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Australian Lions
Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation



**June 2021
Newsletter**

Hello to you all

My time as ALCCRF Chairman and my time with the Foundation ends on June 30th. While sad at the thought of leaving, it is time to move on and my successor PDG Ron Skeen OAM will certainly maintain the traditions and aims of the Foundation in his time as Chairman while introducing fresh ideas. I leave you with some memories of the past 10 years.

In late 2010 at a Meeting held by Youth & Community Services Coordinator Ron Skeen at Ciloms Motel in Melbourne, I met and was absolutely blown away by one of the participants; his enthusiastic approach, new ideas and obvious passion and dedication to the cause was so inspirational that I remember it well to this day. That person was of course Dr Joe Collins and the subject he was speaking on was the newly formed ALCCRF.

Joe made such an impression on me that when a position as a Trustee of the Foundation became available early the following year due to PIP Barry Palmer's resignation on becoming International 2nd VP, I immediately applied and was honoured with being appointed in his place.

The following years are well documented in "ALCCRF Achievements", written by Dr Joe Collins and published and distributed just prior to the MD Convention 2019 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the successful motion in Melbourne in 2009 to form the Foundation.

From the Initial funding of the first ever Neuroblastoma Clinical Trial in 2011 followed by many more Australia and world "Firsts" including the purchase of the DFMO Drug, funding of a Fellowship and a scholarship, the publication by MGSM of "donors without borders", the \$4million Genome sequencing project led by Prof. John Mattick head of the Garvan Institute enabled by an LCIF co-contributing grant of US\$2million with the invaluable input of PIP Barry Palmer AM and the then International President Dr Yamada Jitsuhiro. Most recently the funding of the TKIs \$1.05million immunotherapy in Perth WA highlights that ALCCRF continues to focus on world first cutting-edge research.



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I have been honoured and privileged to have met many World renowned Australian Researchers who are so passionate and dedicated to their work - to name just a few, Prof Glen Marshall and Dr David Ziegler, both Clinical researchers at the Kids cancer Centre at Sidney Children's Hospital, A/Prof Paul Ekert, at Murdoch Children's research institute when we met now at Children's Cancer Institute Australia, Françoise Mechinaud, Children's Cancer Centre Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, the unforgettable Mary McGowan RCH Melbourne (also a director of Children's Cancer Foundation and My Room). The team at Hudson Institute - in particular Dr Jason Cain, Professor John Mattick, Professor David Thomas, Dr Marie Dziadek of Garvan Institute and Professor Terrance Johns, Telethon Kids Institute Perth.

I am extremely proud of the achievements of the Foundation due to the passion and dedication of the Trustees over the years, we have led the way for Australian Lions to earn respect worldwide for their support of research projects to eradicate childhood cancer. Our system of District Chairperson support with both supply of promotional materials and project knowledge through our 2 - 3 video conference hook-ups each year is unique and the envy of many other MD Foundations and projects.

In my 10 years with the Foundation I have been proud to be associated with (and in the last few years leader of) a close-knit group with a passion and dedication to our cause, a group of Lions who worked hard and led the Foundation to becoming highly recognised not only by Lions members around the nation, but the Industry as a whole for their commitment to pursue all avenues in the pursuit of the vision of 100% survival for kids with cancer and that every child deserves a chance of a healthy life.

John Thorpe ALCCRF National Chairman

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New ALCCRF National Chairman

PDG Ron Skeen OAM

Commencing 1st July 2021



PERSONAL HISTORY

Ronald Joseph Skeen was born in Sale, Victoria and grew up on a dairy farm. Ron is married to Carolyn, has two daughters and four grandchildren.

In 1969 he embarked on a banking career and worked with the same institution for 29 years, with the last 14 in management. Since leaving the bank Ron has worked in the field of Contract Accounting, briefly with a Legal Firm, with Australian Business Volunteers, an NGO funded by AusAID and finally as a Project Manager with the Department of Health.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

Lion Ron has been a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs for 32 years and has served in most club positions during that time including President of both Bega and Canberra Belconnen Lions Clubs. He served on District Cabinet continuously from 1994 to 2009 in various positions including Region Chairman, Leadership Training & Development (3), Constitution & By-Laws Chairman (4), Cabinet Treasurer (2), Cabinet Secretary (4), Vice District Governor and District Governor in 2000-01. Lions Ron resumed his District Service in 2014, as a member of the Districts Global Leadership Team until 2016, Peace Poster Chair 2016-17, District Coordinator Global Membership Team 2016 to 2019 and District Coordinator Global Services Team 2020-21 some 21 years of service to the District.

In 1995 the then Council of Governors saw fit to appoint Lion Ron to the position of ***Chairman 1998 Multiple District Convention Organising Committee***. He again served the Multiple District as a ***Trustee*** of the ***Australian Lions Children's Foundation*** 2001 to 2006, serving as ***Chairman*** 2001 to 2005.

Again from 2008 to 2016 (two terms) Lion Ron served as ***Multiple District Manager (National Coordinator), Youth & Community Projects***. After a six-month break from national duties Lion Ron was approached to take on the role of Treasurer of the ***Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation*** and was subsequently appointed a Trustee. He served as Trustee/Treasurer, until his appointment as Chairperson in July 2021.

In 2008 Ron was recognised for his service to the International Association of Lions on Australia Day 2008 with the awarding of the Order of Australian Medal (OAM), and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

ALCCRF Booth at the 2021 MD201 Canberra Convention




LIONS CLUB OF CHINCILLA INC.
MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE - PATCHWORK QUILT
WINNER - Lion Jean Trickett from Brisbane
 Drawn 8th May 2021 at the Lions National Convention in Canberra



Pictured: Lion Jean Trickett from Brisbane with Past District Governor Engelbert Krangl from Cecil Plains.

Thanks to everyone for supporting the raffle. Around \$2000 was raised for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.


 Thanks also goes to our local quilt maker, Thelma Widdon, for her donation of the quilt which was made in memory of the late Lion Lindsay Marsden.



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Please Note

Because of circumstances Indiana will be cutting her hair towards September 2021, so there is still plenty of time to support her.



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25 May at 18:33 · 🌐



Check out Indiana's video and show your support by sharing and/or donating.



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Click here and donate for Childhood Cancer - Longest Coin Line

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HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Hi! My name is Indiana and I'm 11 years old.

The world record for the longest coin line made up of 5 cent coins was set in 2011 with a length of 75.24km. The ALCCRF are attempting to break this record in November with all funds going to childhood cancer research, and I'm going to help.

At the end of June 2021, I will be cutting my long hair and donating it, and would love your support in raising funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF).

Remember, every 5 cents counts!

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Please donate today and make a difference:
<https://www.mycause.com.au/p/251202/childhood-cancer-longest-coin-line>

Click on this Link to Indiana's Presentation on YouTube

https://youtu.be/PBZmDKw_8mw



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22 May · 🌐



Let's Make A Difference - Check out Indiana's video now to find out more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBZmDKw_8mw

Then follow this link to show your support:

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What Clubs Australia Wide are doing for the Coin Line

Australian Lions Longest Coin Line have now changed their name to Australian Lions Laying it on the Line for Childhood Cancer.

We're really excited to be changing our name to reflect what we are trying to achieve.



Lion Kate More accepting a cheque from Lion Peter Malinowski from the Lions Club of Charm Haven for \$1000 for the Coin Line.

Lion Peter has supported ALCCRF over many years. Along with Lion John Major they completed the 800 km Walk of St James in two stages over a five-week period raising many thousands of dollars for ALCCRF.



The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc.

24 June at 20:50 · 🌐

Today was the last Pedare Pride Cubs Club meeting for the term.

The Cubs were busy finishing off signs, making more bookmarks, and digital promotions. One Cub presented on her dad's involvement with lions overseas, and the Cubs learnt more about the services the RSPCA provide (not just adopting rescued animals).

We also received a donation of 5 cent pieces from a cub's grandparent for the coin line. Thank you!

See you next term Cubs 😊

[Golden Grove Lions Club](#)



Lions Club District 201N3

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"Lions Unmasked" Fundraising Dinner

[Lions Club of Terrigal-Wamberal](#) raised \$3000 at a fundraising dinner on June 19th at the Wamberal Surf Club. One hundred guests were treated to a delicious 2 course meal and were entertained by the magician Jules from "JD World of Magic". Guests generously participated in a mammoth raffle and a coin tossing event to assist the club's fundraising on the night. Local businesses were really supportive of the event and donations for the 28 raffle prizes included accommodation for a weekend holiday, an iPad, a BBQ, a case of wine and several huge hampers.

As a result of the night the club was able to donate \$1500 to "Elsie's Retreat Project" – the palliative care unit at Gosford Hospital and \$1500 to the "Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation".

The night was such a success that the club plans to make this an annual event.

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Lions Biggest BBQ News

Lions Club of Casuarina District 201C2 holding their BBQ



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Thank you Burnie Emu Bay Lion's Club



Burnie Emu Bay Lions Club

30 April · 🌐

Saturday 16th May is the Lions Biggest BBQ - an annual BBQ event held by Lions clubs across Australia. We are one of many Australian Lions clubs holding a BBQ to raise \$\$\$\$'s for [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation \(ALCCRF\)](https://alccrf.lions.org.au/). These funds assist to increase survival rates of childhood cancer by supporting cancer research efforts [not just in Australia, worldwide]. Funds raised from our next Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 16 May will go to the ALCCRF. ... grab a snag on your way into Bunnings on the 16th May and help raise funds for important work. #childhoodcancer #cancerresearch #LionsClub #bunningsbbq ...every child deserves a chance at a healthy life. For info on the research, childhood cancer research foundation and great stories from children who have received benefits of the foundation >>>> <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/> 😊



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Lions reach \$30,000 for Childhood Cancer

Article from the Collie River Valley Bulletin, March 2021



June Lewis (left), Helga Hanke and Greg Bates watching Anne Battista draw the winning ticket.

The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation annual raffle has added over \$4,500 to their record of \$30,000.

Collie Lions have since 2014 asked the community to join their efforts in raising money for the research. Each year during those seven years, Pine Hauliers have donated a truck load of firewood as the prize.

To this point communities like Collie have together raised more than \$10 million, all of which has gone to research.

Chairman of the local fundraiser organising committee Anne Battista said "beating cancer is a big job and the people of Collie have put in great effort".

"Every cent raised will go to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation", Mrs Battista said.

She said that some 800 Australian children are affected by cancer in one form or another and that due to the efforts of many researchers, about 80% survive. Hundreds of Australian children now have access to new Genome sequencing technologies, following the announcement that considerable funds from the foundation have been directed to the Kids' Cancer Genome Project.

Mrs Battista and the foundation will continue its work until the survival rate is 100%, "We are in it for the long haul" Mrs Battista said.

News from around the Lions Districts

From the 201Q2 DG's
Bulletin June 2021

Health A Report

To all Lions and Leo Clubs

In the last two editions of the Northern Lion, you will have received a fair bit of information on Bowel Cancer Month, I hope that all Clubs have given thought to some event to support that month, let me know about your Club's involvement and send photos to the Northern Lion. It is easy to get involved and support this, even if it is just purchasing a box of 30 ribbons to sell to members and friends, email address is bowelcanceraustralia.org or phone 1800 555 494.

It is not too late to order Awards for those members of the Club and those who supported your Club during the year, check the Australian Lions Website, I would especially like some consideration for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.



Those who attended the Canberra Convention would have heard PCC Tony Roney speak of the latest project, Research into Childhood Immunotherapy, this research will cost over 1 million dollars and with successful outcomes should eliminate the need for a child with cancer receiving Chemotherapy or Radiation, both treatments will do damage as the child gets older.

ALCCRF has bios and aprons for sale, they make a great "thank you" gift to your members and supporters, think about teaming a biro and diary as a gift, the biro can come out of your Community Account as a donation to ALCCRF. To purchase Birus or Aprons contact me and I will post them to you.

Thank You to the Clubs who answered my request for information on my portfolio, it is most appreciated and not too late for other Clubs to let me know how you service Australian Lions Childhood Cancer, Stinger Research, Bowel Cancer and Prostate Cancer.

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CLARENCE - RUN THE BEACHES

It is over a year since the Clarence Lions Club did their last Run The Beaches Fun Run. The members were keen to get it under way after a year of not being able to do a big project.

It all came together on Sunday 14 March when despite a chilly morning approximately 100 people gathered at the park between Blundstone Area and the Beach. The 5km run got under way at 9.00am with runners of all ages running up the beach...



Clarence Lions donated \$4000 to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation. There were a small group of stands at the Expo promoting different aspects of children's health, and Lions projects.

Many thanks to our sponsors Hutchinson Builders and Hazell Brothers.

It will be on again next year.

Stephen Smith



Three Zone 2 Clubs 201 N3 participated in fundraising for the coin line.

The Lions Club of The Entrance donated money raised from their weekly markets.

The Lions Club of Terrigal-Wamberal had collection jars at each of our dinner meetings and conducted coin collections at our monthly markets and our Twilight Market for the cause.

The Lions Club of Chittaway Bay had money boxes in several local shops asking customers to donate coins and collected coins at their weekly meat raffles.

The Lions Club of Chittaway have collected lots of 5c coins - approx \$200 worth.



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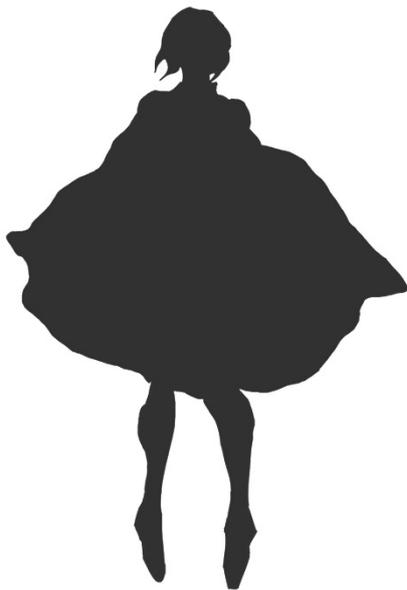
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THANKS LEO's



Leo Clubs Australia

15 May · ⚙️

Cathedral School Leos are set up for school Open Day with their coin line for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) #ProudLeo #WeServe #bestleoclubeva



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• **Our Vision**

100% survival for kids with cancer

• **Our Mission**

Prevent kids with cancer dying by raising funds nationally and donating these funds to the best high impact childhood cancer research conducted right across Australia.



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