

Hello to you all

A very big thank you to all for the support shown for our continued efforts raising funds to enable us to finalise our commitment to **The Lions Kids**Cancer Genome project Our fund raising for the project is well on track, but we still need \$500,000 so I appeal to you all and your Clubs to dig a bit deeper in support of the project so that we can continue our quest to ensure that we meet our vision of 100% survival for kids with cancer.

At the end of January PDG John McIntosh completed



his 5-year term as Trustee and has been replaced for a 3-year term by Lion Sandy Royal who will represent the State of South Australia and Northern Territory - Districts C1 and C2. Sandy is now going through the process of taking up the challenges that Trustees undertake, I am sure she will make an excellent

addition to the team. I would also advise of the re appointment for further terms of 3 years of PDG Peter Lamb (W Districts), PCC Tony Roney (T District) and PDG Aussie Lanphier (Q2 and Q4 Districts) we now have a great Passionate team that are all dedicated to saving the lives of our children.

John Thorpe ALCCRF National Chairman

"We believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

Our New Website

By the time you get this newsletter, our new website will be finished and live. it is easier to navigate and still contains all the things we would like you to discover



Lions Biggest BBQ

By now all Clubs will have received their participation kit - it was found that it was more cost effective and time saving to mail each Club a kit instead of asking for

Clubs to request the kit. Once again on offer is the chance to win an outdoor kitchen BBQ - more information later in this newsletter



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V3 clubs get behind

"The virtual sausage challenge"

The Lions clubs of District 201V3 have got behind the District Governors Virtual Sausage Challenge to raise \$8000.00 per District by May 2018.

When this goal is achieved, a presentation will be made from each District to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer foundation at our Australian lion's convention in Townsville in



May. These fun virtual sausages are taking the District by storm.





The Lions club of Endeavour Hills President Ian Gration and members were proud to do their part for this worthwhile cause, donning special aprons for the occasion. As you can see from the full board of sausages it was well supported by the local shoppers of Endeavour hills. They even sold several over the phone.

The Lions club of Sale incorporated a stall to sell the sausages in their lion's awareness day on Saturday the 3rd of March. The event was well attended as there were lots of fun activities for the children to participate in and Lions activities were highlighted.





The Lions Club of Cranbourne incorporated their virtual sausage sales with the council's 150th anniversary of Cranbourne's Birthday celebrations. The day was full of entertainment and Roary the lion was in action. It was a great day and 200 virtual sausages were sold.

If you would like any further information on the virtual sausage Challenge and how you or your Lions club could be involved, please contact Trustee Kerrie McMahon on 0405 956 800 or email Lionkerriemcmahon@gmail.com

Club donates more than \$50,000

Lions Club of Elermore Vale Coin Trail





Robert's story



Two and half year-old Robert is a little bundle of fun, who loves being at home with his mum Catherine, dad Tony, and his older brother Stewart. But his smiling eyes hide his brave 18-month battle with cancer.

Catherine asked her local GP to check Robert's stomach, after noticing at swimming lessons that it was unusually bloated and tight. The GP ordered blood tests and ultrasounds, and by the following morning Robert was transferred to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. At just 14 months old, he was diagnosed with cancer, specifically Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, and prescribed a high-risk intensive treatment plan. "It was the last thing I was expecting. Apart

from a few minor symptoms that I thought were the result of Robert teething, everything else seemed normal. After the diagnosis, our whole family's life was turned upside down, especially because we were split between the Hospital and our home in Wollongong," says Catherine.

Robert spent most of the year at Sydney Children's Hospital undergoing a rigorous regime to fight his cancer, including: eight cycles of chemotherapy; surgery to remove the residual tumour; radiation therapy; a stem cell transplant using his own stem cells; immunotherapy; and antibody treatment. Now, Robert has finished treatment and is back in the family home, although he'll continue to have checkups to make sure his health stays on track. "We have been extremely lucky. This is really the best-case scenario that we could possibly have hoped for. The level of care Robert received at the Hospital was just amazing and the staff were always caring and thoughtful. It's all thanks to Professor Glenn Marshall and his team at the Hospital that Robert is doing so well," says Catherine



Lions Club of Inverloch (V3)

Lions Club Market for ALCCRF





It's nearly rose planting time

What better way could there be to celebrate a Lions Members birthday or appreciation on Changeover night than by giving a Lions Rose dedicated to Lions commitment to 100% survival for kids with cancer

They also make a great Guest Speaker Gift

Lions Clubs across Australia have supported ALCCRF by purchasing and promoting Lions own Rose for the past 6 years



This beautiful rose is available direct from the supplier - Treloar Roses - they can be ordered now bare rooted for Winter delivery.

Bare rooted roses are supplied during Winter only (June to the end of 31st August).

Visit the Treloar Website at <u>treloarroses.com.au</u> And locate the rose under Charity Roses

Any further information contact them on; - phone 03 5367 2094 or 1300 044 852

Treloar Roses
216 Princes Highway
Portland Victoria 3305

Interstate Shipments: Treloar Roses are accredited to ship to all states and territories of Australia and meet all interstate quarantine restrictions and procedures for the movement of plant material. All conditions and protocols are complied with, which is verified by annual audits conducted by the Department of Primary Industries - Plant Standards.

(We cannot over emphasise the quality, health and flowering ability of this beautiful shrub from Kordes. The fully double creamy white blooms open with a breath of apricot and are produced in clusters of 3-5. There is a slight, pleasing fragrance and the glossy foliage is highly resistant to blackspot and mildew. Decorated with Gold and Silver medals in international rose competitions, this elegant variety will bring real pleasure to every garden.



Lions Biggest BBQ 2018

Helping fight kids cancer for more than ten years.

The Lions Biggest BBQ campaign will once again be conducted in 2018, with a targeted amount of \$500,000, as was the case in 2017. If every Club in the Multiple District raised a minimum of \$500 – we could reach this target with money to spare!

Your Lions Biggest BBQ can take place at any time in 2018 and Clubs may hold multiple fundraisers during the year, with the deadline for submitting the money being the end of December.

Marketing information, Intention to Participate (ITP's) and BBQ Apron order forms will be mailed out to all Clubs in late January. Please note this year, participating Clubs should email their ITP's to peterlambman@gmail.com as the old PO Box address will not be available in 2018.

Once again – we're running a competition where one lucky Australian Lions, Lioness or Leo Club will win a fabulous outdoor kitchen BBQ valued at around \$2,000. Each Club that participates gets a ticket and for every additional \$500 raised, your Club will get an extra ticket in the Australia wide draw. Also don't forget to order this year's Biggest BBQ aprons for your team to wear at your big event!

All Biggest BBQ donations can now be used to purchase ALCCRF awards! Please advise at time of sending your cheque, that it is to be used towards an award. Ensure any cheques are made payable to the ALCCRF, as the NAB will not accept funds payable to anything but our Foundation's full name or ALCCRF.

In 2018, BBQ cheques should be sent to PO Box 770, Belconnen ACT 2616 or directly deposited into the Foundation's bank account and clearly endorsed as Lions Biggest BBQ donations. NAB bank details are available on application.

A very big thank-you to all the Multiple District clubs who participated in 2017, to assist our Foundation's biggest single fund raiser for the year. Your continued support is very much appreciated.



For all the information you'll need, visit http://www.alccrf.lions.org.au/