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AT A HEALTHY LIFE**



June 2025 Newsletter



ALCCRF Chairperson Update

Welcome to the June 2025 edition of the Foundations newsletter, our last newsletter for this Lions year.

As usual it was great to catch up with many of our members, both at our display booth at the convention in the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium and on the Friday evening at the Lions Food Festival & Expo in the centre of Traralgon at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre.

During the convention I had the pleasant duty of presenting V1-4 District Governor Des Jones with a Barry J Palmer Fellow, DG Des having met the criteria of our District Governor Challenge.

N2 District Governor Ann Reed has also now met the criteria for the challenge and will be presented with her award in due course.

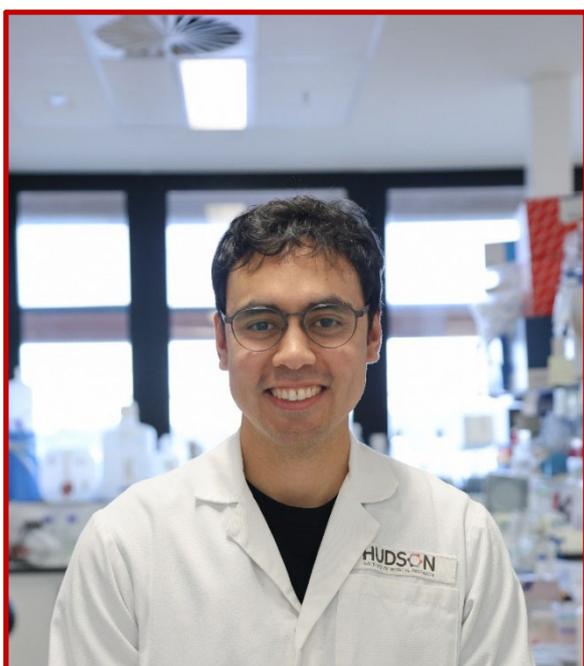


*DG Des Jones presented with the BJPF
by ALCCRF Chair Ron*

Dr Paul Daniel

Dr Paul was our guest speaker at the Traralgon Convention. He has been funded by ALCCRF for the "Next-Generation Precision Medicine Program" at the Hudson Institute of Medical Research. He specialises in low-survival adult and paediatric brain cancers.

Paul's formal education was at Monash University, the University of Melbourne, he then pursued a postdoctoral fellowship at McGill University (Canada), expanding his expertise in brain tumour



biology. He worked as an International postdoctoral fellow at that university for 5 years before returning to Australia to take up his position at the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, joining Professor Ron Firestein's lab as a senior postdoctoral fellow, leading the integration of multi-omic datasets with functional and pharmacological screens to power the Childhood Cancer Model Atlas.

I mentioned in last December's newsletter that three of our past Trustees are going on to become District Governors in the 2025-24 year. They are District Governor's Elect Kerrie McMahon Q4, David McKenna N2 and Paul Shortis V6. In addition to this Toni Lanphier Q2 is the wife of current Trustee Aussie Lanphier. Next year's Council has quite a connection to

ALCCRF. We are extremely proud of them all and we wish them well in their year.

By now most Clubs and District should have lodged their awards applications. For those with late Changeovers applications are available on our website at:

<https://alccrf.lions.org.au/resources/alccrf-awards/>

<https://alccrf.lions.org.au/resources/barry-palmer-fellow/>

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

1. **The Kids Research Institute Australia (formally TKI)** - Paediatric Cancer Immunotherapy (\$1.05m) Additional funding of \$200k those components of the project are now completed. A further \$375k approved early 2024, Outstanding commitment \$312.5k.
2. **Cancer Australia**, Priority-Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme
 - a) **Dr Klaartje Somers** - Targeting nicotinamide adenosine dinucleotide (NAD) metabolism to overcome therapeutic resistance in acute myeloid leukemia University of New South Wales/CCI (\$100k) Outstanding commitment \$50k.
 - b) **Dr Kate Vandyke** - Priming the blood-brain barrier to improve drug delivery and treatment outcomes in diffuse midline glioma, University of Adelaide (\$100k) Outstanding commitment \$50k.
3. **University of Newcastle** - Development precision immunotherapeutic strategy for paediatric brain tumours (\$635k) Outstanding commitment \$130k.
4. **Hudson Institute of Medical Research** - ALCCRF Fellowship, Next Generation Precision Medicine Program, developing combination therapies (\$424k over 2 years) Outstanding commitment \$364.9k.

5. **South Australian Immunogenomics Cancer Institute (SAiGENCI) of the University of Adelaide** - Identification of Genomic Factors Controlling Therapy Outcomes and Survivorship in Paediatric Brain Cancer Patients (600k over 3 years) Outstanding commitment \$382.5k.

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/>

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



Generosity by a WA Lions Club

PDG Colin Heap with Canteen Volunteers



In March 2025 the Lions Club of Kingsley-Woodvale in WA generously donated the barbecue unit, which the Club won through the annual Lions Biggest Barbeque raffle, to the Canteen Organisation. The club members decided that it was appropriate to donate it to a group supporting children's cancer in Western Australia

President Michael Bell with Canteen Volunteers



The Canteen Organisation is an Australia wide organisation which provides a wide range of free support services to help young people impacted by cancer overcome the specific challenges they're dealing with.

Lions Biggest BBQ 2025 BBQ apron order form.

Help fight kids' cancer and look good while doing it.

Will your club support one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, the annual Lions Biggest BBQ? We are aiming to raise a staggering \$250,000 for cancer research by the 31st December, 2025.

Order your 'Biggest BBQ' team an apron each and further help raise even more money for this cause. They look great, are commemorative and (obviously) very practical.

NB: Your apron order will only be fulfilled when confirmation of your payment has been received.

Yes! I'd like to order aprons at just \$20.00 each, inclusive of postage.

Please send my order to

Payment with your order is required:
Please include copy of bank receipt with email order or cheque with order.
Bank account details are BSB 085397 Acc 942 947 951.
Cheques should be made payable to:
Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

Please email your order request to:

PCC Tony Roney, ALCCRF Trustee:
anthonyvincentronney@bigpond.com

Or, post this form as soon as possible to:

PCC Tony Roney AM, ALCCRF Trustee:
2025 Lions Biggest BBQ
2 Pippin Crescent, Legana TAS 7277



Intention to participate in Lions Biggest BBQ 2025.

LIONS/LEO

Club of District

Address

Suburb/Town State Post Code

Would you prefer to only receive email notification for next year's campaign? YES NO

If YES, then what is your preferred email address?

Email

PLEASE ENSURE ALL SECTIONS ABOVE ARE COMPLETED

Please return this ITP1 as soon as possible to:

Lion Brian Williams, ALCCRF Trustee:
2025 Lions Biggest BBQ
PO Box 44 Kingsway WA 6065

National winners 2025!



Simply by participating you could win your club a brand new barbecue!

WIN! ONE OF THESE FABULOUS BBQS !!

Subject to availability at time of draw. Otherwise, equivalent barbecue to be supplied.

Or scan and email this ITP1 form to:

Lion Brian Williams, ALCCRF Trustee:
bkw@iinet.net.au

NB: ONLY CLUBS USING THIS FORM (ITP1) TO NOMINATE WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN THIS INCENTIVE BBQ.

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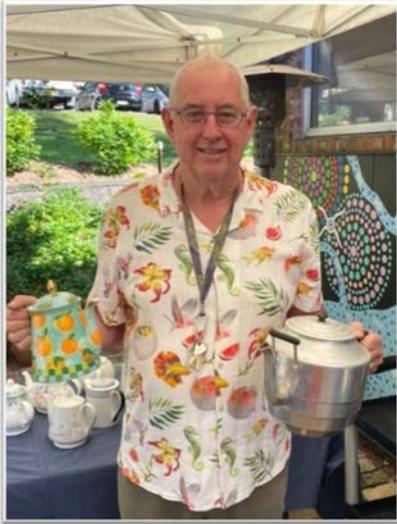
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Biggest High Tea - Delight with Lions Club of Wyong

It was a pleasure attending the Biggest High Tea hosted by the Lions Club of Wyong April 2025. The event was a great success, filled with laughter, delicious treats, and warm camaraderie.



DG Phillip Morley

District Governor Phillip took on the important role of manning the teapots, ensuring everyone's cup stayed full. He also added an element of fun by organizing the lucky door prizes, which were determined by the charming "souvenir teaspoon"—a creative and entertaining touch that delighted guests.



Some of the delicious treats served

We were honoured to have guest speaker N3 District Chair Keith Slough, who provided valuable information on the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, highlighting the important work being done to support childhood cancer research across the country.



District Chair Keith Slough

A special mention goes to project leader Lion Karen Morley, whose dedication and hard work were instrumental in bringing this wonderful event together.



Lions hard at work!

A big thank you to the Lions from Zone 2 Clubs who assisted in making the event such a memorable occasion.





Set up and ready to go

Biggest High Tea held at the ALCCRF booth during the recent MD 2026 Traralgon Convention



DGE Kerrie McMahon and Lion Kate Moore



Coin Line at MD 2025 Traralgon Convention



Trustee Kerry Kilpatrick and Lion Kate Moore



Trustee PDG Aussie Lanphier and 1VDG Toni presenting Care Bears to Townsville University Hospital, Paediatric Oncologist, Doctor Phil during Childhood Cancer Month



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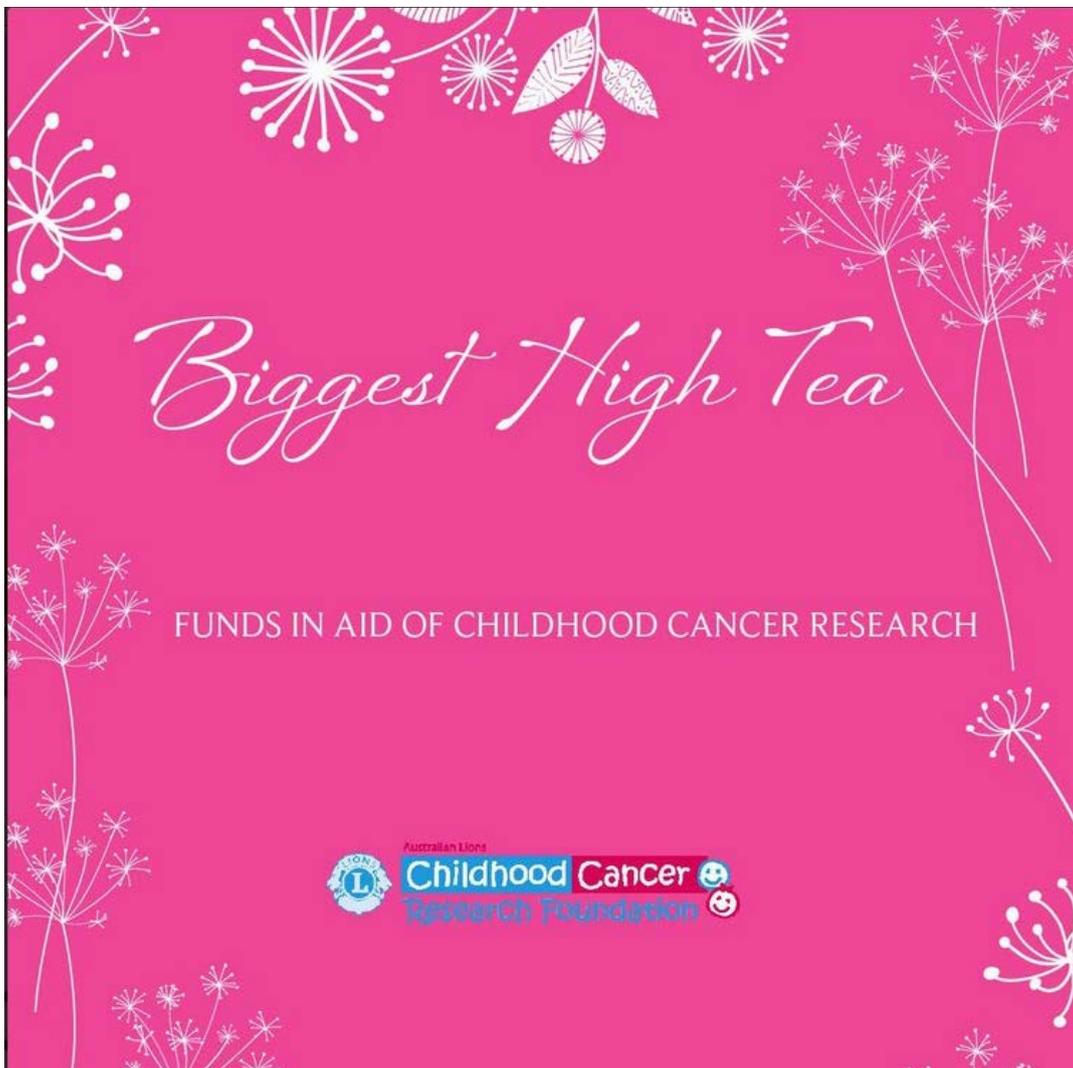
Lions Club of Townsville Northern Suburbs Biggest Afternoon Tea



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\$30.05

Price in reward points: 3065

3 or more \$27.20

10 or more \$26.20



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Description

Characteristics

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(KORvandaber) - We cannot over emphasise the quality, health and flowering ability of this beautiful shrub from Kordes. The fully double creamy white blooms open with a breath of apricot and are produced in clusters of 3-5. There is a slight, pleasing fragrance and the glossy foliage is highly resistant to blackspot and mildew. Decorated with Gold and Silver medals in international rose competitions, this elegant variety will bring real pleasure to every garden. 1.2m tall.

From 2013 and beyond, Treloar Roses will donate \$1.00 from the sale of each rose to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. Their mission is to prevent kids with cancer dying by raising funds nationally and donating these funds to the best scientific and clinical childhood cancer research conducted right across Australia. For further information visit:- [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation](#)



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Kings Langley Lions Carols Spreads Festive Cheer and Community Spirit



On Sunday, 15 December 2024, the Kings Langley Lions Club hosted a spectacular Christmas Carols Night at Pearce Reserve, drawing over hundreds of attendees for a joyous evening filled with Christmas melodies, live performances, and a variety of food stalls. The festive atmosphere brought the community together in celebration of the holiday season.



A major highlight of the night was the fundraising effort for the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) through raffle ticket sales. I was pleased to assist in selling tickets, and the overwhelming community support led to a complete sell-out before the draw. The total funds raised will be announced soon by the club.



Congratulations to the Kings Langley Lions Club for their dedication and teamwork in organizing such a successful event, spreading festive joy while making a meaningful impact for a great cause.



Blacktown Ponds Lions Club Raised \$4,000 for Childhood Cancer Research

1 March 2025 - Blacktown, NSW

Blacktown Ponds Lions Club is proud to announce it has raised \$4,000 in support of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF). The fundraising efforts, including a series of community barbecues and a Charity Dinner held at the Ettamogah Hotel, culminated in a successful campaign to help improve outcomes for children battling cancer.

The Club extends sincere thanks to all donors, participants, and volunteers whose generosity made this contribution possible. Funds raised will go directly towards supporting vital childhood cancer research through the ALCCRF.



French Forest Lions Donate \$4,400 Raised During Christmas 2024 Campaign to Support ALCCRF

The Lions Club of Frenchs Forest has proudly donated \$4,400 to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF), raised during its Christmas 2024 campaign across the Northern Beaches.

The donation was officially presented at the Club's March meeting at Belrose RSL. Club President Marco praised event chair Rachael Leah Jackson for her outstanding efforts in organising the festive fundraiser, which brought together strong community support. The campaign was also honoured by the presence of **Matt Cross, MP, Member for Davidson**, who attended the Christmas event and showed strong support for the cause.

ALCCRF N5 Chair Janey Tham gave a compelling presentation on the Foundation's mission to improve survival outcomes for children with cancer, before accepting the cheque. Mayor Sue Heins also joined the evening to help present appreciation awards to the campaign's sponsors and supporters.

The Lions Club of Frenchs Forest extends heartfelt thanks to all donors, volunteers, and community members for making the campaign a success and demonstrating the power of collective action.



Lions Club of Sydney Host Donates \$5,000 to Childhood Cancer Research

18 March 2025 - Sydney

The Lions Club of Sydney Host has donated \$5,000 to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF), raised through its 2024 Christmas cake sales and a community barbecue earlier this year.

Club President Alan Chan presented the cheque during the Club's March meeting at the Masonic Boutique meeting room, thanking members and supporters for their contributions.

"This is a testament to how small efforts can make a big impact," said President Chan. The Club extends sincere thanks to all who participated and remains committed to supporting childhood cancer research.





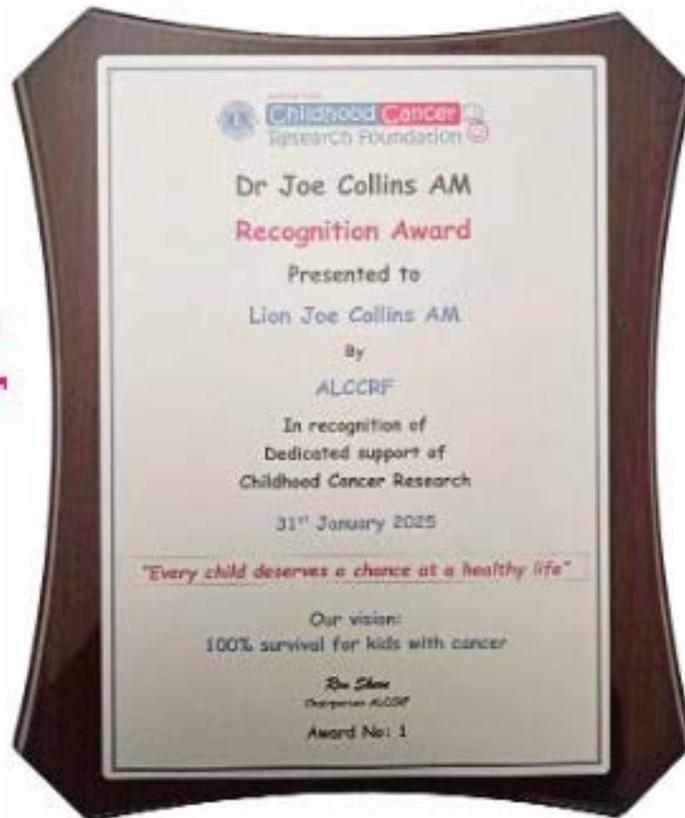
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**ALCCRF
Dr Joe Collins AM
Recognition Award**

\$1,500

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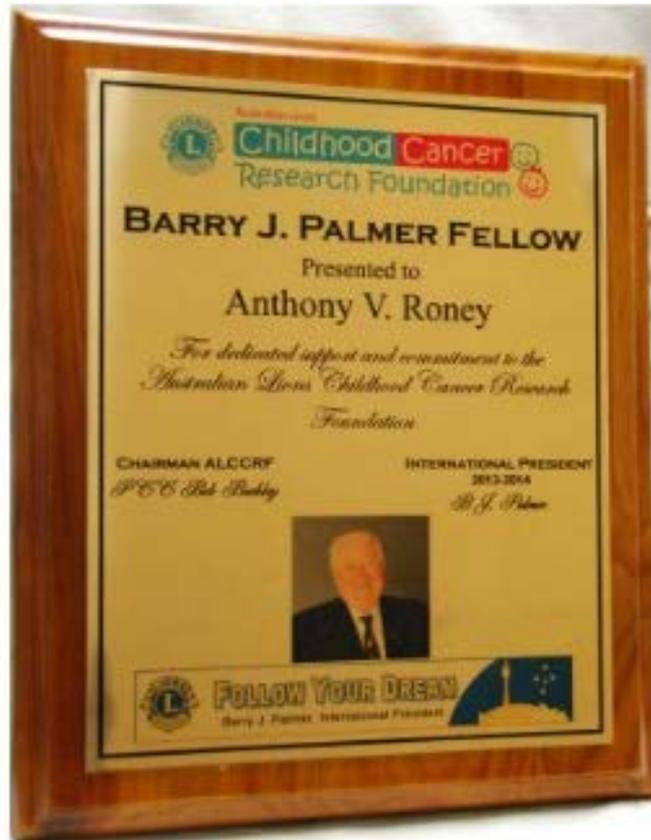
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