

**WE BELIEVE
EVERY CHILD
DESERVES A CHANCE
AT A HEALTHY LIFE**



**September 2020
Newsletter**

Hello to you all

Spring is here! - normally at this time many of us would be looking forward to a weekend away at our District Conventions, catching up with old friends joining in the debates and hearing from Guest Speakers. Not in 2020 though, most Districts are conducting a limited event online, but it is still important that if you are given the opportunity to join via Zoom just to listen to any updates that you do so.

Unfortunately, online events mean that we as a Foundation miss the opportunity for our dedicated District Chairs to showcase for you our past achievements and plans for the future but rest assured that this information will be available via our Newsletter and other communications throughout the year.

I would like you to check out the latest fundraising project that The Lions Club of Melbourne Next Gen have taken up - this amazing young Club have been great supporters of ALCCRF for the past few years and this year had intended to organise Coin Line events in support of the attempt to beat the world record longest coin line, but..... Then along came

Covid 19 and put a stop to their plans, not to be beaten Lion Cub Davina Cheung came up with a great project idea that will raise funds online - see the article included in this Newsletter or go to <https://www.lionsmelbnextgen.org.au/cuthair4cancerkids>

Many things are possible, we just all need to stay positive and look forward to the future, we will come through this and in some ways be better communities for it

Once again, I give my thanks to all the Lions Lioness and Leos all around the nation for your support, we are getting closer to Zero Childhood Cancer, but not there yet – we still need your help. – enjoy our Newsletter

John Thorpe ALCCRF National Chairman
"We believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

★ Help us achieve our vision. You can help us reach our goal of helping to create a 100% survival rate for children with cancer. [GET INVOLVED](#)



Our Foundation is staffed by Lions volunteers - no employees - 100% of donations goes to the cause



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Who are we helping? Why should we do this?

- ☆ To create awareness
- ☆ To raise funds to donate to ALCCRF and donate hair to Variety Australia
- ☆ To let other kids and adults know that they can also help



What we are going to do

- ☆ The project is for our Cubs, family and friends to donate their hair to Variety Australia and raise money for ALCCRF.
- ☆ To create awareness by making videos and live stream.



When is it happening?

☆ Sunday 29 November 2020



To donate and help visit <https://www.mycause.com.au/page/236343/cuthair4cancerkids> and support Davina a wonderful special Cub of the Lions Club of Melbourne Next Gen.



Fundraising for
Australian Lions Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation (ALCCRF)



We believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life, ALCCRF's vision is 100% survival of kids with cancer. Today survival rates average 80%. There is much work that still needs to be done, if one day we are to prevent all kids with cancer from dying.

About fundraiser



Lions Club of Melbourne Next Gen
TEMPLESTOWE LOWER VIC

Hi I'm Davina, cub of Lions Club of Melbourne Next Gen. Every year, so many children suffer from sickness such as cancer. Part of their treatment causes them to lose hair, and they end up having very low self confidence. I want to help them by donating my hair and raising money for them. All monies raised will go to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) and the hair will go to Variety Australia. It would be great if you can join me in donating your hair for this cause. If you can't, you can sponsor me by donating money. We want to encourage as many people to participate as possible to create awareness and help as many people as we can. I think this is a worthwhile project because it doesn't matter how old you are, you can still participate. So get your friends, cousins, next door neighbours and/or co-workers to join me and donate - the more the merrier!

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Telethon Kids Institute - News Update for September.

ALCCRF has an exciting new partnership that will provide \$1.05 million for immunotherapy research at the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre at the Telethon Kids Institute in Perth, WA. This is an exciting project because immunotherapy has shown such promise in adult cancers, but the potential has not yet been unlocked in treating children's cancer. ALCCRF is helping do just that.

The Trustees and District Chairpersons were given a teleconference insight into the organisation and operation of the Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) at the Perth Children's Hospital on the 31st July 2020. The Sarcoma immunotherapy project was introduced by Dr Joost (rhymes with toast) Lesterhuis and his team (pictured)

The Telethon Kids Cancer Centre is Australia's first research institute with a comprehensive immunotherapy research program devoted to children. The Centre has immunotherapy projects across many types of cancer that heavily affect children - including leukaemia, brain cancer, sarcoma, and melanoma - and ALCCRF's support of immunotherapy across the Centre will help a multitude of projects.

Right now in WA, 122 children are fighting cancer for their lives - the National Total is 804 children. Sarcoma is a cancer of the bones and soft tissue (muscle, fat and connective tissue and represents 15% of all childhood cancers. The current primary treatment for sarcoma is surgery, in combination with chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Relapses are often at the site where the cancer began, particularly in soft tissue sarcoma. During treatment, 1 in 2-3 children with sarcoma will relapse whilst 1-3 children will not survive beyond 5 years after their diagnosis.

IMMUNOTHERAPY is a new treatment using the body's own immune system to fight cancer. Dr Lesterhuis explained that they have found a new way to attract and activate immune cells, making immunotherapy a potential treatment option for sarcoma with far less side effects making it safe, effective, easy to push into clinical trials, non-invasive and non-burdensome. Thus, the end goal is to replace chemotherapy or radiotherapy, have no child relapses and increase the survival rates for childhood sarcoma.

As part of our joint venture proposal with TKI, there is a fundamental belief of collaboration, not only with Lions but with links to national dataset and data from other Institutes who share ALCCRF's philosophy. Parallels with the Lions motto "We

Serve" and ALCCRF's strategy that working together is the best way to make a difference.

Sarcoma is a cancer that is often less well known because it is rare in adults. But sarcoma is a significant portion of childhood cancers. But because it is rare in adults, pharmaceutical companies are not interested because it is a small market and so less money to be made. The consequence is that there has not been much progress in sarcoma treatment over the past 30 years. Philanthropic support from groups like ALCCRF is key to changing this for children with sarcoma.



PDG Peter Lamb
ALCCRF WA Trustee



ALCCRF 2020 Xmas Pins

Contact your ALCCRF District Chairman to check availability

AUSTRALIAN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION SHOP

Visit <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/alccrf-shop/>



BBQ APRON - \$20

Fit out your BBQ Team.
Remember sales go up when people see how funds raised are to be spent

Visit the ALCCRF website for an order form.



ALCCRF Pen - high quality, great value for users Gifts to Club Guest Speakers etc \$5 each (minimum order applies). Visit the ALCCRF website for an order form.

News from around the Clubs



The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc.
16 September at 08:43 · 🌐

Our Lions & Cubs have been busy collecting 5c coins to support Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) Longest Coin Line. We need a bigger jar 😊👨👩👧👦



Following the Facebook post "We need a bigger jar", ALCCRF C District Trustee Sandy Royal challenged them to fill this 20lt bucket and then lift it when full.

The challenge was accepted. We will let you know when it happens.



District 201Q1 Lions
Yesterday at 06:30 · 🌐

AUSTRALIAN LIONS BIGGEST BBQ
Lions Biggest BBQ is an annual fundraising event undertaken by many of the 1,200 Clubs across the country between January - December 2020, when it best suits your Club. Funds raised will be used to help achieve ALCCRF's mission to prevent kids with cancer dying by raising funds nationally and donating these funds to the best scientific and clinical childhood cancer research conducted right across Australia.
<https://alccrf.lions.org.au/lions-biggest-bbq-2018-2/>
#201Q1 #Q1Lions #AnotherLionsProject #201Q1MonthlyProjects #ALCCRF #AustralianLionsChildhoodCancerResearchFoundation



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Queensland ALCCRF Trustee PDG Aussie Lanphier is never happier than when raising money for ALCCRF to support childhood cancer research



Trustee Aussie Lanphier Display and Fundraiser at Terry White Pharmacy Annandale Townsville

Austin Lanphier
3 September at 09:37 · 🌐
Childhood cancer information at Townsville Hospital for Childhood Cancer Month.



Trustee PDG Aussie Lanphier raising funds for ALCCRF during Children's Cancer month September





Q2 District Governor Audrey Kenny accepting an ALCCRF Ambassador's Badge and Christmas Pin on her visit to Townsville Northern Suburbs Lions Club from Trustee PDG Aussie Lanphier.

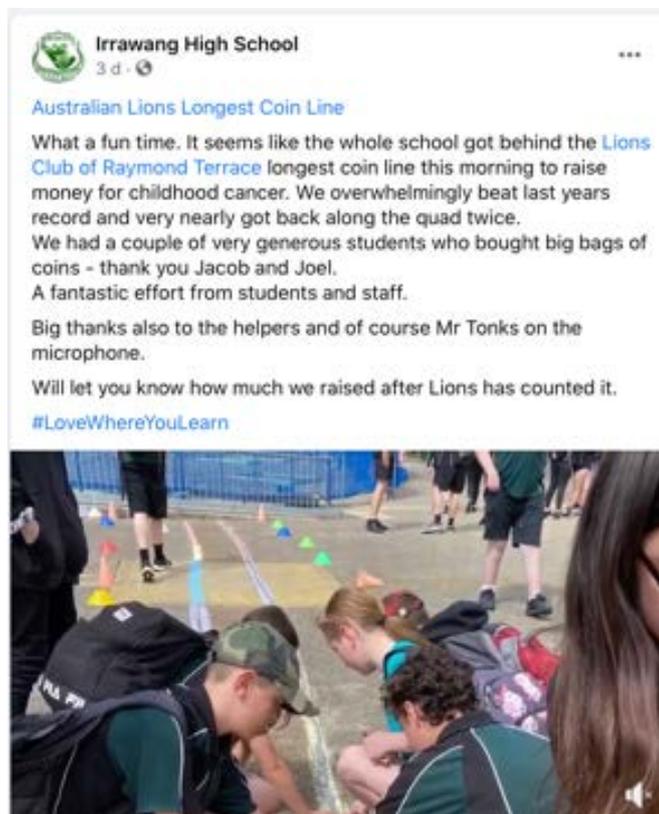
Certificate of Appreciation and a full set of Christmas pins to Mareeba Lions club in recognition of their ongoing support of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation



Lion Tom Braes received an ALCCRF Ambassador's badge for his work in promoting the Foundation



ALCCRF Longest Coin Line School Fundraising



On Tuesday, 15th of September, Irrawang High School, Raymond Terrace, participated in the longest coin line Guinness World Record attempt. This is the second year they have held a coin line. Reportedly this year, the coin line doubled the length of last year's attempt with special assistance provided by the big bags of coins provided by Jacob and Joel. The Lions Club of Raymond Terrace are very grateful to the Students and Staff, particularly the organiser Mrs Lue Fagan, for their continued support. They raised \$320.10 plus some foreign currency a SUPER effort!

We know many schools cannot hold coin lines at the moment, but you may be able to encourage your members, family and friends to start collecting coins in a coin jars or plastic bucket. The Lions Club of Red Hill District (V3) even in lockdown have started this project. This will provide a great start for the coin line attempt in November 2021.

LAYING IT ON
THE LINE FOR
CHILDHOOD CANCER



Australian Lions
Longest Coin Line



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PASSION AND PROMOTION GAINED RESULTS.

4 years ago, I saw a presentation on Childhood Cancer research, it hit me that Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) needed help creating awareness and raising valuable funds. I started promoting ALCCRF at my Club and Zone.

The following year I nominated for 2nd VDG for my District and decided on my theme and project if I was to become District Governor. The theme was to be "*The Future Is In Our Hands*" and the project was ALCCRF.

I believed that by promoting and helping ALCCRF we were providing a future for all children suffering from cancer.

I was elected to District Governor in 2019 and started my year by promoting ALCCRF, our district has shared District Governor visits, so my 1st VDG & 2nd VDG helped promote ALCCRF at all club visits.



The Yellow Lion

As a promotional aid I purchased 90 yellow plastic lion money boxes and printed the ALCCRF logo on the base and gave every Club and Zone a yellow lion to have at their meetings and every fundraiser.

I took a yellow lion with me everywhere encouraging members to put their loose change in the yellow lion and also run at least one fundraiser for the year.

The most important part of the project was to talk about the needs of children with cancer and what ALCCRF can do with the financial assistance. I am passionate and believe in ALCCRF and I could see that when I was talking to the members, they too felt the passion and wanted to help.

District 201C2 have their convention in early October so I used the convention as a promotion launch of my project. I invited Dr Joe Collins AM as one of my keynote speakers and he won the hearts of the members present which fuelled their passion, they then understood my passion and desire to contribute.

The success of the project was promotion, to use every opportunity you can to show your own passion and belief in what you are doing. Our own club supported the project 100% by holding functions, one in particular was a Devonshire Tea which raised in excess of \$1500.00 in a few hours.



Dr Joe Collins AM at the 2019 Convention

All Clubs in 201C2 District contributed generously, the result was at the end of the year the project raised in excess of \$35,000.00.

PDG Tom Kimber
(District Governor 201 C2 2019-2020)



A couple of Club Visits and Fundraising for the District 201C2 DG's 2019 project.



DG visit to Noarlunga
Morphett Vale



Flinders Uni Campus Club

Devonshire Tea at Hallett Cove Lions Club



ALYSSA'S STORY

When ten-month-old Alyssa developed rashes around her ankles, her mum Amanda rushed her to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, fearing she had meningitis. While this was ruled out, doctors told her devastated parents little Alyssa had infantile ALL - Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.



Alyssa went through months of intensive chemotherapy treatment and spent more than 18 months in the Hospital. Her mum Amanda said Alyssa reached a lot of milestones in the Hospital, including her first steps. "She had just undergone chemo and she got down and just started walking up and down the corridor, I was in floods of tears and so were the nursing staff," she said.

After going through months of intensive chemotherapy and dealing with the many side-effects including nausea, Alyssa underwent a cord transplant eight months after being diagnosed. She spent about four months in isolation in the Hospital, to ensure she didn't contract any infections after the transplant and then her parents were allowed to take her home. They kept her basically in isolation at home for another few months away from anywhere they thought she may get sick.

Since then, Alyssa has finished treatment and is now in remission, much to the delight of her parents and older sister. She's at pre-school, enjoying swimming lessons and now only comes into the Hospital once every eight weeks. She recently celebrated her third birthday at home with her family.

"Alyssa wouldn't be here without the dedication of the Hospital staff," Amanda said.

"We were made to feel by the staff that Alyssa was only child being treated, which of course is not true, such was the dedication of the doctors and nurses."

"We never felt alone during our time at the Hospital, there was always someone going into bat for Alyssa's life."

"We will be forever grateful to the Hospital, the staff and anyone who has ever donated."

ALCCRF Awards

The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) Awards were established to recognise support for the Foundation's vision of 100% survival for kids with cancer.

Recipients of these awards will be recognised for being one of our ambassadors helping kids fulfil their right to a healthy life. The awards can be presented to Lions and other community members who have dedicated time and effort on behalf of childhood cancer research.



Gold \$1,000

Gold Plate on Walnut Base
225 x 300mm

Silver \$500

Silver Plate on Walnut Base
200 x 250mm

Bronze \$250

Bronze Plate on Walnut Base
175 x 225mm

All awards come with an ALCCRF lapel pin in Gold, Silver or Bronze.

Payment: Please forward cheque made payable to "ALCCRF" with the application form Mail to:

**ALCCRF
 PO BOX 770,
 BELCONNEN ACT 2616**

Consider awarding a special Lion, Lioness, Leo with an ALCCRF Award or a Barry J Balmer Fellow



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Childhood Cancer
 Research Foundation

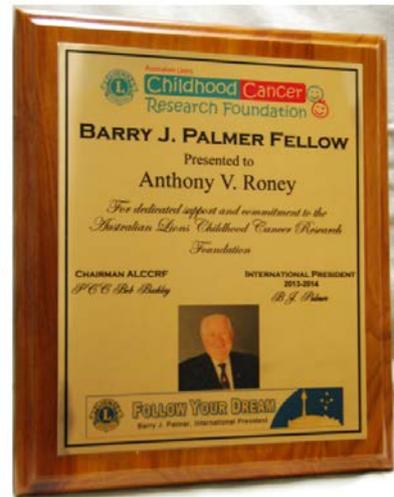
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Visit www.alccrf.lions.org.au to download an Application form from the following awards

ALCCRF Gold Awards
 ALCCRF Silver Awards
 ALCCRF Bronze Awards

Barry J Palmer Fellow

Recognise a Dedicated Lion In your Club or a member of your local Community



ALCCRF B.J.Palmer Fellowship
 \$2,000



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 100%Survival for Kids with cancer

Our Mission

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Help open the door to a healthy life for a child with cancer

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