

FROM THE Chairman.





Dear Supporters,

As we are well and truly into 2023, I am humbled and grateful for the progress that we have made in our ongoing fight against childhood cancer. The Child Cancer Research Foundation has been at the forefront of this battle, and I am proud to say that we have continued to make strides in our efforts.

I extend my gratitude to everyone who has supported our foundation over the past few years, whether it be by attending one of our events, volunteering, helping to raise awareness or by donating to our cause.

We have seen remarkable advancements in the research projects we are helping to fund at the Telethon Kids Institute Cancer Centre which will ultimately lead to the development of new treatments designed to help more children with cancer. While we have certainly made great progress, there is still much work to be done.

To celebrate the 43rd anniversary of our foundation, we held our Giving Week from 22 to 26 May, where all donations were doubled thanks to the generosity of our matched-giving partners. This was a huge success and we thank everyone who helped us make double the impact for children with cancer.

We have many more exciting events to look forward to this year. Our always-popular Keep the Flame Alive Quiz Night raised a wonderful amount in July, and we will see our South West Bike Trek be replaced by the thrilling new Cycle for a Cure event which will include a Family Night Out Concert at the Fairbridge Village in October.

In another exciting update, our Back on Track program is well and truly underway, with the recent appointment of specialist educators. This program ensures children with cancer have a positive and successful return to their education during and after treatment.

We are so thankful to all our supporters and donors who have made our important work possible. Your generosity and commitment to the cause is instrumental in helping us advance our mission and bring us closer to a cancer-free future for children.

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2023 started with a bang. The Foundation welcomed a new Corporate Partnership Manager, Scott Ballem, who brings many years of experience in this space. We're very excited to see what his skill, knowledge and enthusiasm will deliver to CCRF in the coming years.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that Kylie Dalton has accepted the role of Chief Operating Officer for CCRF. With many new projects and our strategic pillars being locked into place, the Foundation must have the right executive team to help keep us moving forward. I know that Kylie has helped us see the benefits of growth and building our solid strategic plan, which will benefit the Foundation in the future.

Back on Track WA went live in January 2023. Thanks to the funding we received from the Telethon 7 Trust, we have two specialist educators on staff delivering on the education advocacy program.

Louise Shedden has many years of educational experience and leads the advocate team already supporting many of our WA children. Caroline Crofton joined the team as the senior school advocate and is working with diagnosed children in high school and their siblings. The advocacy program supports all children affected by a childhood cancer diagnosis which, more often than not, extends to siblings.

Three major events have been planned for 2023, and we hope you will be able to attend or participate in some way. The Keep the Flame Alive Quiz night was held at Ascot Racecourse Saturday, 22 July and raised \$42,381.05, which eclipsed last year's total of \$31,000!

The annual South West Bike Trek has also had an update. Now called Cycle for a Cure, the event will be over four days in October, with each night sleeping at Fairbridge Village. It's an exciting change for us and one we hope our supporters will get behind. Head to cycleforacure.com.au to register.

Additionally our Family Night Out is set to make a return for the final night of Cycle for A Cure - Sunday 22 October 2023 at Pinjarra Village Oval. Get ready to embark on a nostalgic journey, as we revisit the greatest hits from the biggest blockbusters of the 80s, performed by The VHS Pirates. This one-of-a-kind event promises to be a feast for the ears and eyes, combining classic 80s tunes with the ultimate flashbacks on screen. Tickets are available from familynightout.com.au.

We could not continue to focus on our vision and mission without the generosity of people like you supporting our vital cause. Thank you for your trust, support and critical funds.

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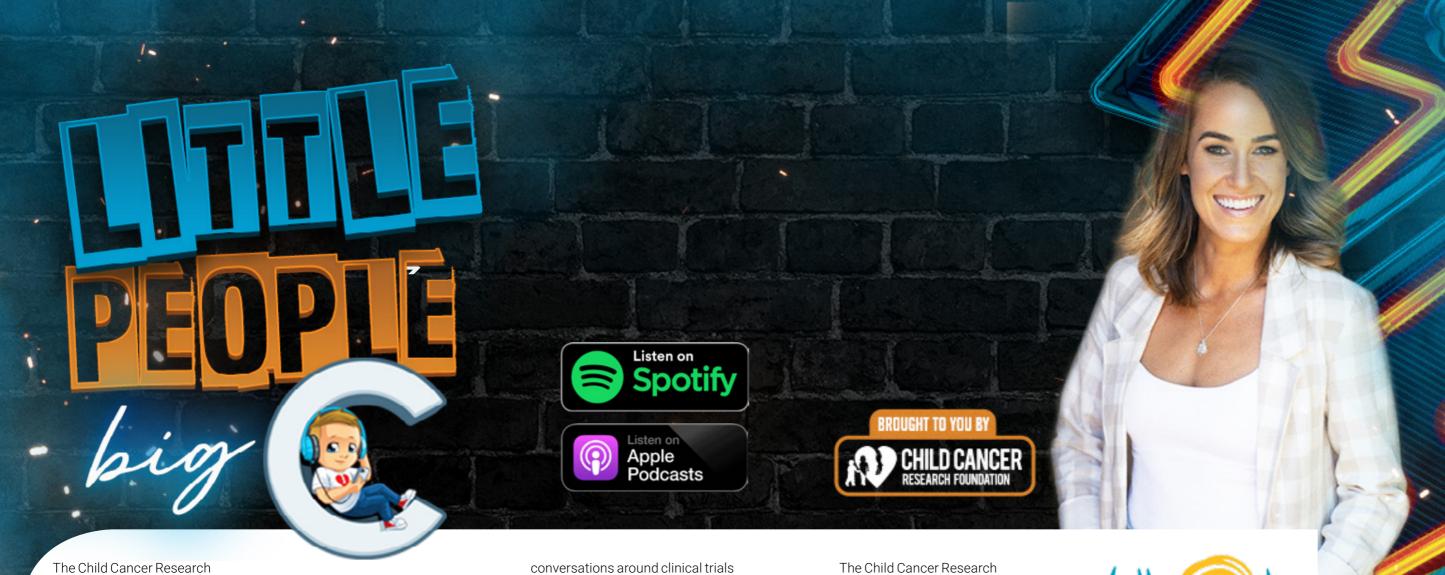
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The Child Cancer Research
Foundation together with Lotterywest, is proud to announce the one of a kind unscripted podcast series is LIVE and already offering listeners a glimpse into the world of childhood cancer with the mission to keep research funding at the forefront.

"This is a first for a charity in Australia, and certainly in WA, to see the benefits of storytelling using podcasts" says Chief Operatoring Officer, Kylie Dalton.

At the helm of the empowering and informative 10-part series, is award-winning TV journalist and producer, Cassie Silver; who takes listeners on the emotional and courageous journey that comes with childhood cancer. Sitting down with families, survivors, scientists and clinicians; the series offers hope and comfort to Australian cancer families, whilst educating those completely removed from the cancer world.

"The series shines a light on a dark topic, by offering comfort to those in the fight but also educates the rest of us on the importance of research", says Cassie Silver.

"I had no idea how much research and work is being done in the labs of little old Perth to create better outcomes for children with cancer; and for me personally, this series impacted me emotionally as a mother of two and was an extremely rewarding project to take on."

Delving into the labs of the Telethon Kids Institute, clinicians Dr Rishi Kotecha and Dr Joost Lesterhuis offer a palatable insight into the research world, filled with statistics and science as well as personal experience, loss and laughter. Childhood cancer warriors reflect on their journey following treatment and the impact it's had on their lives as adults.

There are parents who have come out the other side, and others who continue the cancer conversation and leave a legacy for their children no longer with us. There are tears as well as chuckles of joy, plus incredible

conversations around clinical trials and progress surrounding treatment protocols for young patients.

"I really enjoyed opening up about our story with Cassie, she made me feel very at ease and I think this is such a unique way of sharing what we went through." Sharing her son Liam's story, Amy Devantier found the process cathartic and a way to contribute to the childhood cancer world, with a mission to drive more donations into research to provide better outcomes for kids.

"If we can help even one family get an earlier diagnosis or help future funding for child cancer research, then I would be a happy lady," says Amy.



The Child Cancer Research
Foundation has been supporting
the childhood cancer community in
WA for 42 years, funding the groundbreaking research that has been
instrumental in improving outcomes
for children with cancer.

The series also boasts rare appearances from two founding members of the CCRF, as well as our very own Chief Operating Officer, Kylie Dalton. Dedicating his life to the Foundation, Chairman of the Board, Geoff Cattach talks candidly about the early days and his hopes for the future. The warm tones of the voice of Professor Ursula Kees flood listeners head phones as she shares the driving force behind what brought her from Switzerland to Perth and what she's witnessed over the past 40 years.

Kylie Dalton believes having Geoff on the show will be a highlight for the audience and dedicated community members. "He has dedicated his life to the Foundation and being able to hear his story will be so powerful for others considering supporting charities like ours."



The whole team at CCRF are excited and beyond proud to have pushed publish on the podcast series, making it available to listeners all around the country. Globally, there are more than 5 million podcasts with over 70 million episodes available; but Little People, Big C offers listeners something many podcasts don't, and that's hope.

A podcast story told by those families directly affected by childhood cancer, we believe, will help others understand how important it is that we don't give up the fight.

With special thanks to Dr Katrina Stratton, MLA, and the contribution from Lotterywest, talks of series two are already in the pipeline.

The 10 part podcast series, Little People, Big C is free and available for listeners on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.







First published by Telethon Kids Institute Thursday 25 May 2023

A pilot clinical study, led in Australia by a Telethon Kids Institute and Perth Children's Hospital researcher, has found an immunotherapy drug can dramatically increase survival rates for babies with a rare form of leukaemia, paving the way for a major international clinical trial.

The phase two study tested the safety and effectiveness of a drug called blinatumomab for the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) in infants diagnosed under 12 months of age.

The results, published in the prestigious New England Medical Journal, showed that it was safe and feasible to administer blinatumomab to babies with ALL and remarkably also identified a strong signal for efficacy, with an almost 30% improvement in disease-free survival at two years from diagnosis – from 49.4% to 81.6%.

Associate Professor Rishi Kotecha, co-head of the Telethon Kids Institute's Leukaemia Translational Research team and consultant in clinical haematology and oncology at Perth Children's Hospital, said the small-scale pilot study involving 30 babies from around the world, has significant global implications for the disease.

"Infant ALL constitutes a subgroup of cahildhood leukaemia which has really poor survival rates, significantly lower than many of the other forms of blood cancers we see in children."







"The pilot study has shown a massive early improvement to survival, and it really shows that this strategy can have a real impact on the way we treat babies with ALL worldwide," he said.

Findings from the pilot trial will now be expanded to test the drug in a larger cohort of babies in the upcoming global Interfant-21 trial. Thanks to further funding from the Medical Research Future Fund and The Kids' Cancer Project, the trial will involve all 10 of the tertiary paediatric cancer centres in Australia and New Zealand, including Perth Children's Hospital.

Associate Professor Kotecha said there have been very few improvements in survival rates for babies with ALL over the past 20 years, and the new trial was an exciting step forward.

"Blinatumomab is an immunotherapy drug that links the immune system to destroy the leukaemia cells," Associate Professor Kotecha said.

"What's exciting is that it doesn't have the toxic side effects we see from chemotherapy, which is known to kill healthy cells as well as cancer cells. This is what causes the horrendous side effects we associate with chemotherapy, and when we're treating very young babies it's particularly distressing."

"The immunotherapy allows babies the chance to recover in between the chemotherapy cycles, while still attacking the cancer cells," Associate Professor Kotecha said.

In the pilot trial, babies were still given conventional chemotherapy in addition to blinatumomab, but in the upcoming Interfant-21 trial, one of the chemotherapy treatment blocks will be completely replaced by the immunotherapy drug.

"The most distressing thing is seeing a newborn baby with this disease; for parents it's the worst scenario you can imagine."

With this treatment strategy, in addition to improving survival outcomes we're hoping that the babies will not only experience less short-term toxicity but also fewer of the long-term side effects as well.

Recruitment of babies with ALL from Australia and New Zealand into the new clinical trial will begin in the third quarter of 2023.

Associate Professor Kotecha will continue in his role from Perth as the National Principal Investigator for the Interfant-21 trial, with continued support for centralised trial management and administration of funding from the Australian and New Zealand Children's Haematology/Oncology Group, based at the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, Monash University.

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Sept: child cancer awareness month

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to shine a spotlight on the gruelling disease and the need to improve diagnosis, treatment and outcomes.

More children die from cancer than any other disease in Australia. While medical advancements have improved survival rates, there is still much work to be done. Research is crucial to finding better treatments, reducing side effects, and ultimately, finding a cure. Here are some ways you can help raise awareness and support childhood cancer research:

Include Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in your work or school newsletter

If your workplace sends out regular newsletters, we would love it if you considered including an article about Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September. We are more than happy to help write this for you! Simply contact our team by calling (08) 9363 7400 or by emailing admin@childcanceresearch.com.au

Share posts about Childhood Cancer Awareness Month on your social media

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, where we will be sharing relevant information about childhood cancer all throughout September and beyond. You can help us get the message out by sharing our posts to your friends and family.

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Create your own fundraising event

Why don't you host your own fundraising event this September? Some potential fundraising ideas include a morning tea at your workplace, a quiz night, sausage sizzle or a high tea.

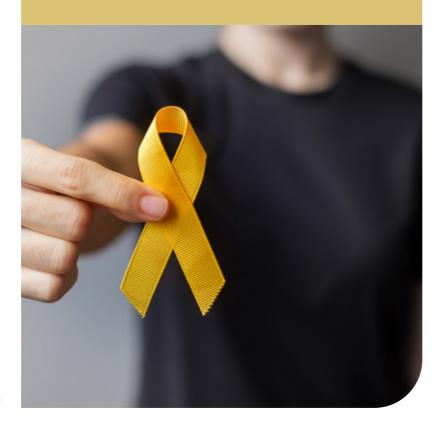
Please contact us with your fundraising ideas so we can help you in any way we can! Simply send an email to admin@childcancerresearch.com.au or call our office on (08) 9363 7400.

> Wear Gold

Gold symbolises childhood cancer awareness.

Throughout September, wear gold ribbons,
clothing, or accessories to show your support and
start conversations about the cause.

You can purchase gold ribbons from our office at 3/100 Hay Street, Subiaco WA 6008. A ribbon can be purchased with a gold coin donation towards our cause.



Share Stories

One of the most powerful ways to raise awareness is by sharing stories of brave children and their families. Sharing your own story about your experience with childhood cancer can help in many ways. Not only will it help educate people not affected by childhood cancer, it will also help other families know that they are not alone.

If you decide to share your story on social media, we would love to see it! Make sure you tag our Facebook page (@childcanceresearch).





We hope you will consider helping us raise awareness for childhood cancer research during the month of September. Your support is so vital for us to continue our important work, to ensure more children can go on to live the lives they deserve.

When we come together as a community, we can make a significant impact in the fight against childhood cancer. Let's spread awareness, support affected families, and strive towards a future where children can live cancer-free.



A life should be long and full of stories, experiences, and adventures; and a cancer diagnosis should only rob us of time, not opportunity.

This couldn't be more true for our young Australian population who are yet to make their mark on the world. We know cancer in childhood or adolescence impacts significantly on school attendance, experiences and educational outcomes.

Children undergoing cancer treatment already miss out on enough, and education shouldn't be one of them.

With the launch of a new advocacy-based program, the skies the limit for Australia's young cancer survivors and patients in remission.

A first of its kind in WA, the Back on Track initiative ensures children who go through cancer treatment do not fall through the cracks with their education due to the enormous strain treatment can have. Instead, they're armed with the resources and support they need to feel empowered to chase their dreams and succeed in the classroom and beyond.

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Over the past few years, parental concern for their child's education following diagnosis has been researched and documented by the Child Cancer Research Foundation, including noting reductions in academic performance, ability to participate in school and school-related activities and the need for education professionals and school peers to receive information specific to their child's needs.

The Child Cancer Research
Foundation Chief Operating
Officer, Kylie Dalton, has dedicated
the past three years researching
with families and children who
have gone through treatment,
adults who've had cancer as a
child and support organisations.

"Working with child cancer families has taught me that while improvements have been made with treatments there are many gaps that the kids face. One of them is support with education that fits their needs," says Kylie

When a student returns to school after cancer it can be a good sign that their life is returning to their 'new normal'. However, many young people return to school feeling 'different' to how they felt before treatment.

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Common concerns include loss of identity, social anxiety, fear and worry about failure, lack of self-confidence, worrying about what their capabilities and how to manage full days of school; just ask Perth mum Tegan Connolly. Her son Logan was diagnosed with B cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia when he was two and a half years old and spent years enduring intense regimes of daily chemotherapy and daily steroid to help his tiny body fight the cancer.

"I still see the effects of missed experiences from Logan's early formative years. Whether it was staying home, isolation, lost friendships, and loneliness; his health came first and everything else followed", says Tegan. "I can't wait to see the profound impact, Back on Track will have on Logan and our next generation of young achievers who have the world at their feet."

The Back on Track WA program ensures children have the chance to get back to their education post treatment; an opportunity every child deserves.

The initiative provides education advocates funded by Telethon 7 for the program, with one assigned to a child cancer patient following diagnosis beyond treatment, who will remain with the child for their

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When a child survives cancer, their hopes and dreams deserve to suvive too.

entire education journey, tutoring, advocating at any level and most importantly with the school.

The education advocate supports the child, parents, siblings, classmates, and the teacher throughout the entire journey, offering guidance upon the often-daunting return to the classroom.



Program Manager Louise Shedden



Senior Education Advocate
Caroline Crofton

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Commitment: We're the mobilising force behind the child's education plan, offering support in curriculum, identifying and achieving academic and wellbeing goals and effective support strategies.

Community: Support extends beyond the classroom, offering additional education support to siblings and other support for close family members who are impacted by the effects of cancer treatment recovery.

Consistency: We ensure continuity of support and care that is consistent, with clear communication and open conversations at the forefront.

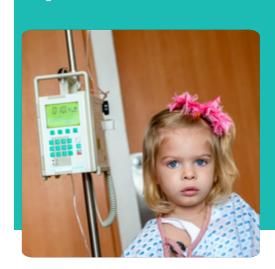
Many of the children the Child Cancer Research Foundation has worked with over the years in Western Australia have gone on to become doctors, nurses and research scientists; inspired by their own journey and despite the loss of their education during treatment. This program encourages and motivates our next generation of budding medicos and professionals to believe in their ability and use the tools to achieve greatness.

"Back on Track WA has already proven to be invaluable to many WA child cancer families. We couldn't be happier with the take up of the program", says Kylie. Travelling to Albany, Boddington, Bunbury and Busselton, just to name a few; the CCRF is on a mission to deliver the Back on Track program to every child in WA.

Childhood cancer mum Kerrin
Hampson, has watched her son
Marley struggle with neurocognitive
side effects since primary school.
"This is going to help Marley find
his confidence, feel supported and
give him the structures he needs
to succeed on his own terms", says
Kerrin.

It's been a vision years in the making and with the support of Cancer Australia's seed funding, envisioning every WA child with cancer reach their full educational potential is becoming even more of a reality. With incredible partners already onboard, we welcome more to join the initiative's mission continuing to offer life-changing support for children returning to school after cancer treatment.

Together, let's get WA children living with cancer back on track and build brighter futures.



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Improving Treatment

for Children with Down Syndrome:
A PHD Journey at Telethon Kids Cancer Centre

Our Foundation takes great pride in being one of the major supporters of the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre, helping to fund numerous ground-breaking projects in the realm of childhood cancer research.

The Centre is comprised of multiple teams, each dedicated to tackling a specific area of childhood cancers.

The Translational Genomics in Leukaemia (TGL) team, led by CCRF research fellow Dr Sebastien Malinge, focuses on chromosomal and genetic alterations that predispose to and promote leukaemia in children. The goal of the TGL team is to develop new targeted treatments to improve quality of care and long-term survival for all children.

PhD student Shannon Carey-Smith is a member of the TGL team, and the Foundation recently had the opportunity to speak with him about the exciting work he has been involved with as part of his degree.

Shannon's role within the team involves understanding the roles of trisomy 21 in Down Syndrome acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (DS-ALL), with a focus on targeting the chromosome 21 gene DYRK1A

with new inhibitors in unique DS-ALL laboratory models. Children who are born with Down Syndrome are highly susceptible to an array of health issues, including an increased risk of developing childhood leukaemia. Not only is this risk higher, but these children also have a harder time fighting it, responding poorly to current treatments and have a higher rate of relapse.

Ultimately, using leukaemia in children with Down Syndrome as a disease model, Shannon and the team are aiming to improve the outcomes for children with many paediatric leukaemias that present with the same chromosomal and genetic alterations, and including trisomy 21 in the leukaemia cells only.

"Understanding the genetics is the part that excites me the most. It is so complex and interesting," expressed Shannon.

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"But my favourite aspect of the job is the fact that our work leads to improving the outcomes for all children who develop leukaemia."

Shannon's interest in genetics and biology began in high school and led him to pursue a degree in Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology at Curtin University. He began researching genetics in paediatric cancer during this degree and has now been a part of the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre for four years, starting with his



PhD Student: Shannon Carey-Smith

What is your favourite hobby?

My favourite hobby is spearfishing and freediving when the weather permits, but I am also really into fitness and Muay Thai.

Where is the coolest place you have travelled?

France and Italy as part of a conference trip to present my work.

What is your favourite food? Seafood!

What is your favourite band/singer or type of music?

My favourite music genre is metal, with my favourite Aussie band being Northlane.

What is the last book you read?

Napoleon Life, Legacy, and Image: A Biography by Alan Forrest



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Honours degree in 2019. Currently on schedule to complete his PhD project in September of this year, Shannon intends to publish two papers related to his research.

The first paper will focus on DYRK1A inhibitors in DS-ALL and the second will be a review paper that examines copy number variation in cancer. Copy number variations are changes in the number of copies of chromosomes, DNA segments or specific genes, and they are known to play a role in cancer development.

We commend Shannon for nearing the end of his PhD and for helping to make significant contributions to the field of childhood cancer research.

The opportunity to help nurture the next generation of researchers at the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre through research projects we help fund is a great pleasure of our Foundation.

This funding is so crucial to see more children live the long and fulfilling lives they deserve. "Without it, a very significant amount of research dedicated to helping children with cancer would stop, ultimately delaying our ability to improve current treatment strategies," Shannon explained.

Looking ahead, Shannon aspires to continue working in the field of science, applying the skills and knowledge he acquired during his PhD, while also indulging in extensive travel. By donating to CCRF, you can help support young researchers like Shannon who are committed to building a brighter future for children with cancer.

You can make a donation by heading to www.ccrfgiving.au or by filling out the donation form on the back of this newsletter.

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By becoming a regular giver

Becoming a regular giver to our foundation is a powerful way to make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer. By committing to a regular donation, you can help to fund vital research into new treatments and provide support for families who are going through one of the most difficult experiences of their lives.

Giving more regularly to our cause can also help us to effectively plan for the future and it offers us financial stability to support our longterm research projects.

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

Regular givers can choose to have donations automatically deducted weekly, monthly, quarterly, or at any other interval of your choice.

You will then receive a oneoff 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.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Child Cancer Research Foundation relies on the generous support of the community to continue its vital research as we receive limited State or Federal funding.

Researchers from the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre enjoyed a well-deserved change of pace in November last year as they attended an overnight retreat at the picturesque Rottnest Island.

The Telethon Kids Cancer Centre is a thriving group of approximately 80 people including researchers, clinicians, students, honoraries and support staff. The complexity of a Centre this size means they need to

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constantly plan and review to ensure structures, processes and opportunities are enabling great research. The Telethon Kids Cancer Centre retreat was therefore held to support this and to build collegiately.

This was an incredible opportunity for teams to come together to interact, engage and collaborate on their goals and visions. "Rottnest Island was a refreshing and inspiring place to discuss science and build the future of the Cancer Centre," expressed Dr Sebastien Malinge, Team Head - Translational Genomics in Leukaemia.

"The retreat was a chance to meet with like minds and trade ideas and concepts in a setting that was both beautiful and calming - it was definitely worth it," said Joyce Oommen, Research Assistant -Leukaemia Translational Research.

"Coming together with other researchers and gaining an insight into the scope and breadth of the work being carried out by the Cancer Centre was inspirational for everyone."

With our Foundation helping to fund many of the amazing researchers at the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre, we are thrilled to see that they are taking advantage of the opportunity to step away from the laboratory and engage in collaborative discussions to further their scientific pursuits.



Writing a Will is an important step in ensuring that your loved ones are taken care of after your passing. However, many people put off writing a Will because they think it will be expensive and timeconsuming. Not anymore!

Safewill is an online platform that allows you to create a Will guickly and easily from the comfort of your own home. To celebrate Free Wills Week, Safewill is offering you the opportunity to write your Will

Safewill is legally binding and reflects your wishes. The platform will guide you through the process and if you have any questions or concerns, their customer support

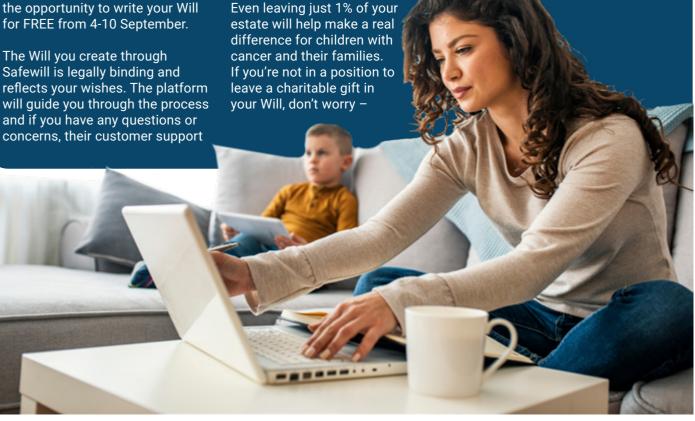
team is available to assist you! Once you have taken care of your nearest and dearest, you may even consider leaving a gift to help future generations live cancer-free.

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Complete your Will today whilst saving \$160 along the way. Simply head to:

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Become a Corporate Member

Becoming a corporate member of CCRF is a meaningful way for organisations to support the fight against childhood cancer. By joining forces with our foundation, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of children and their families.

Just like an individual membership, corporate members will be sent newsletters to keep you informed about the Foundation and the success you are helping to achieve. You will also be invited to participate in events each year, including our AGM where you will have voting rights.

As a corporate member of CCRF, your organisation will be supporting a cause that may be close to the hearts of many of your own employees. You will also have the opportunity to promote your organisation's

involvement in the fight against childhood cancer to customers and stakeholders.

A Corporate Membership costs just \$50 for 1-10 employees, \$250 for 11-50 employees, and \$500 if you have more than 50 employees. Being a Corporate Member comes with many benefits, including member discounts at CCRF events.

We would love to have your organisation by our side as we help researchers find more effective treatments for children with cancer. Simply head to https://bit.ly/CCRF-Membership and fill out an application. Alternatively, you can call us on (08) 9363 7400 or send an email to admin@childcancerresearch.com.au.

Corporate Member Spotlight



MASON GRAY

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One of the most important groups of supporters to help us in the fight against childhood cancer are our Corporate Members. A very valuable Corporate Member that we would like to acknowledge is Mason Gray Insurance Brokers.

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Support child cancer

A Quest Donation Point
Tap is a small device that
allows people to donate
funds quickly and easily
using their credit or debit
card. These can be set up at
a variety of locations, such
as retail stores, shopping
centres, restaurants, cafes
or community centres.

The device is no larger than two mobile phones and requires nothing but a power point to plug into (and it can also be powered by battery). Funds are deposited directly to the Foundation's bank account so there is nothing to be done by the host. Hosting a Quest Donation Point Tap is a great way to engage your community and create a powerful movement of support for childhood cancer research.

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From just \$10 a month, you will receive automatic entry into 15 prize draws throughout the year which includes:

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Your monthly support is crucial to help us continue funding our important research into childhood cancers. For more information about the Ruby Club and to view the Trade Promotion and Raffle Terms and Conditions, head to: https://bit.ly/CCRF-RubyClub





Cycle for a Cure



get ready for an exhilarating 4-day adventure...

that will not only challenge you physically but also make a real difference in the lives of children battling cancer. Previously known as the South West Bike Trek, our foundation is now proud to present our brand new Cycle for a Cure, taking place from 19 to 22 October, 2023.

We are so excited to be partnering with Fairbridge Village for this event, with their beautiful accommodation being the home base. This means you will be able to enjoy picturesque landscapes and rugged terrains during the day and well-deserved comforts at night.

From charming cottages with lots of character to scenic gardens, Fairbridge Village offers two very enticing accommodation options when you register. Our General Package includes a stay in a lovely heritage dormitory self-contained cottage. If you choose to register for our VIP Package, you will have an added level of luxury and comfort in a beautifully appointed private room.

This ride is not just about the lovely accommodation and breathtaking views, it's about making a meaningful impact. You'll be joining a community of passionate riders, all committed to raising funds for childhood cancer research. Your support will help bring hope to families facing the toughest battle of their lives.

When the ride is over, you'll know that you've accomplished something truly remarkable. You'll have pushed

yourself to new limits, experienced the thrill of the open road and made a lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most.

cycleforacure.com.au

To help celebrate the incredible achievement of completing this ride, we will be hosting a very exciting Family Night Out at Fairbridge Village Oval on Saturday 22 October. This event will allow you to embark on a nostalgic journey as we revisit the greatest hits from the biggest blockbusters of the 80s, performed by The VHS Pirates.



So, what are you waiting for?
Sign up now for Cycle for a Cure and help us beat child cancer on ya bum!

MOVIES & MUSIC COME TOGETHER AT THIS YEAR'S FAMILY NIGHT OUT

FAIRBRIDGE VILLAGE OVAL - SAT 22 OCT

Rock n roll and research collide at this year's Child Cancer Research Foundation FAMILY NIGHT OUT on Sunday, October 22, at Fairbridge Village Oval in Pinjarra.

Get ready to embark on a nostalgic journey as we revisit the greatest hits from the biggest blockbusters of the 80s, performed by The VHS Pirates. This one-of-a-kind event promises to be a feast for the ears and eyes, combining classic 80s tunes with the ultimate flashbacks on screen.

It's time to go back to the future and reconnect with the all-time hits from the biggest blockbusters of the 80s as The VHS Pirates deliver songs from Dirty Dancing, The Goonies, The Breakfast Club, Ghostbusters, Top Gun, and many more! This incredible line-up of chart-topping favourites will have you singing along and dancing the night away.

Featuring an All-Star band fronted by Western Australia's own Courtney Murphy, a fan favourite from Australian Idol, and joined by the talented Michael DeGrussa, known for his work with Eskimo Joe and The Kill Devil Hills, this event promises a night of unforgettable performances. With huge singalong choruses and blistering sax solos, The VHS Pirates will take you on a musical journey through the most iconic hits of the 80s. Join us for a fist-pumping declaration of love to the greatest decade ever in a show that has been described by Mix 94.5 as "epic" and "most excellent." This Family Night Out event is an opportunity to relive the magic of the 80s and support childhood cancer research.

"We're so excited to take you all back in time and play a heap of 80s hits for a great cause - supporting children's cancer research," says the band. "Get ready for the time of your lives this October at Fairbridge!"

The Family Night Out was created as a family-friendly event to share with those who need it most in the childhood cancer community, bringing families together from all over WA. The concert wraps up day four of Cycle for A Cure, the bike ride going the distance Beat Child Cancer on ya Bum!

All proceeds from the annual Family Night Out support the brilliant work of the Child Cancer Research Foundation (CCRF), raising vital funds for research into childhood cancers and supporting families as they navigate the challenges and complexities of their kids living with cancer. Childhood cancer affects children and their families throughout our WA community, so evenings like these are paramount and pivotal in creating connection through contribution.

"It is with real excitement that CCRF can bring back the Family Night Out after such a long pause due to Covid. We know our families that have enjoyed this event for the past 12 years will get behind it again. Especially when you see the event that's been created for our community. We can't wait!" – Kylie Dalton COO

The Family Night Out brings together the Foundation's many supporters in an uplifting atmosphere of fun. As well as the on-stage musical performances, activities include face painting, bubbles, bouncy castles and more. Gates open at 3:30 pm with event formalities and fun kicking off on stage from 5:30 pm. Bring a picnic or sample the delicious fare from a range of food trucks on site.

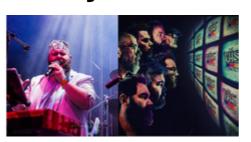
CCRF has been funding vital research into childhood cancer and leukaemia for more than 40 years. The Foundation receives limited government funding and relies heavily on community support – especially through events such as the Family Night Out.

Join us for a memorable night of music and contribution as we continue our mission to give Australian children hope as well as improved health outcomes for the future. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit

familynightout.com.au













On Wednesday 14 December 2022, our Foundation held its 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM), bringing together members, supporters and friends to celebrate the progress and achievements in the fight against childhood cancer.

The AGM was held at the stunning South of Perth Yacht Club and provided an opportunity to reflect on the Foundation's tireless efforts in funding research and improving the lives of children and families affected by cancer.

Andrea Alexander, the Secretary and CEO, presented her report on the Foundation's operations and achievements during the 2021/2022 financial year, alongside Chairman Geoff Cattach.

Guests were also treated to a brief presentation by Associate Professor Joost Lesterhuis, who shared exciting news about the Sarcoma Research Program supported by the Foundation at the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre.

Joost and his team have led a unique clinical trial in pet dogs that could pave the way for a new immunotherapy treatment for Sarcoma. The treatment is a polymer-filled gel which is loaded with immunotherapy drugs and can be applied inside the surgical wound when a patient has a sarcoma tumour removed.

It was a delight for our members to listen to Joost to gain a better understanding of where their contributions are being directed and the innovative research projects they are helping to fund.

As always, the AGM was followed by our annual End of Year Celebration, where members and guests enjoyed refreshments and delicious canapés served by the friendly South of Perth Yacht Club staff. We thank everyone who joined at our most

recent AGM and End of Year Celebration. The continued success of our foundation is greatly reliant on our members.

As a member of the Child Cancer Research Foundation, not only can you take pleasure in knowing you are helping such an important cause, but you will also have the privilege of attending the Foundation's AGM and other exciting events throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a CCRF member, feel free to contact our office or head to https://bit.ly/CCRF-Membership today!





Leaving a gift to CCRF in your Will is a generous gesture and a special way to make a lasting impact in the fight against childhood cancer.

In your Mill

Once your family and friends are provided for, we encourage you to consider leaving a gift in your Will to our foundation.

No matter how big or small, your gift will give hope to children of the future by helping to ensure the groundbreaking research into childhood cancers will carry on after you're gone. Leaving just 1% of your estate can assist us greatly.

Anyone can leave a Gift in Will and it is a relatively quick and easy process. Most gifts are made by ordinary, hardworking people who want to make a positive difference to the community.

When you decide to leave a gift to CCRF in your Will, you can either choose to 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 for those you care for in your Will, but you will also be helping to make a real difference for the wider community.

As the Foundation receives very limited government funding, we rely on the generous support of the community to help us in our commitment to see children live the long and fulfilling lives they deserve.

For further information, or to advise us that you have included CCRF in your Will - in the strictest confidence please contact us on (08) 9363 7400 or email admin@childcancerresearch. com.au.

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

Q&A with Hero Hunter author Sarah Stanley

Why did you write Hero Hunter?

have an interest in education. I also love to draw in my spare time. When Hunter was diagnosed, I felt so dispossessed of what I could do to help him and his family to help them on their journey. I decided that I could offer them my medical and scientific knowledge to better understand the medical process of childhood cancer treatment. I looked for a resource, particularly a children's book, that would be appropriate and have sufficient information to make the

I couldn't find such a book that I was happy with enough medical information to assist families in times of crisis to convey an understanding of the basis of leukaemia and its treatment

Then it occurred to me that I could write this book and illustrate it in a manner that made medical terms, environments and hospitals more of a familiar place for

Where do you see the book going? cleaning and gardening and fuel

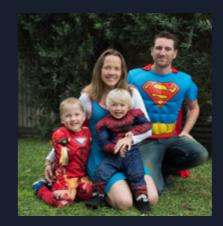
vouchers. We hope to do more for these

families, and I hope my book can be a

small part of that.

We released our second revision of Hero Hunter and the Wonky White Cells in March this year.

I am especially appreciative of the assistance of Michele Dalton from CCRF for donating her time and expertise in creating the new version of our book. If you wish to buy a copy, please visit our website or Facebook page



I'm very proud to say that it is the most requested book in the Redkite library.

Through a philanthropic donation the book is being donated to every child who will be diagnosed with Leukaemia in WA.

I am Hunter's godmother. I'm a GP and I gave Hunter his Hero Hunter and the

medical jargon make sense for Hunter.

For me, the book has already served Its

primary purpose. I was able to present

Hunter with his own personal book to

help him with his journey. Everything

humbled by the feedback I received.

else has been a bonus, and I have been

The book can educate on solid cancers

also. It's beneficial for every child who

is diagnosed with cancer. As such, if I

dream big. I would love to expand the

book and its availability to children and

their families in other states - and even

further if I'm able. I would love to see

it used in schools as a learning aid on

what's going on.

cancer, especially when children have a peer who is diagnosed and don't know

The money raised from the sale of Hero

Hunter and the Wonky White Cells goes

towards the activities of the Hero Hunter

We are here to hold up the carers and families of children fighting cancer by providing practical assistance to enable

them to care for their loved ones. This includes delivering healthy ready made meals and juices to carers in hospital looking after the sick child, professional Wonky White Cells book in 2018, and it gave me great joy that he loved the book and loved reading it with his friends and

Hunter's family shared Hunter's book with other oncology patients, allied health professionals and doctors within Princess Margaret Hospital at the time, and it became increasingly apparent that the book could have a wider application, generally for children with blood cancer.

I created the book in 2019 and printed 500 copies, which have all been sold. We have received positive feedback from patients, their families, their treatment teams and the general public on the book's merit. Including its ability to explain complex medical concepts. introduce cancer and its treatment and provide families with hope on the commencement of their journey with childhood cancer

HERO HUNTER and the **WONKY WHITE CELLS**

✓ ☐ Hunter with Dr Sarah Stanley



Dr Sarah Stanley



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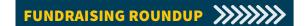
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Let's Beat Child Cancer, Together

No child should have to endure the agony of cancer or the lifelong consequences of its treatment.

With the help of generous people like you, the Child Cancer Research Foundation can continue funding the important research into childhood cancers, so that more children can live happy and healthy lives.

> **Donate Today!** ccrfgiving.au



Thanks to the generosity of our matched-giving partners, every donation you made during the week of 22-26 May 2023, was DOUBLED, meaning your contribution made TWICE the impact for children with cancer.



Australia's high rate of childhood cancer is a harsh

Australia has one of the highest incidences of childhood cancer worldwide, with almost 1.000 Australian children and adolescents (0-19) diagnosed with cancer every year.

Childhood cancer is the single greatest cause of death from disease in Australian children with three kids losing their lives to cancer every week.

We are so excited to announce that our recent Beat Child Cancer Giving Week, held from 21 to 26 May, has been an outstanding success. Through the incredible generosity and support of our community, we have raised a remarkable total of \$155,737! This achievement has surpassed our initial goal of \$150,000 and we couldn't be more grateful.

As our foundation receives very limited government funding, we rely heavily on the generosity of the community to help us support childhood cancer research and the families affected by the gruelling disease.

We are so appreciative to our matched-giving partners who played a vital role in making this feat possible. Their commitment and dedication to the cause is truly inspiring. For that, we thank Tate Family Foundation, Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, and John

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to each and every person who donated towards the Beat Child Cancer Giving Week campaign. Your contribution, whether big or small, has collectively contributed to this remarkable achievement. Every donation has brought us one step closer to finding a cure for childhood cancer and providing hope to countless families.

The success of our Giving Week is a true testament to the power of the community and the unwavering commitment to improving the lives

of children battling cancer. We are so incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support we have received and we can't wait to do it all again next year!

Together, we can Beat Child Cancer.

Many thanks to our matched giving partners





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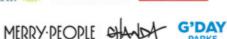






























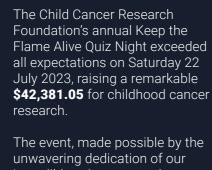








Quiz Night Raises over \$40,000!



incredible volunteers and generous supporters, brought together an enthusiastic crowd to Ascot Racecourse, all eager to make a difference in the lives of children battling a cancer diagnosis.

A heartfelt appreciation goes out to our volunteers who selflessly dedicated their time and efforts to make the Quiz Night a resounding success. Their hard work and passion behind the scenes truly made a difference in raising awareness and funds. This year, our commitment to

sustainability and environmental friendliness shone brightly. We made the conscious decision to avoid the use of plastic wrapping for our hampers and opted for a digital silent auction to minimise paper consumption.

Our online silent auction was an exciting new twist for our Quiz Night, offering our supporters the chance to bid on items before the event, whether they were attending on the night or not. Facilitating our online silent auction was the Helping Hand Group who also sourced some auction items on offer, including a guitar signed by Ed Sheeran and a football boot signed by Cristiano Ronaldo.

We were once again in awe of the amount of incredible Australian businesses who kindly donated products for us to use as auction items and prizes on the night. We

would not have been able to reach such an incredible result without their generosity. A big thank you to everyone who donated.

Finally, we thank every single person who came to the Ouiz Night and generously contributed to our cause. The funds raised will provide hope to families facing childhood cancer and empower researchers to make ground-breaking discoveries for future generations.

As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, let us continue to keep the flame alive and support initiatives that aim to eradicate childhood cancer once and for all.





Amount Raised \$27,265.35

Last December, the residents of Consulate Court in Thornlie once again lit up their street for the Child Cancer Research Foundation, spreading holiday cheer to the community through incredible light displays.

Thanks to the hard work of these residents, and the thousands of visitors to the street, they reached an unbelievable fundraising total of \$27,265.35! From the children who dropped their pocket money into collection tins, to the adults who used the digital donation tap points, CCRF are grateful for everyone who has helped support our important cause.

To help draw in more crowds throughout the festive season, Consulate Court

also hosted a variety of events, such as a Bake Sale, Hot Rod Show, Christmas Carols and the Main Event Night which featured a visit from Santa on a fire truck. We thank everyone who was involved in organising these wonderful events.

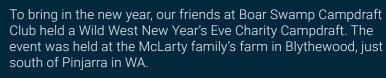
We must also thank all the residents who got into the Christmas spirit, our incredible volunteers who helped collect donations and, of course, everyone who took the time to donate to us.

We are incredibly thankful to have been chosen as the charity partner for such a special initiative – the fundraising results will brighten up the lives of so many children with cancer.



BOARSWAMP New Year's Eve WILD WEST A LIB















CCRF would of course like to thank the Boar Swamp Campdraft Club and everyone who attended the event and helped reach the impressive fundraising total. The Boar Swamp Campdraft Club has been supporting CCRF for more than a decade, and we are thrilled to continue this relationship for many years to



Amount Raised \$15,000



Waverley College in NSW achieved an incredible feat on Friday 26 August 2022 by hosting a Fun Run Fundraiser that raised \$10,000 for childhood cancer research.

The Fun Run was a riot of colour as students showed up in white shirts and braced themselves for an exciting, unknown challenge. The track at Waverley Park was filled with huge inflatables and the students were sent off at different times for a thrilling colour run.

As they ran, students were sprayed with water by the local fire department and splashed with coloured powder by the parent helpers who were stationed at various points along the track.

"There was a high ambiance at Waverley Park," said Jack Wachtel, Assistant Director of Co-Curricular (Years 5-8). "The local kindergarten was even there supporting and cheering on the students as they made their way around the track."

After the run, the school celebrated its highest fundraising students, and six staff members were slimed. "This was a highlight for many students, staff and parents," expressed Jack.

In total, the school raised an unbelievable \$100,264 across six weeks, with 1,152 donations received. Reese Araujo was the highest fundraiser, raising an impressive \$33,400, followed by Leo Henderson with \$4.050.

A heartfelt thank you to the College for donating \$10,000 of this total to our foundation, to help support the vital research into childhood cancers. Waverley College is an independent boy's school in Sydney NSW that has generously supported us since 2019.

Congratulations to all the organisers, helpers. and students who made this event a resounding



Amount Raised \$10,000

Become a Member!

Childhood cancer is a devastating disease that affects thousands of families every year. With your help, we can work towards finding better treatments to improve the lives of children and their families. That's why becoming a member of our foundation is so important.

As a member, you will be joining a community of supporters who are passionate about making a difference. Your membership fee will go directly towards funding vital research into new treatments, as well as providing support for families who are going through the challenges of childhood cancer.

Being a member of our foundation isn't just about making a financial contribution. You will also have the incredible opportunity to get involved in a range of events and will be the first to know the latest news through regular updates. Members are also invited to attend our Annual General Meeting, where you will have voting rights.

CCRF is a low maintenance, low involvement charitable organisation with an Individual Memberships costing just \$25 a year and a Family Membership costing \$50.

So, if you're looking for a way to support childhood cancer research and make a real difference in the lives of young cancer patients and their families, consider becoming a member of the Child Cancer Research Foundation today:

bit.ly/ccrf-membership



At the Perth Tradie Expo, attendees could purchase all types of work equipment, from power tools to excavators, at special Expo prices. There weren't just great savings on work gear but also amazing specials on vehicles, camper trailers, accessories, machinery and much, much more.

It's always an honour to be invited

back to the Expo, collecting donations alongside the Desperate for Love Dog Pound Rescue.

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Our incredible fundraising result would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers who generously donated their time to collect the gold coin donations at the entry gate. A big thank you to Catherine, Angus, Jacky, Caroline, Tony, Tegan, Sophie, Andrea, and Calum!

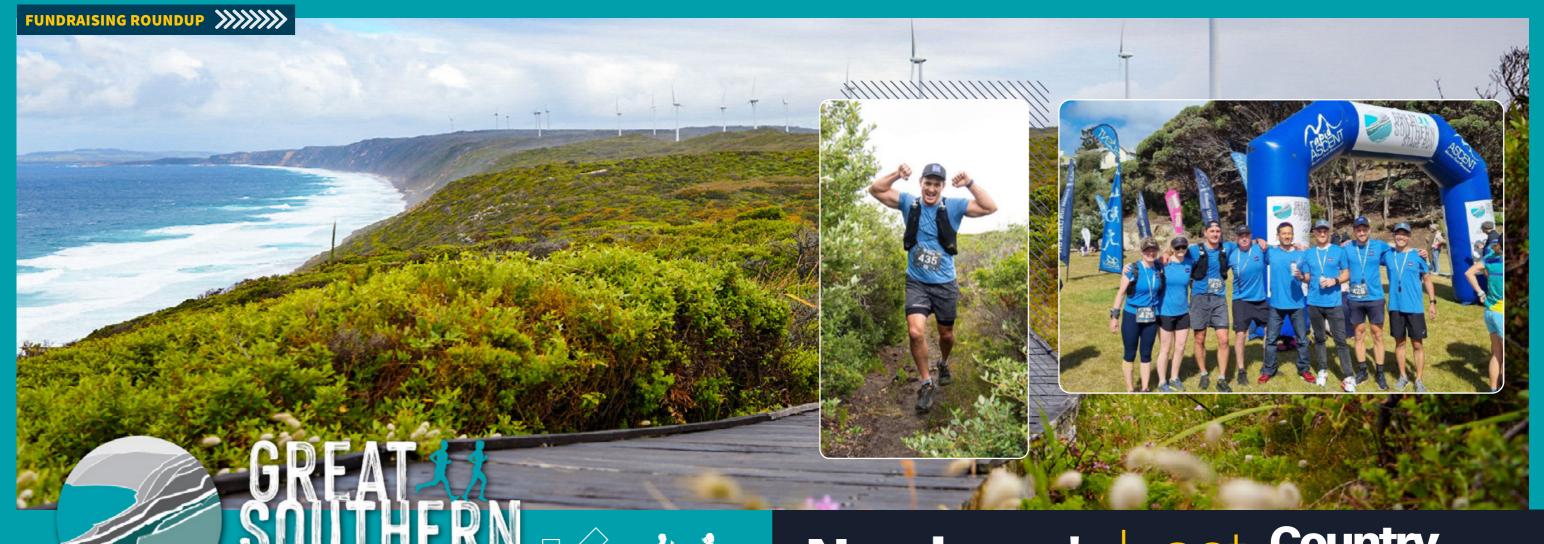
It can't go without mentioning that everyone who attended the Expo and decided to put their gold coin donation in our tins made a huge difference! Always exciting for our

volunteers to see so many people donating notes and making more significant donations by card. Your contribution will go a long way to help future generations of children live cancer-free.

Finally, we thank Toolmart. This is always such an exciting weekend for our volunteers and staff, and we are so grateful for the excellent opportunity to raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer research.



Amount Raised \$5,784



For athletes and long-distance running enthusiasts in Western Australia, the Great Southern Stage Run is likely to be on their bucket list. It is a three-day, staged race through the wild and rugged Great Southern region, featuring a 200-kilometre course from the Valley of the Giants at Walpole to the Torndirrup Peninsula at Albany.

Colleagues at INPEX, a global energy exploration and production company delivering clean and reliable natural gas for the Asia-Oceanic region, put together two teams to participate in this epic running event last November. The teams were made up of Jamie Carle, Matt Grabham, Charlotte Stanley, Sylvester Montes, Tsuneo Tatsumi, Ben Redmam, Ivan Passaportis and Grant Prince.

To keep them motivated throughout the arduous journey, the INPEX runners raised money for our

foundation to support the vital research into childhood cancers. The team raised \$5,670, with INPEX generously donating \$1,000 towards the total.

For participant Jamie, supporting childhood cancer research was a no-brainer. "I want to support children's cancer research in dedication to my partner's son, who battled leukaemia, and to the many other truly unfortunate children and families that go through such hardship," Jamie said.

"Running in a 200-kilometre, threeday event is nothing compared to what those kids and families go through, so this is for them."

The two teams competed in a relay, with each member completing one stage each day. The teammates encouraged each other, travelling

Amount Raised \$5,670 O

from one checkpoint to the next to generate a wonderful sense of camaraderie and unity.

We are so grateful to the teams for choosing to support our Foundation at one of Western Australia's leading adventure sport events. We commend them on their incredible efforts as they journeyed through the rugged coastline of remote beaches and granite cliffs.



Nambung's Last Country Music Muster

The Nambung Country Music Muster, presented for the last time by Brian and Gloria White, brought music lovers together to enjoy great tunes and country fun from 20 October to 23 October, 2022.

"A wonderful weekend was had by all, even with a few showers of rain on the Sunday afternoon," said Gloria. "An exceptional programme of Country Music was arranged by our musical directors Terry Bennetts and Evan Platschinda, enjoyed by a crowd of approximately 1,400 people."

Held 2 hours north of Perth at Nambung Station, the event has taken place on the third weekend of October every year since 2016. Sadly, with the organisers and volunteers getting older, last year was Nambung's last Country Music Muster. Over the past seven years, the muster has showcased a diverse line-up of music, boot scooting and bush poetry. It has also hosted a small contingent of food stalls and local handicrafts for attendees to enjoy.

The popular annual event was not just about providing a great weekend for attendees, but it also raised money for local charities. To help support the vital research into childhood cancers, \$5000 of the funds raised from the 2022 event was donated to our foundation.

Over the event's lifetime, an amazing total of \$130,000 has been donated to selected charities. "Every attendee, volunteer and musician can be very proud of their contribution to this achievement," expressed Gloria.

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Amount Raised \$5,000

A big congratulations to Brian and Gloria for running such a successful event over the past seven years. CCRF is honoured to have been a beneficiary.



Photo: Alison Kruger





The participants should be so proud of their achievements and the positive impact they have made on children and families affected by cancer. "







Airswift's Kicking Kid Cancer Crawl

Last November, Airswift staff and friends dressed as superheros travelled 41 kilometres on foot to raise money for childhood cancer research. The Kicking Kid Cancer Crawl, organised by Zoe Carpenter from Airswift in Perth, started at Sistas Burns Beach Café in Iluka at 6:00am and finished at Little Creatures Brewing in Fremantle just before 5:00pm.

Airswift is an international workforce solutions provider to industries focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The company has 60 offices all over the world and we are so grateful to the Perth office for getting behind our cause.



Amount Raised \$3,448

The participants enjoyed pit stops at Hillarys Boat Harbour, Scarborough and Cottesloe to refuel with drinks and snacks. The walk was physically challenging, but this did not deter the group from their goal of raising funds for childhood cancer research.

Armed with CCRF tins, the group collected donations from the generous community along the way. There was also a GoFundMe page created to collect donations online. Through this page, we are so thrilled to announce a fundraising total of \$3,448 was achieved.

Participants were greeted with a warm welcome and applause from friends and CCRF staff members upon reaching the finish line in Fremantle, where they celebrated with pizza and drinks at Little Creatures Brewing.

Airswift's Kicking Kid Cancer Crawl was a great success, not only in terms of the funds raised, but also in terms of spreading awareness and promoting our worthy cause. The participants should be so proud of their achievements and the positive impact they have made on children and families affected by cancer.

Swimming

to Rottnest



Amount Raised \$2,330

in memory of a friend.

Sian Munks is a shining example of how one person's determination can make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer. Inspired by her family-friend Blake Wilson, who sadly lost his battle with leukaemia in November 2020, Sian decided to participate in the South32 Rottnest Channel Swim to raise funds for childhood cancer research.

"Four years ago, the Wilson's - my second family - got some devastating news that the lovely Blake Wilson was diagnosed with leukaemia," Sian explained. "The next two years were filled with ups and downs as Blake fought hard to beat this cancer. However, he unfortunately lost his battle."

The South32 Rottnest Channel Swim is a 19.7-kilometre open water swim from Cottesloe Beach to Rottnest Island, held on Saturday 25 February. Sian knew it would be a challenge, but she was determined to complete the swim and raise money for a worthy cause in memory of her beloved friend.

After 5 hours and 3 mins, Sian crossed the finish line on Rottnest Island. "Conditions were close to perfect, and I completed the swim faster than I was aiming for, which I am happy with," expressed Sian.

Sian reached a fundraising total \$2,330 through her Facebook Fundraiser page, thanks to her generous family and friends who got behind the cause. Sian's tremendous efforts are a reminder that every person can make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer. Whether it's participating in a charity event, donating money, or simply spreading awareness, every effort truly does count.

Congratulations and thank you to Sian for completing the South32 Rottnest Channel Swim on behalf of our foundation. The funds Sian has raised will ultimately benefit other families who are going through the same challenges that Blake's family had faced.





Grandma's

Mission

Amount Raised so far \$2,200

Loving grandmother Barbara Unuwai is on a mission to raise funds for childhood cancer research, inspired by her grandson Roman's very own cancer journey.

Roman was diagnosed with hepatoblastoma, a rare form of liver cancer, in February of 2018. "I had a temperature that wasn't going away," explained Roman. "I started to get sharp pains in my shoulders, so my mum took me to the hospital."

After many blood tests and an MRI, doctors discovered an 11-centimetre tumour on Roman's liver. Roman was four-and-a-half years old when he was diagnosed, and doctors gave him only a 40 per cent chance of survival.

Roman had 70 per cent of his liver removed, numerous scans, surgeries and trialled a new treatment which helped him beat the awful disease. He is now five-years cancer free and Barbara is now taking her own action to make a difference.

Barbara has created a GoFundMe page with her goal to raise \$10,000 for childhood cancer research, and she is willing to do something drastic to help get there. If she meets her fundraising target, she will shave her head in solidarity with children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

While \$10,000 may seem like a bold goal, Barbara is confident she can reach it with the help of the generous community. If you would like to support Barbara's efforts, you can donate to her fundraiser here: https://gofund.

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With your help, Barbara can reach her goal and make a meaningful contribution to the fight against childhood cancer.







Think you could ride a bike 700km from Newcastle, NSW to Gold Coast, QLD? This is exactly what two incredible 15-year-old girls have done to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Over seven days, Phoenix Julian and Hayley Dell completed this long-distance journey, raising a total of \$1,500 for our foundation.

Phoenix and Hayley compete in road and track cycling at the Hunter Academy of Sport (HAS), a sport academy assisting talented junior athletes from regional areas of NSW.

Having seen some of their own family and friends go through cancer was the driving force behind Phoenix and Hayley's decision to support our Foundation. "Hayley and I felt deeply about supporting those affected by cancer, in particular children affected by it,"

Conquering 5 Dams Challenge

for childhood cancer research

On 16 April, four adventurous CCRF supporters set off on an epic journey to conquer the iconic 5 Dams Cycling Challenge. Matt, David, AJ and Jim rode over 200km in the day with no less than 2672m of hard climbing!

The 5 Dams Cycling Challenge is known as Perth's most challenging and rewarding event for serious cyclists throughout Australia. It requires solid preparation with incredibly testing climbs.

The four keen cyclists saw this feat as a great opportunity to raise awareness and funds for the vital research into childhood cancers. We are pleased to report that the group raised \$1570 for our Foundation.



Amount Raised \$1,570

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Matt, David, AJ, and Jim for their incredible dedication in support of our cause. The funds they raised will go directly towards helping more children live the long and fulfilling lives they deserve.





700km for children with cancer

Phoenix shared. "We can't imagine what it's like for them and their families to go through."

The pair were barely even phased by the challenge that would be gruelling for most. "It was much easier than we thought," said Phoenix. "It rained for three days and was sunny for four, which made it an incredible sevenday journey averaging 100km a day."

When asked if they would consider



doing something like this again, Phoenix did not hesitate to respond favourably. "It was an unbelievable experience to be able to do it with my best friend and I'd do it again in a

heartbeat," she expressed. "But next time I think we'll look for a bigger challenge!"

We commend Phoenix and Hayley on their incredible achievement. Not only have they helped us in our commitment to see more children live the lives they deserve, but they have set a great example for other young people out there who want to help make a difference in the community.

"We both only thought we would raise \$500," admitted Phoenix. "But we had so much support from our local community and even managed to raise enough to cover the expenses of the trip!"

As with any feat of this magnitude, there are people that need to be thanked. "Thank you to Hayley's dad Jeremy for being our chaperone," said Phoenix. "We'd also like to thank all

our families for their love and support on our incredible journey.

A special thanks to our coach Ross Hayter who never doubted for a second that we couldn't do this and saw it as a good opportunity for training!"

Finally, Phoenix and Hayley thank "all who donated and encouraged us on our journey." It's not enough to execute an incredible fundraising challenge like this, but you also need the support of the community to help you reach your goals.

We are so thankful for Phoenix and Hayley for choosing to support childhood cancer research and we appreciate the community for getting behind these amazing young ladies.



Amount Raised \$1,500





RAISING AWARENESS & WINNING CROWNS

The Foundation would like to congratulate Rebecca Kenna-Gardiner, a passionate supporter who was crowned as Premier Elite Community Queen this year. This was the very first time Premier Elite Pageants awarded this title which is a true testament to Rebecca's dedication and commitment to making a positive impact in her community.

Premier Elite Pageants was created to empower women of all ages to celebrate who they are and encourage them to use their skills and talents to make a positive difference in the world. Rebecca has generously used this platform to raise awareness for our foundation for the past three years.

Rebecca's efforts to support our cause is inspiring. She has hosted high teas and picnics and has even created wellness boxes to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Rebecca also volunteers for our foundation. previously helping at the Perth Tradie Expo and at our inaugural Beat Child Cancer Giving Day.

We are so pleased to be Rebecca's charity of choice while she competes in these uplifting pageants. By using the podium to advocate for CCRF, Rebecca is helping to create a future where more children can live the long and fulfilling lives they deserve.



"We jumped because we can't imagine the strength it takes for kids struggling with leukaemia." said

impact on their lives by doing something out of our comfort FOR A CAUSE zone while raising funds and

Summer and Indie.

"We wanted to help make an awareness."

Meet Summer and Indie, two brave girls who decided to take a leap of faith for childhood cancer research! The desire to help make a difference for children with cancer led them to embark on a nerve-wracking adventure - skydiving!

Amount Raised \$1,361

The girls reached out to their families and friends to support their fundraising initiative, bringing them to an incredible total of \$1,361! This will go a long way in helping more children live the long and fulfilling lives they deserve.

The girls' described the jump as one of the most exhilarating feats they've experienced. "In all fairness, we were absolutely terrified, but we are glad we did it," they shared.

Summer and Indie's decision to take on this thrilling challenge has not only raised vital funds for childhood cancer research, but it has also increased awareness for the important cause.

We thank Summer and Indie for taking on this courageous feat in order to make a difference and contribute to our foundation. We are so grateful for their support which will hopefully inspire others to join the cause.



Mrs Vasu ran a Money Challenge club. Each student was given \$10 and needed to multiply their money. Some chose to work on their own, in pairs or small groups of three. Whatever money each group made was donated to their chosen charity and the person or group that made the most money won a prize.

A WINNING DONATION FROM HARD-WORKING STUDENTS

Written by Mrs Vasu from Carey Baptist College Forrestdale

at Carey Baptist College Forrestdale, the school

As part of the Pastoral Care program in Secondary

launched a new initiative called Social Clubs. This new

program allowed students to choose a Social Club to

participate in, once a week, for four weeks in Term

Three of 2022.

Over the last four weeks, the winning group worked extremely hard to fundraise for the Child Cancer Research Foundation. Jamie Leejo-George (Year 8), Jayden Hockey (Year 7) and Aimee Gordon (Year 10) had a number of different ideas. They started with a stall selling jelly and icy-poles. They then used the profits from that stall to purchase sponges, soap and polish for a car wash.

They made an Excel booking sheet and wrote up contracts to give to the staff at school. They gave up their lunch times and committed to staying back after school to wash as many cars as possible. They also gave up their time to sorting and cleaning bookshelves and the fish tank in the Science room for a fee.

We have some very clever entrepreneurs at Carey Baptist College Forrestdale. This group turned their original \$30 into \$441.15. Their determination and commitment during this challenge was commendable and inspiring. The group chose the Child Cancer Research Foundation because of friends and family members affected by cancer and wanting to do it in support of them.

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Containers for Change is a great initiative that encourages people to recycle their drink containers and support charitable causes, such as childhood cancer research. Every container you save from landfill will help us ensure the ground-breaking research we fund today will help the children of tomorrow, where no life is cut short by childhood cancers.

In addition to helping children in need, donating your containers through Containers for Change is an environmentally responsible way to dispose of your empty bottles and cans. Recycling is essential for reducing waste and conserving resources, and the Containers for Change program makes it easy to do your part.



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"Containers for Change has been a wonderful surprise for our foundation," said CCRF COO Kylie Dalton. "So many people in WA have really seen the benefits of recycling and support attaching that effort to charity."

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