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EVERY CHILD
DESERVES A CHANCE
AT A HEALTHY LIFE**



Australian Lions

Childhood Cancer
Research Foundation



**September 2022
Newsletter**

ALCCRF Chairperson Update

Welcome to the September 2022 edition of the Foundations newsletter.

This year's ANZI Pacific Forum is being held later this month. For those attending please come by the Foundations Stand during the breaks. I will also catch up with those attending the Childhood Cancer Forum scheduled for 9:00 am on the Sunday.

Hopefully all our District Conventions will proceed this year, unlike the two past years. Most of our District Chairs should have stands at your convention and some no doubt will get time on stage to talk about the Foundation. Please take time to support them.

Our Lions Biggest BBQ income is down on previous years, but there is still time to support this event. Remember, the funds can come from any fundraising initiative, it does not have to be a BBQ if that does not suit your Club. For every \$500 donated by your Club from your Lions Biggest BBQ (or alternate event), your club will be allocated an entry in the draw (For example, if your Club contributes \$2,000 you will have 4 chances in the draw).

Our Christmas Pins are out early this year and available now - refer to notice is this newsletter.

It is great to see our Leos continue to support the Foundation with the Leo's Big Night Out Coin Line Challenge.

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

1. Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) - Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy (\$1.05m) Outstanding commitment \$262,500.
2. University of Technology Sydney (Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme)
Dr Andrew Care - Macquarie University (\$63.9k) Outstanding commitment \$31,964.
3. Cancer Australia, Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme



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- a) Dr Jessica Buck - University of Western Australia /TKI (\$54.8) Outstanding commitment \$1,838.
- b) Dr Pouya Faridi - Monash University (\$73.3k) Outstanding commitment \$1,655.
4. WEHI (Walter & Eliza Hall Institute) - Tackling drug treatment resistance to medulloblastoma (\$220k) Outstanding commitment \$110,000.
5. 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.





Email Scam Warning

Please be advised that an unknown party/s has accessed the email of one of our Trustees. In addition, they have also used the Chairpersons name, but with bogus email addresses in correspondence.

The scam appears to be an attempt to obtain funds.

Clubs and Individual Members are further advised that any email correspondence from the Foundation seeking funds would be of a general nature and sent to all Clubs.

Emails would not be sent to an individual Club and not for a specific amount, unless it related to the purchase of merchandise, or an award and of course would have been instigated by a Club or Individual Member in the first place.

ALCCRF 2022 Christmas Pins Now Available



Pins can be obtained at a cost of **\$6:00** per pin from
our Christmas Pins Coordinator PDG Aussie Lanphier
email: ausandtoni@bigpond.com
mobile: 0402 188 852



ALCCRF Pen – high quality, great value for users, Gifts to Club Speakers
etc \$5.00 each (minimum order applied) pdf writable order form on
ALCCRF website

Help to make Ron's dream come true



Ron MacLeod OAM was a passionate man. He loved his family, his sport, and Lions. He was always keen to support research into health conditions that affected children. His favourite cause was the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF).

Some years ago, Lion Ron started conducting regular Saturday morning "Coin Trails" on a small table at his local shopping centre. Ron continued this activity until his health failed. Through Ron's efforts, his Club, Elmore Vale (N3), was able to donate in excess of \$100,000 to the ALCCRF and other Lions foundations.

In 2018 Ron approached me on my DG's Club visit, to help him achieve his two goals: to spread the good news about how easy and effective Coin Trails are in fundraising and raising awareness of Lions activities; and to see Lions break the world record for a continuous Coinline. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the distance to beat is 76.5 kilometres.

On August 4 we said farewell to Lion Ron MacLeod OAM. At the time of his passing, funds for the record attempt were 40% short of the amount needed.

To help make Ron's dream come true, we are asking for an extraordinary effort from all Australian Lions and Leos during September, Cancer Awareness Month. **Please consider conducting a Coinline, a Coin Jar collection, a bucket collection or by simply making a Club donation to help us get over the line.**

Most importantly, please make sure you deposit your contribution in the ALCCRF account, **BSB 085 - 397 ACC 94-294-7951 Reference "COIN LINE" and your club name/District in this format, e.g., Morisset N3 or ID 37642.**

Alternatively post a cheque to the Foundation Treasurer at PO Box 56 Raymond Terrace NSW 2324.

Please email us with your good news at coinlineforkids@lions.org.au

PDG Keith Stewart and Lion Kate Moore
Coinline Committee

Special thanks go to the MacLeod family for endorsing this campaign.





Line up to fight against childhood cancer

Bring your coin jars along

Guinness world record attempt



Clubs can find marketing material on the ALCCRF website under events - Australia Lions Longest Coin Line. Posters, Marketing Brochure and labels for collection tins. Also, there are Facebook tiles and posters that Clubs can use in conjunction with project promotion on community pages to collect coin jars and sell meterage in the record attempt.



Line up to fight against childhood cancer

Buy a metre of coins for \$2.50

Guinness world record attempt



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We are collecting coins for the Australian Lions Longest Coin Line
The goal is to make a 76km line with 5c pieces.
Thank you for your support

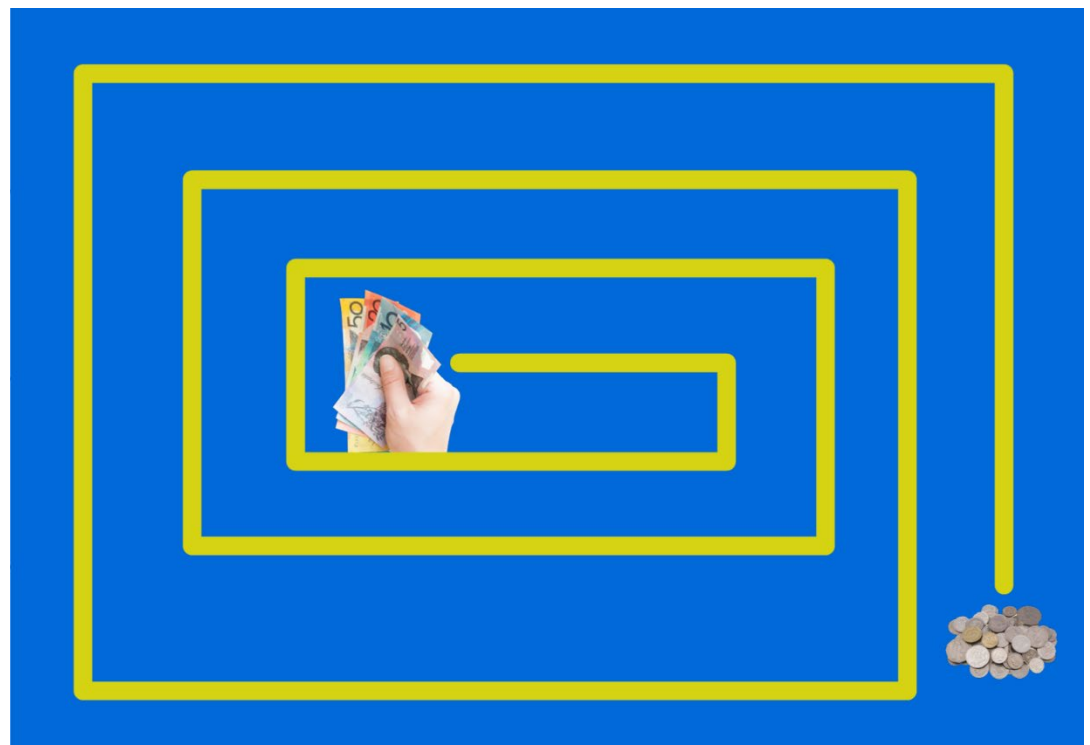
For more information visit:
www.alccrf.lions.org.au

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The label for a coin tin and the collection mat can be downloaded from the ALCCRF website by logging into

[Home - childhood cancer \(lions.org.au\)](http://Home-childhoodcancer.lions.org.au) and click on the resources area.



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Note: This letter refers to the first instalment of an \$800,000 grant refer to Chairperson's Current Projects Report Page 2



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16 June 2022

Mr Ron Skeen OAM
Chairperson
Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation
PO Box 56
RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324

Dear Mr Skeen

On behalf of our students, staff and researchers, thank you to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation for the philanthropic investment of \$150,000 towards the Institute for Glycomics' Sarcoma research project titled 'Developing a novel diagnostic and treatment options for Sarcoma.' We are grateful for your partnership.

The Institute for Glycomics, one of Australia's flagship multidisciplinary biomedical research institutes, proudly drives the progress in sarcoma research. With some of the world's most outstanding researchers and state-of-the-art facilities, your gift will contribute to closing the gaps in sarcoma diagnoses and treatment to deliver novel diagnostic technologies and precision treatment options to improve patient outcomes and survival.

Thank you once again for your commitment to Griffith University, where we make a difference and *Make It Matter*. Together we can create a powerful change in transforming lives.

Enclosed are details of your gift.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Evans', written over a horizontal line.

Professor Carolyn Evans
Vice Chancellor and President

Digital Gold Coast Logan Mt Gravatt Nathan South Bank



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News from around the Districts

Locals explore Mareeba all for a good cause



Team '2 Parkies' Sandro Soncin and Charlton Best were the first team to cross the line and finish this year's Metrogain with a time of one hour and 49 minutes.

NEARLY 30 teams of runners, walkers and riders flooded through the streets of Mareeba on Sunday as they participated in the annual Mareeba Lions Metrogain, raising funds for childhood cancer research.

The event, run by the Lions Club of Mareeba, sees teams make their way around Mareeba to find specific markers all while raising funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

This year the club put a twist on the event and included some phrases participants had to unscramble which was a welcome surprise to the participants.

Crossing the finishing line first, 2 Parkies, comprised of Sandro Soncin and Charlton Best, completed the course at 10.19am with a time of one hour and 49 minutes after starting at 8.30am.

Mareeba Lions Club's Tom Braes OAM said despite the drop in numbers for this year's event, everyone who participated got right into the spirit.

"It is amazing to see everyone out and enjoying the event particularly the families, mums, dads,

kids, that is what it is all about," he said.

"It is great to see people getting out, some people even brought their dogs and had them dressed up, the kids also got dressed up and had face paint on.

"The whole idea is to get people out of the house, have a little walk around and have some fun."

The event reached the club's target of \$4000 to be donated to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. To date, the Metrogain has raised \$38,000 for the charity over its 13 years of operation.

In an event first, an ambassador from the foundation was able to make his way up to Mareeba and see how the Metrogain runs and how many people get involved.

Austin 'Aussie' Lanphier was excited to be able to finally visit Mareeba and witness the Metrogain firsthand.

"This Lions Club has been absolutely wonderful for us, they do this annually and raise a lot of money," he said.



The Express Newspaper 22nd June 2022
Published on Jun 21, 2022



One of the participating teams



Setting up for the day

Lions Club of Dandenong Supper and Lions Club of Lysterfield had their fundraising activities April and May 2022 respectively



"Lions Club of Dandenong Supper (District V5) - ALCCRF Fundraiser Dinner Dance Donation - A dinner dance was held on 23rd April 2022 and club raised \$1,500 towards the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. It was a great effort in spirit of Lionism".



"Lions Club of Lysterfield (District V5) during their monthly meeting on 19th May 2022, collected \$500 through "Feed me Lion Tills" from members and their families. It is a great effort by the members and their families"



Lions Club of Townsville Northern Suburbs raising funds for research for ALCCRF

Toni and Aussie Lanphier always raising money for ALCCRF



money already transferred
Wilma Kerster

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 Club of Wollongong

Amount raised \$ 1,000

What activities did you undertake for Lions Biggest BBQ?

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

Held at Bunnings, donation of BSA by Bunnings
for a raffle, photographs posted on Social Media

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

The poster for Childhood Cancer was great
+ certainly attracted a crowd. Childhood Cancer is

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

(Please include copies of all coverage)

We posted on Facebook + Instagram
under Lions Club of Wollongong.



The Lions Rose is one of Kordes most successful rose releases to date.

This rose has been hugely popular overseas and has raised a great deal of awareness of our Lions Organisation throughout the world. Treloar Roses donate \$1 from each rose sold to ALCCRF



The following poem was written by President Lance Crook of the Lions Club of Gilles Plains in District 201C1 prior to his Kayak Challenge from September 14th to 18th 2022.

He will be kayaking 170km along the River Murray from Morgan to Mannum to raise funds for ALCCRF

Journey.

It started the night I became President,
I wanted to celebrate Our Past Presidents Life
Without a care for my own safety
I declared the challenge for a good matey
Start at Morgan and kayak a mile
To Mannum no less with a big smile 170km

Mother nature had turned it on
She was excited but something was wrong
The Gods of nature had made the river rise
But that was the challenge that was the prize

To see the river flowing so fast
Only to remember I had seen it in the past
Remembering the times, I spent with my father
That's my determination to make me go further
As a Lion my MOTTO is to serve
To help my community

To give what they deserve
Childhood cancer is a real DEVIL
So, I do my best to make their life a little more level

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation
With all my Heart this is my
MOTIVATION.

With support from the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, WEHI's Davis Lab is undertaking data analysis and modelling of drug sensitivity and resistance research into medulloblastoma - a devastating brain cancer with few treatment options that largely affect children and young adults.

In the first six months of the project, researchers developed a new computational method for exploring high-level changes in the behaviour of biological systems and made this new software, *vissE*, available to the research community

(<http://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/vissE.html>).

Researchers then used this software to study and map gene activity in laboratory models of aggressive medulloblastoma using data produced by collaborating scientists at the University of Queensland.

Our analysis has provided important insight into the interactions between the brain and the tumour by examining how the tumour responds to the drug Palbociclib. The study showed that treatment increases the level of a particular marker associated with cellular plasticity, which has previously been associated with progression and response to therapy in other solid tumours. Researchers found that treating tumours with the drug Palbociclib results in a substantially higher expression genes associated with plasticity. These findings are exciting and move the project closer to its goal of identifying new drug combinations that might cooperate with Palbociclib by reducing drug resistance.

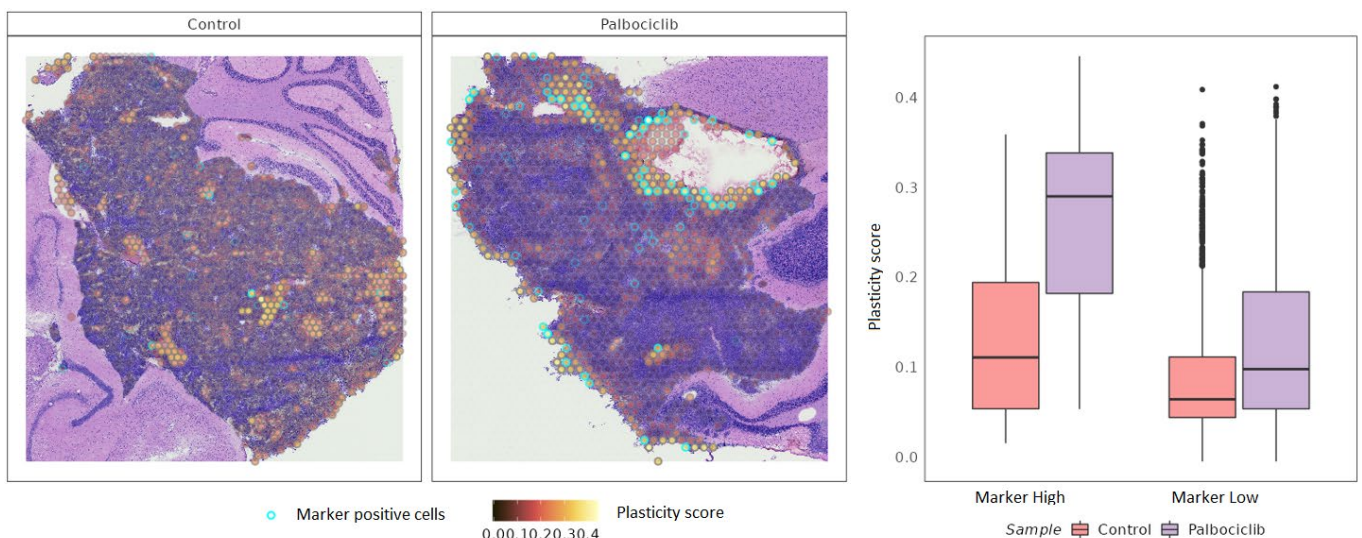


Figure 1: Comparison between untreated (left) and treated (centre) models of medulloblastoma. We can identify a gene expression profile associated plasticity between treatment groups (right). Experimental data produced by collaborators at the University of Queensland.

The project's next phase will compare the findings from our studies to those of our national and international collaborators and a clinical team who can guide and facilitate the interpretation and translation of our research.

WEHI thanks the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation for their generosity and support of this critical work to advance treatment options for medulloblastoma.

*Project Lead Assoc / Prof Melissa David (BSc, PhD),
joint Head of the Bioinformatics Division.*





GLOBAL CAUSE .. CHILDHOOD CANCER

Clubs in the district continue to support the fund-raising efforts of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation (ALCCRF). I will be collating the details of the number of clubs and the amount donated via the various options available to you for my report to the District Convention in September.

However, I will provide that information in an article in the District Newsletter before then for those of you who do not make the Convention or see the set of final reports from Cabinet Officers.



Hopefully when you Clubs were finalising their donations at the end of the year ALCCRF was on your list. I know that many Clubs do a review of their donations in the middle and the end of the Lions year. Information on current ALCCRF research activities was provided in an earlier District Newsletter and this information is of course available from their website at <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/>. By checking out the website and clicking on the EVENTS tab you will be able to find out how you can help their fund raising activities by participating in the Australian Lions Biggest BBQ and the Australian Lions Coin Line. I am aware of some Clubs that have been involved in both activities.

If you have participated in both these events make sure that you post the details on your Clubs Facebook Page and share it with the ALCCRF, District and Lions Australia Facebook pages as well. A quick search in Facebook for ALCCRF will find the right page.

By making your donations or purchasing awards by direct payment to the bank account saves your Club in postage costs and the transaction goes through that day in most cases. The Foundation has created a "Pay ID" which is the Treasurers email address – alccrf.treasurer@lions.org.au which will ensure it goes to the right account. Another way to make payments is via EFT using OSKO or the following bank details:

Bank: NAB

A/c Name: Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)

BSB: 085-397

A/c No: 942947951

When you make the payment just use the reason when you complete the transaction – e.g. Donation; Biggest BBQ; ALCCRF Award; Barry J Palmer Fellow; Coin Line etc.

However, it is important to send an email to the ALCCRF Treasure at the above email address to make it easy for their accounting processes. I would also appreciate a CC to that email to my email (norwennew@bigpond.com) so I can keep a track of how the District is supporting the Foundation.

The website also has information on the four awards that the money you donate can be used for to recognise a member or even a member of your community who has helped you raise funds for the Foundation. Credit for donations can be used for awards for up to two years after they are made.

Another fund raiser is the purchase of the Lions Rose from the [Treloar Roses website](http://TreloarRoses.com). ALCCRF receives \$1 from every Lions rose purchased – maybe you could purchase some for a rose garden in your local community or maybe provide as a great guest speaker gift for our Youth of the Year Judge in place of flowers or wine.

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The Foundation publishes a Newsletter every quarter and this link will take you to where you can find current and past newsletters <https://alccrf.lions.org.au/about/newsletters/>. If you have done a major fundraising event for the Foundation, why not send a story and photos to Sandy Royal at alccrf.secretary@lions.org.au. Details of your Biggest BBQ event, Coin Line or any special fundraiser you have held for the Foundation with some action photos would be just the ticket.

I know many of you receive regular requests for donations to a range of charities and good causes. ALCCRF now has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR Status) and any donation over \$2 can be given a receipt. You or your friends can do this via the DONATE button at the top right-hand corner of their Home Page.

Finally, [this Link](#) will take you to a whole range of resources that your Lions or Leos Club can use for all the various fund raising activities to help the foundation achieve its vision or goal of ...

Helping to create a 100% survival rate for children with cancer.

I look forward to hearing your stories during the year and catching up with you at the Convention in Caloundra when I will have a range of material and information available for you.

PS: If you come across any other groups in your area who are working to support children diagnosed with cancer, I would encourage you to touch base with them and work out how your Club may be able to help them and also draw their attention to the work of ALCCRF. Who knows, you might just find some members of that group with a passion for helping to deal with cancer in young children who decide to find out more about Lions and may even be prepared to join your Club. Remember – the simple principles of JUST ASK or even ASK ONE may just be all that is required here.

PDG Norm Jensen



ELLIE'S STORY: FROM INTENSIVE CARE TO THE PLAYGROUND

For little Ellie and her family, a cancer diagnosis came out of the blue when she was just eleven months old. Now – she's an active, boisterous toddler. Her story underscores the power of the Zero Childhood Cancer program to improve outcomes for kids with cancer in Australia, and even save lives.



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"OUTBACK TO OCEAN ... TOGETHER AS ONE"

SUPPORT FOR THE LONGEST COIN LION - CAN DO COTTAGE

Clifton Lions Club presented an ALCCRF Gold Award to Louise & Chris Bazley (Can Do Cottage) who responded with the following letter.

A Little history on the Bazley family. They lost their oldest son to childhood cancer 21 years ago. At the time the son was school captain at our local primary school. The school last year joined the longest coin line (and are planning to do it again this year.) this was all done in their son's honour. And when the club presented the family with this award, they did it in his name, in the hope that we can rid the world of childhood cancer so that another family didn't suffer such loss as they have. The attached publication shows the cottage on the family farm, that our club helps to support.

Maryann Bisdee
Secretary
Clifton Lions Inc

The letter to ALCCRF Chairperson Ron Skeen

Goodday Ron

We are so excited to receive the Gold Award from this Lions Foundation, which has been so strongly supported by the Clifton Lions Club.

"Can Do Cottage", is proud to be aligned with our local Lions Club in supporting those who have loved ones battling childhood cancer.

This Foundation has fabulous goals.

Regards Louise & Chris Bazley





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