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EVERY CHILD  
DESERVES A CHANCE  
AT A HEALTHY LIFE**



**December 2023  
Newsletter**

## ALCCRF Chairperson Update

Welcome to the December 2023 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.

We also extend those wishes to the organisations that we currently work with and those we have worked with in the past.



Recently, during our face-to-face Annual General Meeting in Melbourne, we had the opportunity to visit the Hudson Institute of Medical Research in Clayton. We were hosted on a tour of the facility and given an update on the impact of the two projects that were undertaken by the institute in recent years. It was also pleasing to hear of the impact that our Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project had on the institute's research work and the fact that it is continuing to impact research and treatments at various facilities around Australia and other parts of the World.



*Trustee Kerrie McMahon checking out a biobank sample along with Trustee Sandy Royal*



The Foundation was pleased to hear a number of positive stories in relation to the Foundations at your District Conventions and I thank the various ALCCRF District Chairs for their hard work and dedication.

My apologies to District Governor Brian Grieve and the Lions of District N1, I was invited to speak at their convention in Glen Innes in mid-October. Unfortunately, my wife fell ill on the morning we were to depart on our nine-and-a-half-hour drive and I had to withdraw.

A big thank-you to our N1 District Chair, PDG David Emanuel who capably filled in for me on stage.



***N1 District Chair PDG David Emanuel setting up the stand at the Glen Innes Convention***

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

1. Telethon Kids Institute (TKI) - Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy (\$1.05m) That component of the project now completed. Additional new funding of \$200k approved, Outstanding commitment \$100,000.
2. Cancer Australia, Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme
  - a) Dr Jessica Buck - Exploiting and enhancing brain-resident immune cells for the treatment of paediatric brain stem glioma, University of Western Australia /TKI (\$54.8k) Outstanding commitment \$1,838.
  - b) Dr Klaartje Somers - University of New South Wales/CCI (\$100k) Outstanding commitment \$100,000.
3. WEHI - Enhancing CAR-T cell therapy to treat childhood leukaemia (\$596k) Outstanding commitment \$298,000.





4. Griffith University's, Institute for Glycomics - Focus on Sarcoma - early markers, improve diagnosis targeting pathways to treatment (\$800k) Outstanding commitment \$350,000.
5. University of Newcastle - Development precision immunotherapeutic strategy for paediatric brain tumours (\$635k) Outstanding commitment \$547,500.

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/>

Trustee News: Earlier this year the Foundation lost a valued committee member with the passing of PCC Gary Parker, who was one of our "N" Districts Trustees. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Kennedy who now fills that position. In this coming quarter (31<sup>st</sup> January 2024) we will also see the departure of two Trustee stalwarts in PDG Peter Lamb ("W" Districts) and Lion Kerrie McMahon ("V" Districts). The Foundation is really sorry to see them depart and thank them sincerely for their tremendous service.

And as I always remind the readers of our newsletter, 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 OAM**  
**ALCCRF Chairperson**



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## News From Around the Clubs

The Raymond Terrace Lions Club hosted the second "Biggest High Tea" on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Attended by 100 guests and held at the St John's Anglican Church, the event raised just over \$5000 to aid the Lions Childhood Cancer research Foundation. Guest speaker Dr Lana Staudt, whose fellowship is funded by an ALCCRF grant, spoke passionately about the research work being undertaken currently at the Newcastle University. This research is directed at the aggressive DIPG brain cancer that accounts for over 20% of all childhood cancer cases.

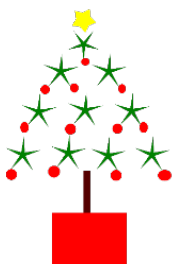


An event such as this one is not possible without the help, support, and donations from across the Raymond Terrace community. Thanks must go to the St John's Anglican Church for allowing 100 very noisy patrons to gather in friendship and support of this worthwhile cause. The home cooked catering outdid last year, with our very own Yvonne Skeffington being crowned the "Cream Queen". Thanks, must also go to all the organisations that donated to the raffle, Terrace Street Jewellers for the beautiful necklace, Marketplace Management, Beautification, Merricks On The Bay restaurant, Raymond Terrace Men's Shed, Capital Chemist, Alyssa's Hair Boutique, Terry White Chemmart, Nextra Newsagency, Lakeside Newsagency, Judy & John Mulhearn.

Thanks, must also go to the army of Raymond Terrace Lions Club members, who cooked, cleaned, crochet and worked tirelessly to make this project the massive success that it is.

And finally, our heartfelt thanks to the 100 patrons that attended and made this day so enjoyable. We will be back next year.

Cheers  
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## Lions Club of Northlakes Central Coast NSW

Thanks to everyone who attended our inaugural Biggest High Tea to raise \$ for Australia Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. A huge thank you to the organisers and chefs, Marie, Betty, Renae and Constance. There was so much yummy food., a great time was had by all.



## Lions Club of Heidelberg-Warringal

Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, we had a highly successful fundraiser evening at the 'Old England Hotel' to support the Australian Lions childhood Cancer Research Foundation. We express our sincere gratitude to all the participants for their generous support.



Merry Christmas and  
thank you for your  
support during 2023

From the  
ALCCRF Trustees





## Local Lions Club of Young Inc



What an amazing day our team had raising funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. So many Community members turned out to enjoy an afternoon and were treated to a high tea, with the best food, fine china. Guest speakers, Teresa Waugh who shared her son Harry's personal battle as well as the difference research can make to childhood cancer today. PDG Lion Ron Parry gave an overview of the Lions Foundation at work, helping of zero.



Thank you also to Young Hospital Auxiliary for the loan of the beautiful tea sets and their hard work in the background. St John's Church for allowing our Club to use their Church Hall, Rob and Dorothy Nash, our fellow Lions from other Clubs in the District for attending and to the volunteers who helped produce the special food that we served. Big shout out to Donges Super IGA for assisting us with our groceries and M&M's for the use of their sound equipment.

An amazing community effort for a wonderful cause.





## HOPE LIONS DONATE to ALCCRF

HOPE Lions Club Branch recently donated \$4,000.00 to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

Lions Australia through ALCCRF has become one of Australia's most important philanthropic donors to childhood cancer research. Our fundraising is directed to personalised medicine programs for children with high- risk or relapsed cancer.

The presentation was made to ALCCRF Trustee Paul Shortis at the recent 201 V6 District Convention which was held at Beechworth Victoria.

The money raised is from 2 of the clubs ongoing projects - "BLOOMS OF HOPE" plant sales and RECYCLE - cash for cans and plastics.

201 V6 ALCCRF Trustee Paul Shortis receiving a cheque from Hope Lions Secretary Helen Hastie. Trustee Paul on behalf of ALCCRF, presented the club with a "Certificate of Appreciation" in recognition of support for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.



L-R, Hope Lions President Marion Whatley with Secretary Helen Hastie

### 201 V6 District CONVENTION STALL

HOPE Lions Club Branch are the Chairpersons for 23/24 year.

Five HOPE members attended the Convention and manned the stall over the 2 days.

A Coin-line was conducted around the display table which raised \$80.55.

ALCCRF Merchandise made \$57.00.

"Blooms of Hope" plants made \$200.00 (Donated by HOPE Lions).  
Our ALCCRF stall totalled \$337.55.



Table showing Coin Line





## **GLOBAL CAUSE ...** **CHILDHOOD CANCER**

So far, an update on numbers from the District for this Financial Year have not been received. They will be included in my next report when they arrive from Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF).

A virtual Coin Line fund was run at the Convention and with contributions from Dalby, Redcliffe Central, Fernvale and Toowoomba Wilxonton and members attending the Convention a total of \$236 was credited to the District and the Clubs who provided their coins during the Convention.

In addition to the almost \$600 raised from the District in response to my participation in the JuLike My Chops fundraiser, the collection tin at the information table raised \$100. I was also able to bank a further \$66 from the sale of merchandise mainly from the Christmas pins. I still have stock and they will be at the Cabinet meeting in Roma. So if you haven't picked up the latest pin for your collection, either let me know and I will arrange to get one to you or you can pick it up at the Cabinet Meeting. They still only cost \$6.



### ***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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## Chelsea's Chop for a Cause

### Hair-Raising Stuff

Every year, more than 950 children are diagnosed with cancers, three will die from cancer every week.

For the past 30 years Australian Lions have been spearheading the fight against childhood cancer in Australia and this year, Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions have gotten behind 11 year old Chelsea Jennings who had 48cm cut from her hair in a bid to raise funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF).

Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions spokesperson Katheryn Barrett said Lions supported Chelsea in her fundraising quest and hosted an evening for this brave and generous young girl when she had her hair cut.



"Chelsea's Fundraising Page for the ALCCRF received \$2276 and included donations from friends, family and other Clubs," Mrs Barrett said. Another \$1052.70 was raised during the evening. In total \$3328.70 was raised for ALCCRF.



Members from Gracemere, Marlborough and The Caves Lions Clubs were also present to watch as 48cm of Chelsea's beautiful blonde locks were cut off to shoulder length.

"Chelsea's hair was loosely plaited into six plaits to mark where to cut and her cousin and hairdresser Casey Vallence went to work.

One by one the plaits were cut off and handed to Chelsea.

"Chelsea smiled her way through it all holding up the plaits for everyone to see.

Her hair will be packaged and sent to Wigs for Kids." Chelsea said, "she had been growing her hair since Prep School. "I love having long hair, but I also wanted to grow it long enough to donate to kids with cancer."





In her thank you to Rockhampton Fitzroy River Lions Club for their sponsorship, saying that she decided to donate her hair to the Wigs 4 Kids campaign organised by the Kids with Cancer Foundation.

"The campaign accepts hair donations and uses the hair for making wigs for kids which they provide to the kids free," she said.

Judith Letchford, Lions Q4 District Chairperson on behalf of ALCCRF thanked Chelsea for her fundraising efforts, saying that, "Chelsea's thoughtfulness towards others is beyond her years, and she's an amazing young girl." "Well done Chelsea and a big thank you for all your efforts and for your families support towards raising funds for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation."



Since 1996, Lions Australia have contributed over \$12 million to childhood cancer research. This effort has resulted in among other things, safer and more effective blood stem cell transportation for leukaemia patients following chemotherapy which can lead to shorter hospitalisation and more rapid recovery.

The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) was officially established in 2009 with the prime focus being to increase survival rates of childhood cancer by supporting cancer research efforts not just in Australia, but around the world.

Sixty years ago, cancer was a death sentence, today 8 out of 10 children survive.



## ALCCRF N5 District Chair Janey Tham Hard at Work

Lions Club of Sydney Waratah's High Tea Raises \$8,104.34 for ALCCRF



On the morning of 16th September 2023, Cicchetti Restaurant and Bar, nestled within Sydney's iconic Queen Victoria Building (QVB), became the backdrop for a heartwarming event that combined the timeless tradition of high tea with a noble cause. The Lions Club of Sydney Waratah's Lions High Tea brought together 40 guests for a delightful gathering that served up indulgence and charity in equal measure.

The primary objective of this event was to raise funds for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF). As attendees savoured their scrumptious treats, they were also contributing to a cause that resonates deeply with many - finding better treatments and cures for childhood cancers. High tea bingo added an element of friendly competition and excitement to the gathering, and a raffle featuring high tea-themed prizes had guests eagerly participating in the hopes of winning delightful souvenirs.



In the end, the collective efforts of the 40 attendees and Members raised a total of \$8,104.34 for ALCCRF! We hope this generous amount will assist in advancing research into childhood cancer, providing hope to families and children affected by this devastating disease.







## Sydney Waratah the Pre Melbourne Cup 2023 Fundraising for ALCCRF

Sydney Waratah Lions Club celebrated the Melbourne Cup at Eight Restaurant in Sydney CBD, drawing nearly 200 attendees.

The lively event featured activities like Lucky Money Tree, card draws, and Fashion on the Field, all contributing to a night of fun and fundraising. Impressively, \$10,000 was raised for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF). President Anita Un presented the cheque to N5 District Governor Paul McInnes, N5 ALCCRF Chair Janey Tham at the dinner.



The club honoured supporters with a cheque presentation \$8,104.34, and awards for their contributions to the ALCCRF's High Tea project in September 2023, during the event. With a target of ALCCRF to reach \$250,000 by year-end, Sydney Waratah showcases unwavering dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of children fighting cancer.







## Lions Clubs of Sydney Harmony and Lions Club of North West Join Forces to Make a Difference this Father's Day

Sydney, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 — In a heartwarming display of community spirit, the Lions Club of Sydney Harmony and the Lions Club of Sydney North West came together on Father's Day to support the Lions' Children's Cancer Fund Research Association.

This powerful display of collaborative charity work not only garnered strong community support but also brought fathers and families from across the Sydney region together in a show of unwavering solidarity. The event illuminated the profound impact of collective giving, emphasizing the belief that even the smallest contribution can wield significant influence in the crucial battle against childhood cancer.







The banner of ALCCRF shines in front of the QVB, the iconic landmark of Sydney. Christmas is just around the corner, and the Lions Club of Sydney Host is raising funds by selling the Lions Xmas Cake. Despite the rain on Friday, 24th November, it did not dampen the team spirits of the Lions Club of Sydney Host, who came out to support the community. Captured in photos from District N5, President Alan Chan and the dedicated team of the Lions Club of Sydney Host, along with Janey Tham, the N5 Chair of ALCCRF, were present to extend their support.



For those who missed the event, don't worry! You'll have another chance to contribute on December 1st, 2023, Friday. Come and be a part of this meaningful cause.

Wishing you all have a Merry and Safe Christmas...



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On the 5th of September 2023, a memorable Tuesday evening unfolded at the Emperor Restaurant in Chinatown, Sydney. During this gathering, we had the honour of attending the Lions Council Chair meeting alongside 19 multiple District Governors. The event not only provided an excellent platform for discussion but also showcased the ALCCRF banner prominently. This exposure further reinforced our commitment to childhood cancer research.



#### District 201Q1 Lions

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Logan Village Lions Club held a bbq at Woolworths Logan Village, with all profits going towards the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) to end childhood cancer.







# Of The Area News

by [News Of The Area - Modern Media](#) - September 14, 2023

**The Lions Club of Soldiers Point have celebrated the year that was at their annual changeover dinner.**

The changeover dinner was a busy night of donations and appreciation, as well the induction of members into their new positions by guest Lion Bob Findley from Raymond Terrace Lions Club. Bob Findley spoke briefly about the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation of which he is District Trustee, and which has donated \$12 million for research into childhood cancer since 2008.



(Back row) Lions Kim Wright, Alan Ritchie, Bob Findley, Lesley Wright.

(Front row) Sharon Blunt, Kathy Refalo, Christine Lilly and Virginia Andrews.

With assistance from grant money from the Australian Lions Foundation, the Soldiers Point Lions were proud to present Rebekah Wilson from the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) with a cheque for \$2,000.

The funding will enable Associate Professor Paul Tooney to purchase a much-needed Fluorimeter to examine the DNA in Brain Bank samples with the aim of customising treatments for individuals with brain cancer.

Joe-Ann Williams, the Community Liaison Officer from Tomaree High School, accepted a voucher for \$100 towards a Year 12 Special Recognition Award

Year 10 Student Ebony Lock, recipient of the Harding-Miller Scholarship, thanked Lions for their support of \$5,000 per year and was congratulated on her achievements to date and her unwavering commitment to her studies.

President Jayne Kilbride and Treasurer Cheryl Millar of the Tomaree Community Hospital Auxiliary presented the Lions with a certificate of appreciation for their donation of \$3,445 for two bed-chairs and their continuing collaboration in obtaining vital equipment.



Newly inducted Lions President Lesley Wright praised the small club for punching above its weight.

"Funds raised for 2022-23 total \$14,532, with 83 percent going to the local Nelson Bay community," Lesley Wright told News of The Area.

"In addition to the donations mentioned above, the club also supported prizes for local primary schools, food and care packages for the Yacaaba Centre and the Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre, the Tomaree Prostate Cancer Group, the Koala Hospital, and our aged care facilities."

The remaining funds have gone to various causes in Australia, such as the tragic Hunter Valley bus crash and NSW floods.

International disaster relief and causes such as vaccination of children, prevention of blindness, and alleviation of hunger in developing countries have also been supported.

For further information regarding Soldiers Point Lions Club, email [Soldierspointlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:Soldierspointlionsclub@gmail.com) or ring 0490060943.

By Marian SAMPSON

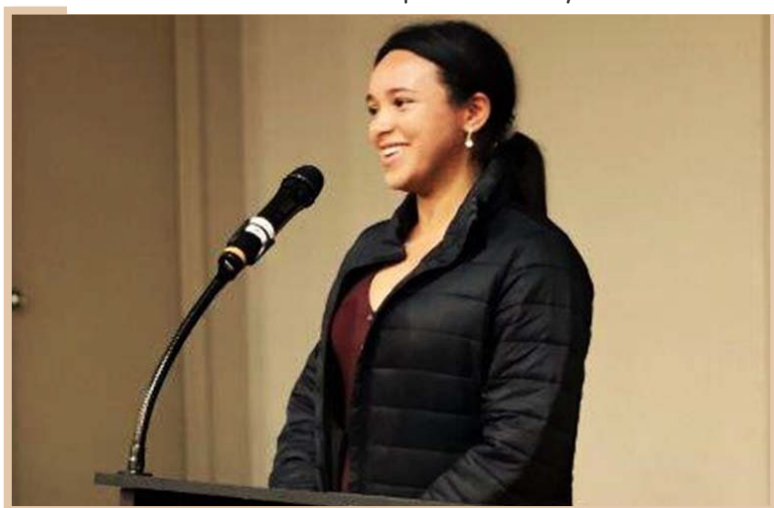


Lion Lesley Wright (left) presents the \$2000 cheque for cancer research to Rebekah Wilson from HMRI.



Jayne Kilbride, Lesley Wright and Cheryl Millar proudly hold the Certificate of Appreciation from the United Hospital Auxiliary.

Ebony Lock thanking the Lions for the Harding-Miller Scholarship.





# Convention Time Around Australia

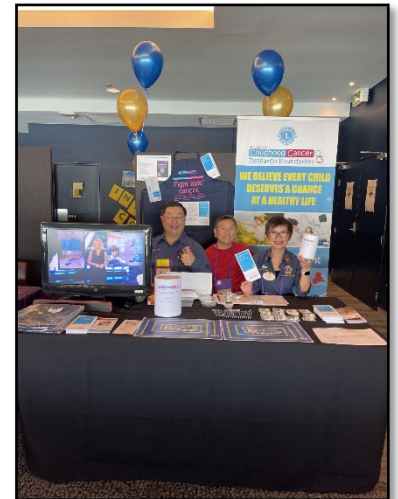
## ALCCRF at Lions N5 Convention 10<sup>th</sup> November to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

ALCCRF took centre stage at the Lions N5 Convention, held at the grand Accor Stadium in Sydney Olympic Park on 10 November to 12 November 2023.

The dedicated Lions Foundation Chair of ALCCRF Janey Tham, captivated the audience with a compelling presentation on the convention's third day, receiving an overwhelmingly positive response. Serving as the ALCCRF representative for the entire three-day event at the prestigious Accor Stadium was an incredibly enriching experience.

Janey's passionate promotion of the foundation's significance resulted in a groundswell of support, culminating in ALCCRF winning the esteemed title of the Best Static Display at the N5 Convention.

In a delightful turn of events, ALCCRF N5 Chair Janey Tham was pleasantly surprised to be honoured with a Star Award by N5 District Governor Paul McInnes for her outstanding efforts in promoting ALCCRF over the past few months. We express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their unwavering support, making this journey truly remarkable.







Lions in Western Australia

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Shaved for childhood Cancer #Lionswa



Lions in Western Australia

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Sunday saw the acceptance speeches from the officers elect followed by Brett Dellar giving a great talk on men's mental health awareness and then Lion Ray Zinner taking the big snip and raising over \$2500!!







District Chair Ignatius Abraham at the 201V5 Convention – 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Cassandra Fernando MP · Follow

10 November at 19:58 · 🌐

Heartened to stand with the [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation \(ALCCRF\)](#) in our shared mission to eradicate the devastating impact of childhood cancer. 🙏❤️

No parent should witness their child endure such a challenging journey, and I am committed to supporting initiatives that strive to make a difference. Together, let's work towards a future where our children can thrive without the shadow of this formidable adversary.



Leos Club of Gosnells

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This weekend a couple of our Leo's attended the Lions of WA convention and proudly made a donation to the "coin line" on behalf of the Leos club for [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation \(ALCCRF\)](#)

As well as supporting President Dave Molcher who assisted by doing a shave for the same wonderful project [Lions Club of Gosnells](#). Our Leos are out there helping the community far and wide and would love some more like minded 12-18yr old to join them !



Trustee Aussie Lamphier at the Mackay Convention booth



The Lions Club of Valentine delivered jars of coins to the ALCCRF display at the recent 201N3 Convention





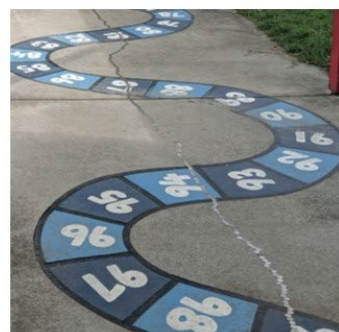
## Lay it on the line for childhood cancer at every public event

Together we have virtually broken the world record. Now let's redouble our efforts.

At every Lions project it is possible to collect coins or have a small coin line - Its simple.  
Ask people to donate loose change or coin jars to ALCCRF.

Keep on coin lining because every child deserves a chance at a healthy life.

# Lions Coin Line Challenge







Be a HERO to  
a child with cancer  
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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.