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EVERY CHILD
DESERVES A CHANCE
AT A HEALTHY LIFE**



Australian Lions

Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation



**June 2022
Newsletter**

ALCCRF Chairperson Update

Welcome to the June 2022 edition of the Foundations Newsletter.

It was good to get back to some sort of normality last month with the mini-convention in Melbourne followed by the first face to face meeting of the Foundation Trustees in two and a half years.

At the Multiple District Convention, I was able to catch up with some of the Lions from the Lions Club of Kingborough (T1), who are one of a number of great supporter clubs of the Foundation for a presentation photoshoot to recognise their support over recent years (covering article in this edition of the newsletter).

As a part of our Trustee meeting, we were able to visit the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) to take part in a tour of the facility and receive an update on our recently approved project "tackling drug treatment resistance to medulloblastoma". The update will feature in our next newsletter.



Trustees, Partners and WEHI researchers

For those who are attending the Cairns ANZI Pacific Forum in September please come by the Foundations Stand during the breaks. I will also be presenting at one of the Forums scheduled for 9:00 am on the Sunday.



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ALCCRF Committee were delighted to see Trustee and Vice Chairperson, PCC Tony Roney receive a much-deserved AM in the Queen's Birthday Honours (refer page 3) - well done Tony.

As we approach a new Lions year, can I wish the incoming District Governors and Club Presidents a great 2022-2023. Please consider the Foundation as one of your key projects to support through the year and at the end when you are making donations, or considering awards.

My usual quarterly update of our current projects is as follows: -

1. Children's Cancer Foundation - Hudson Monash Paediatric Precision Medicine Program, Biobank Project (\$450k) Outstanding commitment \$26,398.
2. Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) - Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy (\$1.05m) Outstanding commitment \$350,000.
3. University of Technology Sydney (Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme) Dr Andrew Care - Macquarie University (\$63.9k) Outstanding commitment \$31,964.
4. Cancer Australia, Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme
 - a) Dr Jessica Buck - University of Western Australia /TKI (\$54.8) Outstanding commitment \$16,838.
 - b) Dr Pouya Faridi - Monash University (\$73.3k) Outstanding commitment \$46,655.
5. WEHI (Walter & Eliza Hall Institute) - Tackling drug treatment resistance to medulloblastoma (\$220k) Outstanding commitment \$165,000.
6. Griffith University's, Institute for Glycomics - Focus on Sarcoma - early markers, improve diagnosis targeting pathways to treatment (\$800k) Outstanding commitment \$650,000.

Full details of the current projects can be found on the Foundations website - <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/our-research-projects/> along with our finalised projects and our 10-year history - <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/finalised-projects/>

Your ongoing support ensures that we reach our vision of **100% Survival for Kids with Cancer**, remembering that: -

"Every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

Ron Skeen
ALCCRF Chairperson

- **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.



Congratulations

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Mr Anthony Vincent RONEY, Legana TAS 7277

For significant service to the community through Lions International.

Lions International

- National Chairman, Lions Australia, 2004-2005.
- Life Member.
- Appointed to the International Presidents team on Mission 30, 2005-2006.
- Appointed to International Faculty, 2010.

Lions District T1

- District Governor, 2008-2009; 2003-2004.
- Vice District Governor, 2002-2003.
- Lions Tasmania Cabinet Member, 25 years.

Riverside Lions Club

- President, 2014-2015; 1984-1985.
- Former Secretary.
- Convention Chairman, 2021 District Convention.
- National Convention Chairman, 2011.
- Director, current.
- Member, since 1977.

Tasmanian Lions Foundation

- Secretary, 3 years.
- Member, 6 years.
- Life Member, since 2016.

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

- Vice Chairperson, 2016-2022.
- Trustee, since 2013.

Awards and recognition include:

- Progressive Melvin Jones Award, Lions International.
- Barry J. Palmer Fellow, Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.
- Three International Presidents Awards for Leadership and Humanitarian Services.

Linking arms with researchers at Griffith University's Institute for Glycomics tackling sarcoma with early detection and treatment options.

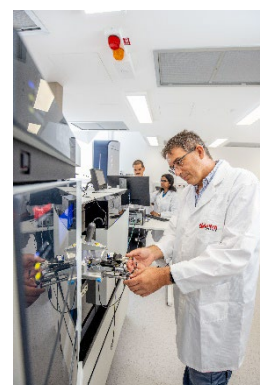
Our aim is to close current gaps in accurate Sarcoma diagnosis and precision treatment to deliver novel diagnostics and treatment opportunities that improve patient outcomes and survival.



While it is considered a rare cancer in adults (1% of adult cancers), sarcoma is a prevalent cancer in children representing about 20% of all childhood cancer diagnoses.

The term Sarcoma summarises a large number of different cancers that arise in the bones and connective tissues such as fat and muscle. Depending on where they first occur in the body, the different types of Sarcoma differ significantly in their pathogenesis and thus, need to be considered as individual cancer types. They are also often diagnosed late as many benign conditions exhibit similar symptoms. Hence, there is a great need for new ways to accurately diagnose and treat sarcomas early.

Through your generous support, Institute for Glycomics researchers will use world-leading technology to identify new treatment options and potential new diagnostic markers in a 3-year intensive program. The first six months of the program has been dedicated to extending our team of scientists and establishing new infrastructure and specialised instrumentation that will be a pivotal component of this sarcoma research and that was co-funded by a private trust. The Sarcoma program will be conducted in our world-leading ACRF International Centre for Cancer Glycomics facility. With particular regard to researcher recruitment and extending our team of dedicated scientists, we are delighted to report that a research fellow has now been appointed to the project through Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation support, and advertising underway for additional technical staff.



Critical to the success of the project is the collaboration with our international partners. Our international partners include clinical oncologists with particular expertise in paediatric sarcoma, and are currently preparing an initial bank of patient samples to send to our team. Our imaging and mass spectrometry specialists will be processing and subsequently analysing the sarcoma tissue samples utilising the Institute's glycomics analytical platform, to identify what we term 'markers' for different sarcoma subtypes. New markers are important as they can form the basis of new ways to diagnose sarcoma disease. They can also provide clues as to why some patients respond to cancer therapy and why others don't. We are confident that our approach will help to deliver new solutions to diagnose and treat sarcoma.

We are deeply grateful to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, their community and our other support partners for supporting this critical research.

Order now your ALCCRF or a Barry J Palmer award for presentation at your Club Handover / Changeover dinner



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PO Box 56, RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324.

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.

Ordering and Payment Options

Pay via Direct Debit or PayID and email application to ALCCRF Treasurer

ALCCRF Bank Details

NAB

BSB: 085-397

Account: 942947951

PayID alccrf.treasurer@lions.org.au

Forward cheque made payable to "ALCCRF" with this application

Mail to:

OR

ALCCRF

PO BOX 56

RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324

Note: Credit for prior donations can be used for awards for up to 2 years from when they are made.

Visit [RESOURCES - childhood cancer \(lions.org.au\)](https://resources-childhood-cancer.lions.org.au) for a writable .pdf
Application Form for all Awards



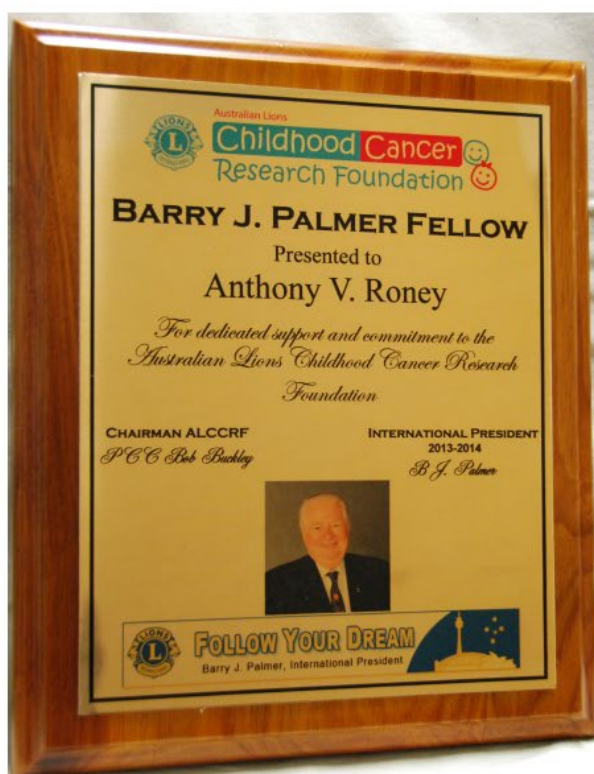
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"We believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

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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News from around the Districts

Lions Clubs from Region 2 in District 201 V6 recently hosted a fundraiser for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

"OBSERVATION CAR RUN"

What a great day of fun and enjoyment this event turned out to be for those who entered. The weather was perfect, and we raised \$1,234.50 for kid's cancer research.

The run was not a race but rather a challenge to see how observant drivers were on a designated course. The run was divided into 2 sections with first commencing at Tongala and finishing at Lockington where the Lions Club of Lockington supplied morning tea.



Car Run Start at Tongala

The second section started from Lockington and went to Elmore finishing at Aysons Reserve where the Lions Club of Elmore provided a sausage sizzle lunch in a magnificent setting on the banks of the Campaspe River.



Morning Tea at Lockington

Entrants were sent off with their instructions at 2 minute intervals from Tongala, having to be observant and find lots of varied information along the routes. There was also a trivia questioner for each section and a poker hand to collect on route.

The winners on the day were:

First place was M & C Murray (Yarroweyah).

Second place went to G & M Coats (Strathmerton).

Third place was Gwen Campbell (Tongala).

The trivia winners were Lee & Norm Walkington (Cohuna).

The best poker hand went to B & B Higgins (Echuca).



Lunch and finish at Elmore

All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported this event.

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)

WHY.....if it was my grandchild I would want 'light and hope' at the end of the dark tunnel and only Research will give this light and hope to a devastated family.

The Lions Club of Kingborough supports many projects and I asked.....HOW can we promote the Lions Club, ALCCRF and raise funds? Forming partnerships was the answer.

We promoted

- ALCCRF to the Management of our local Shopping Centre and this resulted in being asked to assist in many and various events.....assisting Easter Bunny, dressing as the 3 witches at Halloween and assisting with children's activities throughout the year and we have been doing Christmas Gift Wrapping for many years. Management provided, at no cost to the group, everything needed for all events undertaken.
- ALCCRF to a professional cake decorator and she agreed to ice the 80g mini cakes to sell to schools, early childhood organisations and at our Christmas wrapping stall at the local shopping complex.....cost \$1.10/cakesale price \$5.00
- ALCCRF to local shops and they supply us with toys, books etc to go into small raffles for children at Christmas wrapping event.
- ALCCRF to local artists and being provided with an original water colour work by a Master Artist. The work was sold with 100% of sale going to ALCCRF.
- ALCCRF to local quilters who provide the group with quilts that are sold and again 100% of sale going to ALCCRF
- ALCCRF to local newspaper who kindly allows editorials promoting our activities and events.

Our only cost is that of the mini cakes.....but in exchange for the support we recognise our sponsors, promote Lions and ALCCRF..... helping hands from members, partners and friends is what goes towards increasing the 'light' and search for a cure.

Since 2016 the Club has donated over \$86,500 to ALCCRF.

PDG Hester van Niekerk
Lions Club of Kingborough



Left to Right
Members of the Lions Club of Kingborough Lions Eric Madsen,
DGE Paul Cairnduff, Mary Cairnduff, PDG Hester van Niekerk and
ALCCRF Chair PDG Ron Skeen OAM.

ALCCRF Trustee Tony Roney accepted a cheque for \$1,500 presented by President Robert Pearce of the City of Launceston Lions Club.

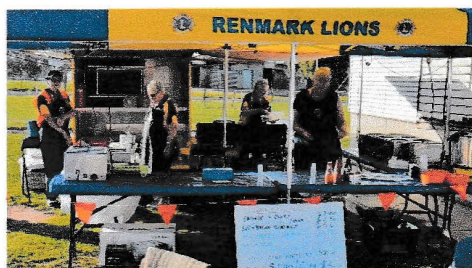
City of Launceston Club was the first Club Chartered in Tasmania and is still going strong today



MONTHLY "FUNDRAISING BAZAAR/BBQ" - SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH

2022 This was our normal monthly event/BBQ for the month of March 2022. The catering team set up early ready to serve the anticipated increased people coming to support our club's "Lions Biggest BBQ". The club had agreed to donate all funds raised from this BBQ to ALCCRF, together with any donations received previously and on the day. Once again, we were kept very busy all morning in warm weather selling Egg & Bacon Sandwiches, Sausage Sizzle and Hot Donuts. We were very pleased with the response with a magnificent result achieved:

BBQ/Donuts \$710. With previous donations of \$212, the club 'rounded up' the amount to \$1000 as a donation to ALCCRF. Well done again to the catering team.



The catering team ready to go



Members of the Lions Club of Rostrevor in District C1 raised \$500 at Mitre 10, Gynde SA with funds raised for the ALCCRF Biggest BBQ

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THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news

Lions and Mitre10 join to fight childhood cancer

On Easter Saturday morning, April 16, the Lions Club of Phillip Island and Cowes Mitre10 will be putting on a fund-raising BBQ to help defeat childhood cancer.

Part of the Australian Lions Biggest BBQ 2022, the BBQ will be held outside the Mitre10 store in Settlement Road on Easter Saturday morning from 9am.

Since 1996, Lions Australia has contributed over \$12 million to childhood cancer research. This effort has helped the development of safer and more effective blood stem cell transplantation for leukaemia patients following chemotherapy, leading to shorter hospitalisation and more rapid recovery.

The battle against childhood cancer is not yet over. Funds raised by Lions Club of Phillip Island at this Easter BBQ will be used to support the best scientific and clinical childhood cancer

research conducted right across Australia. Many of the other 1200 Lions Clubs across Australia will be running similar BBQs throughout 2022 to add their contribution to the fight against childhood cancer.

A particular target for the funds raised in 2022 is to contribute to leading research in Cancer Immunotherapy, focusing on supercharging the body's natural defences to destroy cancer cells.

Mitre10 will of course be open for business as usual on Saturday with its range of quality hardware.

Lions Club of Phillip Island also welcome the assistance provided by Bakers Delight in Cowes for this battle against kids' cancer.

If you would like to get involved in any of the Lions' Community Service activities on Phillip Island please email lionsclubphillipisland@gmail.com



Lions Secretary Steve Munro and Mitre10 Manager Craig Marinus join the fight against kids' cancer. The Lions Club and Mitre 10 in Cowes will hold a fund-raising BBQ from 9am on Easter Saturday.

Lions Biggest BBQ 2022

Event summary & return slip.

Please return this form along with your donation cheque no later than Tuesday 31st December 2022.

LIONS/LEO Club of PHILLIP ISLAND (CLUB NR: 22793)

Amount raised \$ 1,000.00

What activities did you undertake for Lions Biggest BBQ?

(Please include who attended, fundraising activities, photographs taken, etc)

Easter Saturday morning BBQ outside Mitre10 hardware shop in Cowes, Phillip Island.

Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the BBQ?

Mitre10 supplied the BBQ + Lions did the cooking + bought the food. This was a good arrangement.

What media coverage did you achieve from the supplied media releases?

(Please include copies of all coverage)

Article in local weekly newspaper (attached).
We put up posters in some local shop windows.

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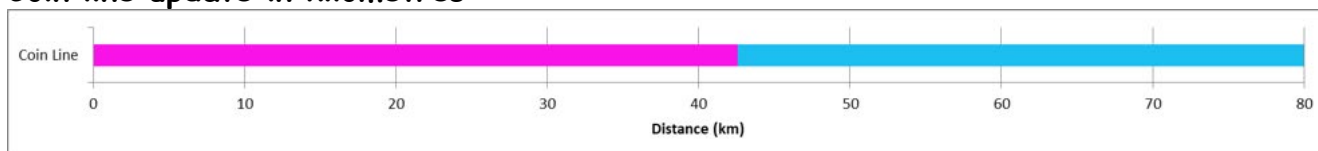
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Coin line update in kilometres



We have raised \$109 024.75 which converts to 42.58 km

We are asking all Australian Lions and Leos to consider holding a Coinline event in the next few months culminating in a massive effort during September, **so that we can attempt the Record in November**. As well as gaining a Guinness World Record, Aussie Lions will have made a great contribution funding research into cures for Childhood Cancers.

Some Clubs are holding "Coin Jar" collections. Why? Because most of us use plastic when shopping, so the coins are just filling jars and bowls around the house and gathering dust. As a public service, we can help to clean out those jars and put the coins to good use! One Club is proposing a "Putt Putt" Coinline. They are seeking sponsors for each of the eighteen holes. They in turn find people to lay their coins in a line from the Tee to the Cup. **Simple, isn't it?**

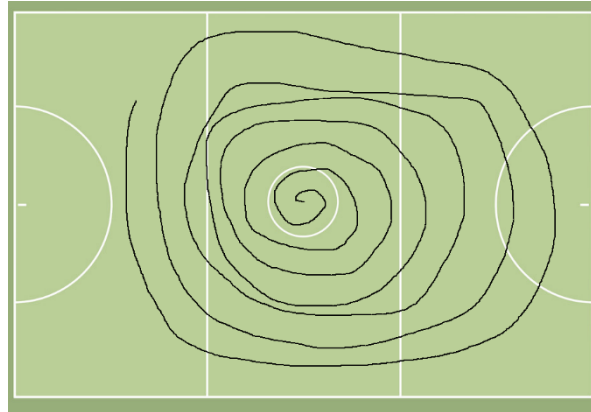
Yet another suggestion is to "Lay them in the aisles". Map out the aisles at your local Hardware store or Supermarket, then sell each metre for \$2.50. (1 metre equals approx. 50 x 5cent coins end on end, that's \$2.50), issue a ticket for each donation and draw a lucky winner. The prize could be a voucher from the store. If you get all the way around, start a second lap!

Whatever you can do to help us; it will be greatly appreciated by the families that are afflicted by Childhood Cancer. It is for them, that we support the work of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. It may have taken a while to reach the halfway point, **I'm sure that with a big effort we can reach our fundraising goal by September.**

Cheers,
PDG Keith Stewart
Coin Line Challenge Committee Chair
coinlineforkids@lions.org.au

Lion Jessica is a member of the Epping-Eastwood Lions Club. She will be organising the coin line challenge for her Club.

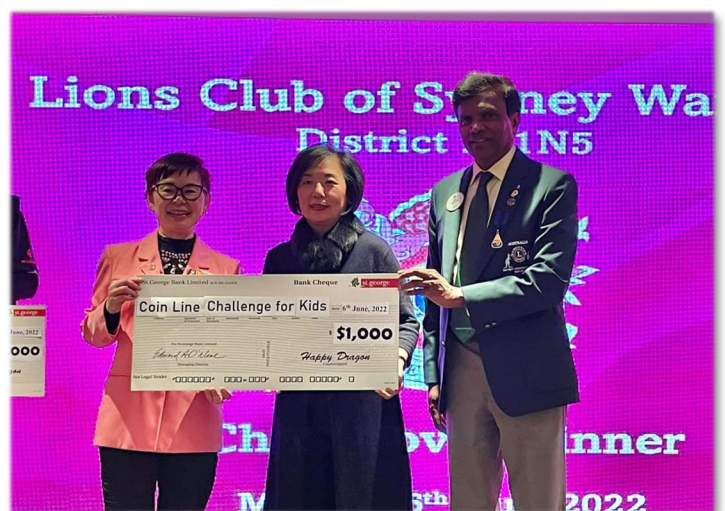
Epping-Eastwood Lions conduct a BBQ during the Netball Season (Children to adults play) at Eastwood Ryde Netball Association at Meadowbank Park, Adelaide Street. They will be doing a Biggest BBQ for Cancer Research in July this year will be conducting the Coin Line Challenge on the same day as the Biggest BBQ using a netball court to build the line of coins on.



Are there any N5 Clubs out there that could help with coins for the coin line challenge? Please contact Epping-Eastwood Lions.

The challenge is out there for other Districts to hold a similar event.

N5 ALCCRF District Chair Perl Lin attended the Lions Club of Sydney Waratah Changeover Dinner and accepted a \$1,000 cheque on behalf of the Foundation



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The Lions Club of Collie (W2) who raised \$5,500 for this year's Lions Biggest BBQ. Best Club total this year so far.



Brian Harrison and Ian Bushall
hard at work



Millicent Lions sizzle for Childhood Cancer

Millicent Lions Club recently held 2 Sausage Sizzles in the local park to raise funds for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

This has become an annual event for the Club with many members passionate about the Foundation.

Local radio presenters may have had a hot donut or two delivered, which generated a little publicity for the local Club. We are not saying it was bribery, but it turned out to be great publicity as customers increased over the next few hours.

A great marketing ploy Lions.



Be a HERO to
a child with cancer
Donate today at alccrf.lions.org.au



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