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September 2025 Newsletter



## ALCCRF Chairperson Update

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

It was great to catch up with many of our members at the Gold Coast ANZI Pacific Forum earlier this month at our stand and during the course of the forums and social events. This year three of our District Governors are past Trustees of the ALCCRF and another the wife of a current Trustee (Photo below).



Myself, DG Q4 Kerrie McMahon, DG V6 Paul Shortis, DG Q2 Toni Lanphier, DG N2 David McKenna (absent)

We are now well into the first quarter of the new Lions year and no doubt Lions and of course our new District Governors are looking forward to their upcoming District Conventions beginning the first week of October and running through to mid-November. ALCCRF District Chairs, as per your training sessions, your liaison Trustees are there to support you along with our trainer Trustee PDG Aussie Lanphier are there to help you. Brochures can be obtained from PDG John Houghton (contact details are in your District Chairs Guide).

This edition of our newsletter includes project reports, they do contain technical terminology, but it is important that we provide these reports for those of you who can appreciate them. Importantly they come with acknowledgment to Lions for our support, which is something we insist upon in the funding agreements we sign off on with the organisations we fund.

**SPAM WARNING** - anyone who has been to our website in recent weeks will see a warning that reappears every 30 days.

There have been attempts by spammers seeking donations on behalf of the Foundation and requesting credit card details. **The Foundation will never seek funds using this method.** If Lions, or others wish to personally donate to the Foundation they can do so directly into our bank account (details at the bottom of our website page and on our brochures).

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 \$250k.
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 \$0.5k.
  - 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 \$0.5k.
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 \$264.9k.

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 \$310k.

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**



## Lions Club of Sydney Waratah Continues Strong Support for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

For several years, the Lions Club of Sydney Waratah (also known as the "Lady in Pink") has been actively raising funds to support the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF), demonstrating a strong commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

On June 2, 2025, during their changeover ceremony, the club generously donated \$1,000 to ALCCRF. The cheque was presented by Immediate Past President Anita Un to Janey Tham, ALCCRF Chair for District N5.

Looking ahead, the Lions Club of Sydney Waratah will continue its fundraising efforts with a special event celebrating their 20th anniversary on September 2, 2025. The club warmly invites everyone to stay connected and support their ongoing mission to help children affected by cancer.



# Blacktown Ponds Lions Club Champions Youth Giving and Supports ALCCRF

On June 14, 2025, during their annual changeover ceremony, the Blacktown Ponds Lions Club made a generous donation in support of Lions foundations. A truly heartwarming highlight was the debut of the newly formed "Baby Club," a group of enthusiastic and very helpful young children. These young fundraisers actively supported the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) by selling soft toys, accessories, hampers, and stationery.



Club President Rissa McInnes proudly presented a cheque for \$2,000 to ALCCRF District N5, joined on stage by the inspiring and hardworking members of the Baby Club.

Congratulations to all for their meaningful contributions and genuine dedication to supporting childhood cancer research.



# Lions Club of Sydney Waratah Supports ALCCRF in 20th Anniversary Celebration

To further advance the mission of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF), we are pleased to announce that the Lions Club of Sydney Waratah will be raising funds for ALCCRF as part of their 20th Anniversary celebration.

The event will be held on Monday, 22 September 2025, at Zilver Restaurant. Tickets are priced at \$138, with VIP tickets available for \$188.

We are sincerely grateful for the Lions Club of Sydney Waratah's generous support and unwavering commitment to helping children in their fight against cancer. Their initiative not only raises essential funds but also helps amplify awareness of the vital work ALCCRF carries out across Australia.

We warmly encourage more Lions Clubs to take part in this meaningful cause. Together, we can make a lasting impact in the lives of children and their families.

**Lions Club of Sydney Waratah**  
20th Anniversary Fund Raising Dinner

*Date*  
Monday 22nd September 2025

*Time*  
6:30pm for 7:00pm

*Venue*  
Zilver Chinese Restaurant  
Level 6, 1 Anderson St, Westfield Chatswood

*Beneficiary*  
Australian Lions Childhood  
Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)

*Cost*  
\$138pp or \$188pp(VIP) (12 per table)

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# Australian Lions' children's cancer fellowship

20 November 2024

By [Rob Clancy](#), staff writer



*L-R: Shazia Adjumain and Dr Paul Daniel*

Every week in Australia three children die of cancer. There is an urgent need for new and more precisely targeted medicines to treat childhood cancers.

Many children who survive cancer never really leave it behind. It stays with them, either in the form of ongoing risk of relapse or in the many health effects that can come from the current treatments used to fight childhood cancers.

Hudson Institute is at the forefront of research to change these statistics and improve the outlook for children with cancer. It is an endeavour that takes large amounts of expertise, imagination, persistence... and money.



The Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF) has recognised this challenge with the establishment of a prestigious national fellowship awarded to Dr Paul Daniel from our Centre for Cancer Research.

Chair of the ALCCRF, Ron Skeen DAM, was thrilled to announce the establishment of this prestigious national fellowship at Hudson.

**"Dr Daniel is a cancer biologist with over a decade of experience," he said. "He studies adult and paediatric brain tumours and is currently driving cutting-edge translational research to identify better treatments for low-survival childhood brain cancers."**

'This new fellowship provides 8424,213 over two years to support Dr Daniel's salary and much of his equipment plus a budget for engagement with patient advocates and families of cancer patients.'

## Precision medicine program: revolutionising combined cancer treatments

At a time when funding for research is becoming harder and harder to win, this fellowship will have a massive impact.

Dr Daniel said: "The project which the ALCCRF funding helps support is my role in the Next Generation Precision Medicine Program, which is investigating the highly promising use of combination therapies, employing multiple drugs concurrently to enhance therapeutic effectiveness for cancer patients."

"This approach has proven transformative for patients and presents several advantages compared to single-drug treatments, chief among them, improved survival for certain patients."

The Next Generation Precision Medicine Program is led by Hudson Institute's Professor Ron Firestein, a clinician-scientist and the Head of the Centre for Cancer Research at Hudson.

Discovering which treatments can be safely and effectively used together is a slow process, so the Next Generation Precision Medicine team is using actual tumour samples to evaluate thousands of treatment combinations for the identification and prioritisation of effective therapies



Hudson Institute is also home to the **Childhood Cancer Model Atlas** - the world's largest collection of high-risk paediatric cancer cell lines, sharing research findings with 50 cancer research institutes, universities and academic medical centres worldwide.

This is the international network that Dr Daniel is part of, working with clinical trial groups where our findings will have the opportunity to be rapidly translated into clinical settings, to improve outcomes for children with cancer.

"The support from the Lions Foundation has immediate and long-reaching impacts on my career as a paediatric cancer researcher," Dr Daniel said. "Firstly, the fellowship secures my position as a researcher for the next few years, where I hope to make an immediate impact on how childhood cancers are treated."

"But it will also provide a springboard for me to establish myself as a leading researcher for high-risk childhood cancers, from which I hope to set up my own laboratory in the future to continue to address the most important questions facing the field - improving outcomes for children with cancer."

Through this type of philanthropy, Lions have not just improved the chances of children with cancer living longer and better lives. Lions have also improved the likelihood that the next major breakthrough in paediatric cancer will come from Hudson Institute Australia.

It's a donation made with love, and something everyone involved in can be very proud of.



- Supporting childhood cancer research since 1976
- Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation set up in 2009, lifting its commitment to achieving 100 per cent survival of children with cancer
- Funding a two-year fellowship covering Dr Daniel's salary, equipment and vital cancer patient engagement.

# The Lions Club of Singleton Lioness Host a Biggest High Tea Event for Childhood Cancer Research

The Singleton Lioness proudly presented their biggest high tea at the Singleton Art Prize, hosted by the Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter.

Over the course of two days, around 100 guests gathered to enjoy a beautiful luncheon filled with homemade treats, including mini quiches, sausage rolls, sandwiches, scones, cakes, and slices - all lovingly prepared by the dedicated members of the Lions Club.

The high tea proved to be a crowd favourite, adding a warm and welcoming touch to the art show experience. Most importantly, the event raised an incredible \$1,000 in support of childhood cancer research, helping fund vital work towards 100% survival of children with cancer.

The Singleton Lioness are grateful for the community's support and generosity, and proud to play a part in both celebrating local creativity and contributing to such an important cause.



# IMMUNE BASED APPROACH FOR PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOURS

14 July 2025

## THE PROJECT

Precision Immunotherapeutic Strategy for Paediatric Brain Tumours.



## OVERVIEW

With thanks to the generous funding from the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, the Cancer Signalling Research Group at the University of Newcastle, led by Professor Matt Dun, continues its work to pursue an immune-based approach to treating diffuse midline glioma (DMG).

Immunotherapy harnesses the body's immune system to fight cancer cells. We know that immune therapies are effective in other cancers, such as melanoma and some blood cancers, and emerging research is showing promise for DMG.

Through this important research, the team is focused on delivering the same benefits of immune therapies to those diagnosed with DMG - providing hope to those impacted by this devastating disease.

## What have we done?

Over the past two years, the team has made significant strides in understanding and enhancing immune-based therapies for diffuse midline glioma (DMG).

## Key achievements



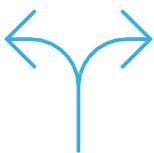
### Optimising treatment timing and dosage

The team has identified the optimal dose and timing of three promising anti-DMG drugs - dordaviprone, ONC206, and TR107 - affecting the tumour's ability to present immune recognition molecules called antigens. These antigens act as flags that help the immune system recognise and attack cancer cells. By identifying the most effective treatment combinations, the team has been able to boost the immune system's ability to detect DMG.



### Mapping the tumour cell surface

To better understand how these treatments influence antigen presentation, the Dun Lab has been analysing the 'surfaceome' - the full set of proteins found on the surface of dordaviprone-treated tumour cells, and has identified significant activation of pathways involved in antigen presentation, including increased protein levels of B2M, HLA-A, HLA-C, CALR, CANX, ERAP1 and TAPBP. This work is helping to identify potential immune targets, including 'neo-antigens' - unique markers found only on cancer cells. These discoveries could pave the way for future immune-based therapies tailored specifically to DMG



### Adapting to unexpected challenges

Originally planning to progress their studies using research animals, the team faced an unexpected hurdle when an infection in the university's animal supplier's breeding colony disrupted access to these models. Demonstrating agility and resilience, the team swiftly pivoted to using cell line models to continue their investigations through the latter part of 2024. This quick adaptation ensured that critical momentum was maintained, and valuable data continued to be generated despite the setback.

## Key insights and learnings

The team has developed a strategy (specific dosing of promising oral therapies dordaviprone, ONC206 and TR107) to optimise antigen presentation on DMG cancer cells – a key requirement for the body's immune system to recognise and destroy the cancer cells

Through their detailed analysis of the DMG tumour cell surface, the team has identified several elements that control antigen presentation in DMG. Further investigation of the proteins identified may reveal a suitable combination therapy strategy (ONC201 plus a drug targeting one of the identified proteins, for example), further enhancing the visibility of malignant cells to the patient's immune system. This is a significant milestone given immune based treatments have been yet to provide benefit to the DMG patient community.

## Where to next?

Building on recent progress, the next phase of the project will harness the immune vulnerabilities exposed in DMG tumours after dordaviprone treatment. Leveraging state-of-the-art immunopeptidomics, the team is identifying tumour-specific neoantigens, molecular flags presented exclusively on DMG cells but absent from healthy tissue. These neoantigens could serve as precise targets for next-generation immunotherapies, such as vaccines or chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells. By uncovering these unique tumour markers, the team aims to pave the way for therapies that train the immune system to detect and destroy DMG cells with unmatched precision.

The team has prepared the samples by treating cancer cells with dordaviprone, ONC206, and TR107 and has sent them to our collaborators at the Hudson Institute of Medical Research to perform the analysis required

This advanced analysis will yield the precise immune proteins – 'neo antigens' presented by the treatment induced cancer cells. With these antigenic flags, we will perform experiments to formulate novel immune based treatments for DMG. This will mark the completion of the current project.

## How do we progress a novel immune therapy into the clinic?

- **Develop chimeric antigen receptor T cells** - We will create special immune cells (called CAR-T cells) that are designed to recognise and attack unique markers found on cancer cells (neo-antigens)
- **Develop T cell receptors (TCR) therapy** - We will make another type of immune cell treatment (called TCR therapy) that can find and attack these same unique cancer markers using a different, but complimentary approach.
- **Develop a post treatment peptide vaccine** - We plan to make a vaccine that can be given after treatment to help the immune system keep fighting any remaining cancer cells.
- **Validate the ex vivo efficacy of CAR-T, TCR, and vaccine** - We will test in the lab (outside the body) how well the CAR-T cells, TCR therapy, and the vaccine work - both on their own and when used together with dordaviprone drug therapy.
- **Test the efficacy, specificity and toxicity of CAR-T, and TCR** - We will check how well the CAR-T and TCR treatments work, how precisely they target cancer cells, and whether they cause any side effects, using our laboratory animal models of the disease.
- **Start international precision immunotherapeutic strategy clinical trial** - We will move promising therapies toward global clinical trial (a research study involving patients), working together with major national and international trials consortia, ANZCHOG and PNOC.

## Thank You

*Thank you to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation for supporting this important work. Because of you and the generosity of your community, our team is pursuing research that is giving hope to families impacted by this devastating disease.*

*Together, we will beat this devastating childhood cancer.*

Professor Matt Dun and the University of Newcastle.



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**Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation...**  
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Another way to raise funds for our worthy cause. #LionsClubs



**The Lions Club of Branxton is at C&N Mitre 10 Huntlee.**  
 9 July · Branxton, NSW ·

What a perfect day we had at the Grand Opening of C&N Mitre 10 Huntlee on Saturday.

We gave away 100's of free snags and sold just as many raffle tickets. Which was great news - because all proceeds from the raffle will go to [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation - Alccrf](#).

Many thanks to C&N Mitre 10 Huntlee for inviting us and donating the first prize and to everyone who kindly donated to the raffle.

Congratulations to Colleen Anderson, who claimed First Prize in the raffle.

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How wonderful to be chosen. Funds will be used to meet our goal of 100% survival of kids with cancer.



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And the winners are...!

We're thrilled to announce the winners of our International Dog Day competition!

🏆 **Top Dog:** Miss Jazz – A huge round of applause! In her honour, a \$500 donation will be made to the [Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation - Alccrf](#) - a perfect fit for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September. 🧡

🐾❤️ **Purrfect Pal:** Ruby – This superstar is helping make a difference too, with a \$500 donation made in her name to the [Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation](#).

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared their gorgeous pets with us – your entries truly brought smiles to our faces. 🐾🐾

Together, we're making a difference through two incredible Lions foundations. 💙🧡

#LionsAustralia #InternationalDogDay #TopDog #PurrfectPal #ChildhoodCancerAwareness #WeServe #MakeADifference

Another way to raise funds for our worthy cause. #LionsClubs



Donation of \$10,000 from the Lions Club of Raymond Terrace from their Biggest High Tea Event

## ALCCRF Bronze Award Presentation to ACT MLA

It was not surprising, considering his position, when "N" Districts Trustee (and 2024-25 Canberra Belconnen Club President), Tony Kennedy, had the honour of presenting an ALCCRF Bronze Award to Lion Tara Cheyne MLA.



*The award sits proudly on Tara's ministerial desk*

Lion Tara, who is an honorary member of the Lions Club of Canberra Belconnen, serves the ACT community with distinction in her roles as Attorney-General, Minister for Human Rights, Minister for City and Government Services, Minister for the Night-Time Economy, and Manager of Government Business. A multi-tasker in her work life and is also actively involved with the club and a passionate supporter of Lions and a strong advocate for local community initiatives.

We extend our warmest congratulations and thanks to Lion Tara, and congratulations on her marriage to James last month. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community and to the mission of the ALCCRF.

**Using the ALCCRF Awards to acknowledge club members and community members is a great way to support the Foundation.**

# World-first research to transform outcomes for First Nations children with cancer

A first-of-its-kind research program at The Kids Research Institute Australia aims to develop new strategies to better treat First Nations children with cancer.

First Nations children with cancer have much worse outcomes and poorer tolerance to current therapies, with very little understanding as to why.

The new program, led by Kamilaroi woman Dr Jessica Buck on Whadjuk Noongar country at the Institute's WA Kids Cancer Centre, will aid in the future development of life-saving and life-altering treatments for First Nations children with cancer.

Dr Buck said First Nations children experienced severe side effects from current cancer therapies and worse outcomes, with five-year survival rates lower for First Nations kids – particularly in the Northern Territory, where five-year survival is 38 per cent for First Nations children compared to 79 per cent for other Australian children.

The Kids Director of First Nations Strategy and Leadership Associate Professor Glenn Pearson, said he was excited to see the impact of this world-leading program on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

**"This is an entirely new area of research, with the potential to reshape how we understand and treat cancer in First Nations children," Associate Professor Pearson said. "By building a robust evidence base, we can implement tangible and strategic treatments to improve survival rates and quality of life."**

Engaging closely with First Nations communities to understand the questions they have, the research they want undertaken, and to ensure therapy is delivered appropriately is a priority for the new program.

Menang Goreng Elder Aunty Averil Williams said communities and mob would be more informed as a result of the program.

"They will have a better understanding. It's like when my little girl was diagnosed with leukaemia. I said I want to know what's going to happen. I want to know



Dr Jessica Buck with Aunty Averil Williams and Elizabeth Wilkes

what's the treatment. All of those things, and that's what I see this project as being," Aunty Averil said. "People can be properly informed and have a better understanding of what it's all about, then encourage people to ask the questions of what, why, how."

Dr Buck said it was important to support these children while they were in hospital and to support the families, particularly those from remote communities. Her vision for the program goes beyond research – she hopes to empower First Nations communities, transform care, and ultimately ensure that every child has the best chance to thrive after cancer.

The program is actively recruiting Elders and community members to join its advisory group, including individuals with lived experience of childhood cancer, and First Nations community members in the health space, to ensure the research is driven and designed by community priorities and reflects cultural values.



Dr Buck will collaborate closely with the Perth Children's Hospital Oncology and Haematology Department, with the program generously supported by the Simon Lee Foundation, a Tony Chong Award, and with ongoing future support from the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation.



Pictured: Logan Bastaja (8), Griffin Sharp (9), Harley Baker (10), Rosie Sharp (7), Fraser Bastaja (6)

## Funding boost for childhood cancer research projects

Projects to improve outcomes for leukaemia patients and reduce skin cancer rates in young Aboriginal people have received funding through Cancer Council WA.

Three researchers will each receive nearly \$140,000 via The Cancer Research Project Grants, enabling their teams to advance critical public health research.

Dr Sébastien Malinge received funding to lead a project aimed at improving outcomes for children with Down syndrome who develop leukaemia. These children face higher rates of leukaemia and worse side effects than other kids, compounded by additional health challenges.

The project will explore how genetic differences linked to Down syndrome (Trisomy 21) alter the bone marrow environment where leukaemia grows, affecting the immune response and the effectiveness of treatments like chemotherapy and immunotherapy.

Dr Malinge is also a collaborator alongside The Kids' and UWA Postdoctoral Researcher Dr Jesse Armitage on another successful CCWA project, led by UWA, investigating a novel immunotherapy approach to treat leukaemia.

This research focuses on enhancing the cancer-fighting ability of natural killer cells, a type of immune cell with the natural capacity to destroy cancer.

Honorary team member of the Cancer Centre, Dr François Rwandamuriye, received a grant for his project which aims to develop safer, less toxic, and more effective mRNA-based immunotherapies that can be applied at the time of surgery to boost the local immune system. The immunotherapy mops up any remaining tumour cells, preventing cancer recurrence.

Professor Asha Bowen, Head of the Healthy Skin team at the Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines and Infectious diseases, received almost \$140,000 for vital research promoting sun smart choices and skin cancer prevention among young Aboriginal people.

Co-led by Dr Heather-Lynn Kessariss, Western Australia's first Aboriginal Dermatology trainee, from the Alawa and Mara language groups in the Northern Territory, the Ngangk Ngabala Ngoonda (Sun Safety) of Aboriginal young mob of WA project aims to increase awareness of skin cancer risk for Aboriginal youth.

A recent study conducted by the Institute's Healthy Skin team identified that only 40-60 per cent of Aboriginal kids living in urban areas were following two of the five recommended sun-safe strategies, such as wearing sun protective clothing and applying sun cream.



The Cancer Research Project Grants are co-funded by the Western Australian Future Health Research and Innovation Fund and Cancer Council Western Australia.

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4 July 2025

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

Dear Mr Skeen

I am writing to thank your organisation for its generous donation of \$72,500.00 towards the Research Project "Identification of Genomic Factors Controlling Therapy Outcomes and Survivorship in Paediatric Brain Cancer Patients" at the South Australian immunoGENomics Cancer Institute.

This grant will enable our scientists to undertake groundbreaking research in the area of paediatric neuro-oncology to improve survivorship for children with brain cancer. This gift is a vote of confidence in the work we do here, and your support is highly valued and appreciated.

Once again, we thank your organisation for investing in our University and look forward to staying in touch and keeping you updated of our progress.

Best wishes

*Liz Hawkins*

Liz Hawkins  
Executive Director of Advancement

*Dear Ron  
Please thank  
your members on  
our behalf. Liz*

**GIFT RECEIPT**

Name: Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation  
Receipt #: 17358  
Date: 25/06/2025  
Description: Research Project "Identification of Genomic Factors Controlling Therapy Outcomes and Survivorship in Paediatric Brain Cancer Patients"  
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# The Lions Club of Townsville Lioness - High Tea a Huge Success for Childhood Cancer Research

The Lions Club of Townsville Lioness hosted their Biggest High Tea raising vital funds for childhood cancer research. With 60 attendees filling the RSL Retirement Village Community Hall, the event was a delightful blend of community spirit, laughter, and generosity.

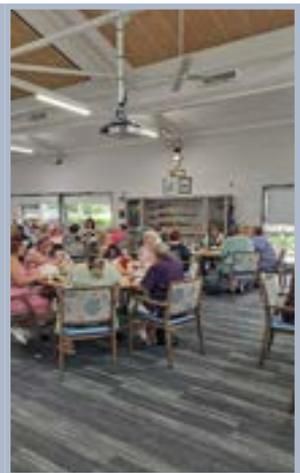


Entertainers for the day  
Lyn Tarring and  
Kathy Priestly

The venue was beautifully catered by the talented ladies of the RSL Retirement Village, who provided a spread of delicious homemade morsels that impressed all in attendance. Guests were also treated to lively and hilarious entertainment from the Bush Poet Society, whose witty rhymes and Aussie humour had the crowd in stitches.



The success of the High Tea highlights the power of community coming together for a meaningful cause, and the Lions Club is deeply grateful for everyone who attended, contributed, and helped make the day so memorable.



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## Lions Club Melbourne Greater Ocean

On Friday, 1 August 2025, the Lions Club Melbourne Greater Ocean proudly hosted its largest BBQ fundraiser to date at Bunnings Collingwood. The event brought together members, medical students, and community supporters in a collective effort to raise funds for the **Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation (ALCCRF)**.



The fundraiser was made possible by the extraordinary teamwork of:

- **Lions Club Melbourne Greater Ocean members**
- **AMSEP Australia medical students**, representing the University of Melbourne, Monash University, and universities across Singapore, China, and Indonesia
- In total, **50 volunteers** contributed their time, energy, and passion to ensure the event's success.



Throughout the day, the BBQ created a welcoming and energetic atmosphere. Customers and visitors at Bunnings Collingwood responded with generosity and enthusiasm. Every sausage purchased, every donation given, and every kind word shared directly supported the ALCCRF's mission of funding research to combat childhood cancer.

The **Bunnings Collingwood team** also provided outstanding logistical and on-site support, further contributing to the success of the event.

- The fundraiser generated strong financial support for ALCCRF (final donation amount to be confirmed and submitted in the Treasurer's report).
- Strengthened partnerships with university medical students and AMSEP Australia, creating opportunities for future collaboration.
- Increased community awareness of both ALCCRF and the service work of the Lions Club.

Special thanks are extended to:

- **All Lions members and student volunteers** for their dedication and hard work
- **Bunnings Collingwood** for hosting and supporting the BBQ
- **The community** for their generosity and encouragement

This event demonstrated the power of teamwork, volunteerism, and community spirit. By working together, we not only raised vital funds for childhood cancer research but also shared the Lions Club mission of service with a wider audience.

The Lions Club Melbourne Greater Ocean is grateful to Lions Club Headquarters for their ongoing support and looks forward to building on this success with future fundraising and community service projects.



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## Lions Club of Young

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"A Cuppa In a Mug With a Hug and a Wish on a Rainbow Of Hope" was the theme of an afternoon tea, hosted by the Lions Club of Young. This function took place on the 6th September and was to raise funds for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. An afternoon tea was enjoyed by 70 guests, and they seemed to enjoy the day

very much.

Our guest speaker was Tony Kennedy, a trustee of the foundation, where he outlined the workings of the research being carried out for children and all cancer patients. The attendees showed their appreciation of his presentation. As a result of the generous fundraising The Lions Club will send away \$2000 to go toward much needed research as part of the Foundation.



A big thankyou to all involved, especially those guests who travelled long distances to give their support to Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

Lyn Freudenstein, Vice President Lions Club of Young.



Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation - ...

Alccrf is with The Lions Club of Raymond Terrace.

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It's childhood cancer month and The Lions Club of Raymond Terrace will host 120 at a High Tea fundraiser. This will be the clubs 4th year hosting a High Tea raising valuable funds for research.

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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.