

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



**December 2022  
Newsletter**

### ALCCRF Chairperson Update

Welcome to the December 2022 edition of the Foundations newsletter.

The Foundation would like to wish all Lions and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



The Foundation has, over a number of years now, promoted the Lions Biggest BBQ as a key fundraiser while advising Clubs that they don't necessarily have to conduct a BBQ to be a part of this initiative. They can have any type of event to raise funds. To take this issue further we have decided to move forward with two additional initiatives, this is not to add an additional burden on Clubs, but to recognise that Clubs may wish to fundraise in different ways.

1. We will continue with the Lions Biggest BBQ as our flagship event.
2. By request we will reintroduce the Julikemychops initiative that we introduced late in the 2018-19 year and continued the following year. This project encourages an individual in a Club, who either already has a good growth of sideburns to shave them off to raise funds, or alternatively for someone to grow them from scratch and do likewise.
3. Through the efforts of one of our Clubs, who raised \$3,500 profit with The Biggest High Tea, we have been encouraged to introduce this third initiative.

Why offer these three alternatives? We believe they appeal differently to Clubs.

The Lions Biggest BBQ is very much a Club event, Julikemychops is an individual's event, perhaps supported by their club and/or friends, or work mates. The Biggest High Tea



is for clubs whose membership makeup might see this as a more attractive option to fundraise.

Of course, the Australian Lions Longest Coin Line Project will continue, but it will come to a conclusion when the target is met in the not-too-distant future.

I thank the Trustees for their hard work during the past 12 months (a special thank you to Trustee Christine Duyvestyn, V Districts, who will retire in January).

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

1. Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) - Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy (\$1.05m)  
Outstanding commitment \$175,500. Additional new funding of \$200k approved, yet contracted.
2. Cancer Australia, Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme
  - a) Dr Jessica Buck - University of Western Australia /TKI (\$54.8k) Outstanding commitment \$1,838.
  - b) Dr Pouya Faridi - Monash University (\$73.3k) Outstanding commitment \$1,655.
  - c) Dr Klaartje Somers - University of New South Wales (\$100k) approved, yet contracted.
3. WEHI (Walter & Eliza Hall Institute) - Tackling drug treatment resistance to medulloblastoma (\$220k) Outstanding commitment \$110,000.
4. 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.



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a child with cancer**  
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# Hugo's Story



When Jane went in for a routine check-up with her obstetrician at 37 weeks pregnant, she did not expect to be holding newborn baby Hugo in her arms just a few hours later. The joy of Hugo's quick and smooth arrival was soon replaced by anxiety when he developed feeding difficulties. At only 36 hours old, little Hugo was admitted to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, where he was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's disease, a medical condition that affects the bowels causing chronic constipation.

Hugo's condition was managed until he was old enough to have more invasive surgery at seven months. His proud parents watched on as Hugo began eating well and smiling more often. "He turned into a happy little baby," said his mum. Worryingly, only a few months later, his tummy swelled up and he began to have trouble breathing.

Doctors found five separate tumours - each the size of a large peach - throughout his tiny body. After investigation, his doctors also determined that the tumours and the Hirschsprung's disease had both developed due to an underlying rare genetic condition. Hugo underwent regular rounds of chemotherapy to combat the aggressive cancerous tumours. "Hugo lost all of his hair but was otherwise in really high spirits and very resilient," said Jane.

Once he was big and strong enough, Hugo underwent a gruelling nine-hour operation, which successfully removed 95% of the remaining tumours. He recovered quickly in the Intensive Care Unit and was able to return home in time for Christmas with his family. "We were so happy with the care and treatment that Hugo received from the Hospital staff. They were always in tune with his needs," said Jane.

Earlier this year, however, a routine check-up showed that the tumours were slightly larger than before. Hugo continues to see a number of specialists at the Hospital to monitor and treat the slow growth. "Despite that, he is progressing very well. He has just started swimming lessons, enjoys playing with his two big brothers and is very excited to start day-care next year," said Jane.



# News from around the Clubs



Presentation of the Cheque  
to ALCCRF Trustee  
Kerry Kilpatrick





# Capalaba Biggest BBQ



The team  
hard at  
work



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 CAPALABA

Amount raised \$ 1453.70 Profit - PUS \$546.30 = \$2000.00  
BBQ CLUB DONATION

What activities did you undertake for Lions Biggest BBQ?

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

HELD BBQ at Bunning, CAPALABA 24/9/22

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

What media coverage did you achieve from the supplied media releases?  
(Please include copies of all coverage)

SOCIAL MEDIA, LOCAL MP





# Biggest High Tea

The Lions Club of Raymond Terrace held our first (inaugural) "Biggest High Tea" fundraiser which netted \$3500 for the "Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation".

It was held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September at St John's Anglican Church which offered a beautiful backdrop to the cause.

It was attended by 80 very generous people from this region, the Central Coast and up to Tea Gardens.



All food was home made by members of the Raymond Terrace Lions Club and their partners, served up on fine china and delivered up by some very distinguished gentlemen. Even Leo the Lion sported a bow tie.

There was entertainment by local singer Felicity Webb, lucky door prizes, raffles and a silent auction.

Lucky door prizes and raffle prizes were kindly donated by local businesses and at a time when the economy is not in the best place, we were extremely humbled by the donations. Terrace Jewellers, The Junction Inn, Blooms the Chemist, Terry White Chemmart, Capital Chemist, Alyssa's Hair Boutique, Strandbags, Raymond Terrace Mens Shed and Buckin Boots to name a few.

The total raised, we hope will help with research into childhood cancer because "We believe every child deserves a chance at a healthy life"

With all the many positive comments from attendee's, it looks like we will be back again next year so keep an eye out for the advertising.





Teneriffe Lions Club is at Grill'd Emporium.

7 October · Brisbane, QLD · 🌐

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Lions enjoying a burger at [Grill'd Emporium](#). Tokens dropped into the Lions jar go to [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation \(ALCCRF\)](#) "Serving the Community and having fun doing it"



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# Coin Line Update

The coin line is currently at 56.82439 km. Leos have started to participate for the Leo's Biggest Night Out Coin Line Challenge, and we appreciate the donations from Glen Innes Leos and The Cathedral School Leos and I know many more Leos have started to hold coin lines.

The following money has been received with thanks Lion Tony Bennett from T1 held a coin line held at their recent Convention raising over \$500! C2 coin line raised \$360 District W1 coin line raised \$100.

DM Scrap Metals and the V6 recycling crew have collected a lot of drink containers this year and raised substantial funds.

We appreciate the contributions and hard work this year of the following Lions Clubs Aberdeen, Ballajura, Broome, Caloundra West, Canberra Kamba, Canning City, Cessnock, Charmhaven, Crows Nest, Dalby, Dongara Denison, Dunkeld and District, Eildon, Elmore Vale, Epping Eastwood, Maleny Blackall Range, Maroochy North Shore, Mandurah, Marysville and District, Medowie, Morisset, Narromine, Northam, Raymond Terrace, Red Hill & District, Riverside, Rupanyup, Singleton, Singleton Lioness, Tea Gardens, Tea Tree Gully, The Entrance, Townsville Barrier Reef, Townsville Northern Suburbs and Wantirna,



LAYING IT ON  
THE LINE FOR  
CHILDHOOD CANCER



The Lions Club of the City of Adelaide Inc.

29 September · 🌐

The Pedare Pride Cubs Club had a very busy day with kindness rocks and making stress teddies. Today was also the day where they made their coin line to support [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation \(ALCCRF\)](#)

The cubs made 3m lines of coins (mostly 5c) and the total length was 81m with a total donation of \$308.55. Amazing. Here are just some of the 28 cubs that participated today.

Thank you to the cubs and their families, our Lions Club and [Golden Grove Lions Club](#) for your support.



Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)

October 23 · 🌐

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Coin Line is currently at \$135 013.21 covering a distance of 52.7 km.  
We still have 27.3 km to go to SMASH the record. #ALCCRF #Lions #coinline #childhoodcancer #australia



**Line up to fight against  
childhood cancer**

Buy a metre of coins for \$2.50

**Guinness world record attempt**



**Line up to fight against  
childhood cancer**

Bring your coin jars along

**Guinness world record attempt**







Lions in Western Australia

November 17 at 10:46 AM · 🌐

This post is private and has not been collected

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On Saturday night (12th October) 20 of us got together for a dinner hosted by the Collie Club, we had the most amazing roast and sweets to die for all cooked and served by the Collie Lions Club,

The theme for the night was coal, red, black and grey. As you can tell by the pictures none of us did overly well with the theme except for Clive Reid who came dressed as a miner. His outfit deserved a bottle of wine dressed as Father Christmas.

We had a very robust fines session led by Kim Robinson that netted a few dollars for the ALCCRF coin line and some side-splitting tales from the Friday night shenanigans and the Myalup Pines weekend. This was rounded out with a joke telling session that also created a great deal of laughter.

Cabinet weekends are not all about the work, it's about fellowship, fun and friendship. We just fit the meetings in around. There are still positions vacant on Cabinet if you have a little spare time. Our next Cabinet meeting will be in Busselton on the 19th of February, the gathering starts Friday afternoon 17th Feb come and join us.

A few photos attached but to be honest we were too busy laughing to get many.

#collielions #201w2 #fun #friendship #laughter #lions



Lion Glenda from the Lions Club of Raymond Terrace spent 50 hours making this beautiful rug for a silent auction to raise money for ALCCRF



