local refund point, visit www.containersforchange.com.au/wa

BE THE CHANGE RECYCLE & SUPPORT KIDS WITH CANCER



01

COLLECT ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

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

02

TAKE THEM TO A REFUND POINT

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

03

DONATE YOUR FUNDS

You'll receive 10 cents for every eligible container, which you can donate to CCRF using our Scheme ID.



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