Introduce yourself and Welcome all as Club President / District Chair

Housekeeping.

As President/ District Chair talk about formation and goals of foundation

Sadly 400 children die each year in Australia

100% survival of Kids with cancer

Belief that every child deserves a chance at a healthy life

ALCCRF Formed in 2009 ALCCRF have funded $12M in research. Funds raised and donated primarily by Australian Lions.

Biggest programme funded was $4M to the Genome project with Garvan Institute

Funded genome sequencing of 400 kids with High Risk Cancers over 3 years with aim of developing tailored treatments.

**Our current programmes total $ 2 M**

* **Telethon Kids Institute (TKI)** - Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy, A/Prof Joost Lesterhuis ($1.25m).
* **Cancer Australia, Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme** *(Commonwealth funded entity)*
  + **Dr Jessica Buck,** Utilising resident immune cells for the treatment of paediatric brain stem glioma– University of Western Australia /TKI ($49.8k).
  + **Dr Pouya Faridi,** novel targets for paediatric brain tumour immunotherapy- Monash University ($66.7k).
  + **Dr Klaarttj Somers,** targeting nicotinamide adenosine dinucleotide (NAD) metabolism to overcome therapeutic resistance in acute myeloid leukemia **-** Children's Cancer Institute.

($100k).

* **WEHI (Walter & Eliza Hall Institute)** - Tackling drug treatment resistance to medulloblastoma, Assoc Prof Melissa Davis($220k)
* **Griffith University’s, Institute for Glycomics** - Focus on Sarcoma – early markers, improve diagnosis targeting pathways to treatment, Prof Mark von Itzstein AO($800k).
* **The University of Newcastle –** Precision Immunotherapeutic Strategy for Paediatric Brain Tumours, Assoc. Prof Matt Dun ($635k).
* **WEHI (Walter &Eliza Hall Institute) –**Enhancing Car-T cell therapy to treat childhood leukaemia Prof. Marco Herold & Dr Emily Lelliott ($598k).

Raffles and Silent auction.

1. The 22 plus raffle prizes will be drawn just after lunch – so please just ask one of the Lions Club Members if you have not got your tickets
2. The silent auction is open until 12:30pm so place your bid on the appropriate sheet and then keep your eye on it in case you get outbid. You can always place a higher bid at any stage.
3. If you need any assistance with anything, please ask on of the Lions Club members walking around.
4. Feel free to make a donation we have EFTPOS available