

A MOTHER'S TRIBUTE: FUNDRAISING BIKE RIDE FROM ALBANY TO PERTH

The death of Laura Webb's son, David, to acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) last year is the inspiration behind an 827 kilometre fundraising bike ride from Albany to Perth to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

David was married for just one month when he was diagnosed with the blood cancer. AML is one of the most aggressive forms of leukaemia and even after a bone marrow transplant from his younger brother, David passed away from the disease 18 months after his diagnosis.

Laura has gathered members of the Glyde-In Community Learning Centre - "who are old enough to be grandparents but fit enough to be grandchildren" - to participate in the ride and raise funds for patient support and research into better treatments and cures.

David's wife, Annmaree, is also flying across from Canberra to take part in the ride.

"The route of next year's bike ride encompasses so much of what was important to David. Good food and wine, music, surfing, bush walking and sailing. He loved life, and lived it to the utmost," says Laura.

"We need support for this ride as the Leukaemia

Foundation is a lifeline for patients and families dealing with a leukaemia diagnosis."

The ride also reflects David's love of cycling. David regularly competed in triathlon events and was a strong distance runner - he thought nothing of a ten kilometre jog at lunch time!

Laura likes to think David with his quirky sense of humour would be proud of her efforts.

If you would like to support the Albany to Perth bike ride and raise funds for the support of patients and their families and for research into better treatments and cures, please contact the Leukaemia Foundation.



LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF PATIENTS AND CARERS

In July this year the Cancer Council NSW invited several organisations to join an alliance to address problems with the patient travel reimbursement scheme. The scheme runs under a different name in each state, but each one reimburses patients who have to travel long distances from rural areas for treatment. The Leukaemia Foundation was one of these organisations and is now actively involved in advocating a more equitable scheme for patients and their carers.

The main objective of the alliance is to make the scheme more user-friendly for NSW patients by reducing the distance criteria from 200km to 80km each way and providing exemptions to the 'nearest specialist' rule.

The Patient Travel and Accommodation Reimbursement Scheme aims to provide financial assistance to ease the travel and accommodation costs for people living in remote areas who need to travel for specialist medical treatment.

This distance criterion in NSW is the most stringent of any state in Australia. In Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia patients must travel at least 100km

one way to their nearest specialist - half the distance required of NSW patients.

The Foundation's Support Services Director, Gabrielle Prest, says patient advocacy is an important service that goes on behind the scenes.

"The Foundation is always working to protect the interests and wellbeing of patients and their carers living with leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma," she says.

"If we can effect change for NSW patients and reduce the travel requirement it will make the lives of rural and regional patients who have to travel long distances for treatment so much easier."

The alliance is lobbying government to change the current travel requirements and ease the burden on rural patients.

Another one of the ways the alliance plans to achieve the goal of relaxing these restrictions is to raise public awareness to increase public support.

If you would like to join the campaign to improve the conditions, log onto the Cancer Council's website www.cancercouncil.com.au and follow the links.

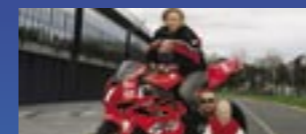
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THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION'S YOUNG RESEARCHERS

The Leukaemia Foundation provides funding to researchers around the country so they can implement ground-breaking research projects.

As part of its comprehensive National Research Program, the Foundation funds a young and talented group of PhD students, medical researchers and Honors students. Their work into finding better treatments for blood cancer patients will make a significant impact on the way leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma are treated both here and overseas.

Courtney Modra



A PhD student at Mater Medical Research Institute, Courtney has received funding from the Leukaemia Foundation for her research into treatments for acute myeloid leukaemia

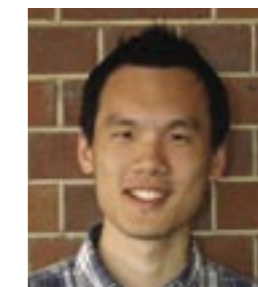
(AML). AML is characterised by abnormal growth of a person's white blood cells, which accumulate causing patients to become anaemic and susceptible to infection. The chemotherapy drugs used to treat AML cannot differentiate between abnormal cells and normal functioning cells, so kills these cells as well. This is why chemotherapy causes loss of hair, nausea, fatigue and a reduced immune system.

If a treatment can be found that attacks only the abnormal AML cells, patients will experience less side-effects and have a greater chance of a complete cure.

So far, Courtney has generated a molecule that binds itself only to the AML cells. Current studies are focussing on whether or not this molecule attaches itself to healthy cells in both AML and healthy blood donors. Let's hope

Courtney's research meets success as it would mean a far more positive outlook for thousands of patients living with AML.

Andy Hsu



Acute lymphatic leukaemia (ALL) is the most common form of childhood cancer. For a large portion of child patients, a bone marrow transplant is their best chance of survival. Sadly,

45 per cent of children who undergo a transplant relapse and for those who do treatment options are very limited.

Andy's research is working to find a way to use dendritic cells to stimulate the T-cells that allow a patient's body to accept a bone marrow transplant. By allowing the body to produce more T-cells, this would drastically reduce the chances of a relapse, therefore greatly increasing child patients' chances of survival.

Jennifer Freeman



One of the most devastating blood cancers, multiple myeloma remains incurable in most patients. Current treatments usually only lengthen a patient's survival rather than achieve remission or a cure.

Jennifer is looking at how immunotherapy can strengthen T-cells so they can work to overcome the myeloma cells. Many in the medical profession believe improved treatments for myeloma won't come through better chemotherapy

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NEWS IN BRIEF

ROSES ONLY



During the months of November and December, Roses Only will be helping to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Roses Only will donate \$10 for every purchase of the "I Care for You" floral gift box, containing

12 long stemmed roses, Lindt chocolates, potpourri, rose oil and a Roses Only Teddy Bear. Order your "I Care for You" box for \$89 at www.rosesonly.com.au or call 1300 767 376.

AN EVENING AT EDWARDS WINERY, WA

Edwards Family Winery is hosting a fundraising event for the Foundation to pay tribute to their husband and father, Brian Edwards, who passed away from leukaemia 18 months ago. Taking place on 19 November, the event is open to the public and will include a 15 plane air show – in Brian's memory who was the first man to fly a tiger moth from England to WA, rides in the Foundation's Brock cars for the kids, wine tasting and other fun activities. All donations made on the day will come to the Foundation. For more information please contact Dean Starbuck on 1800 620 420.



WA APPEALATHON WITH CHANNEL NINE

As part of its annual support for local charities, Channel Nine in WA has produced a community service announcement (CSA) free of charge for the Leukaemia Foundation. The CSA features the Camp family who travelled 1900km from the Kimberlies for their son James' treatment, and stayed in the Foundation's accommodation unit in Bassendean. The CSA highlighted the support services the Foundation provides and the need to keep families together during treatment. Channel Nine will donate \$50,000 from their fundraising from 2005 to the Foundation, as well as air the CSA throughout the year.

AFL TRADING CARD

Sales from the Brian Straun (aka Peter Hellier from Rove Live) AFL Trader Card have raised more than \$40,000 for the Foundation. The card proved to be so popular, the AFL had to schedule an extra print run to keep up with demand.

The card was sold in the lead up to a celebrity AFL match which will take place in November, from which the Foundation will receive half the funds raised. The other half of the funds will go to CanTeen.



PEDAL POWER HELPS COUNTRY KIDS WITH LEUKAEMIA

Sixty Queensland city slickers boarded their bicycles and went bush in August to raise funds for country kids with leukaemia and related blood disorders. The third annual K's for Country Kids charity bike ride raised over \$100,000, nearly double last year's figure. The group, made up of mostly Brisbane-based business men and women, travelled 240kms of country roads and highways during the three day event.

CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Christmas cards are now available to order via the Leukaemia Foundation website. The range includes four different designs making them ideal for corporate or personal use. The cards are printed on high quality card, include the Foundation logo and message on the back and come with matching white envelopes. It's a great way to spread Christmas cheer while supporting patients and research into better treatments and cures. The cards are available at <http://shop.leukaemia.com> Order yours now!

VICTORIAN CORPORATE RESEARCH TOUR

Last month, representatives from Victoria's valued corporate partners attended a research tour at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne. Three researchers who have received funding from the Foundation presented to the group about their research findings. The presentations were followed by a tour of the laboratories to give the guests an insight into the work that is happening every day into finding better treatments and cures for blood cancer patients. A similar tour took place in Sydney recently.

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION OFFICIAL CHARITY OF THE 2005 POLINI MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX

Little Lachie Oliver-Wombwell got his wish to ride a motorcycle and meet Olympian Tamsyn Lewis the day the Leukaemia Foundation was announced as the Polini Motorcycle Grand Prix's official charity.

At just five years old, Lachie has leukaemia. The diagnosis turned his family's life upside down overnight. They have travelled back and forth from Portland to Melbourne for the past seven months for Lachie to undergo intensive chemotherapy treatment.

During this difficult time, the Leukaemia Foundation has been there to help make the Oliver-Wombwell family's journey easier.

The Foundation was fortunate enough to be selected as the Motorcycle Grand Prix's official charity to raise money for patients and families just like the Oliver-Wombwell's and to increase awareness of the important support services the Foundation provides.

The Foundation sold two of its fundraising bear pins – Biker Bear and Racing Bear – at the track during the Grand Prix.

More than 40 volunteers and staff members trawled the stands and the circuit over the three days to sell the pins to attendees. All very big motorcycle fans themselves, the group of volunteers were more than happy to help out if it meant they could attend the Grand Prix!

All in all, the Grand Prix raised over \$30,000 for the Foundation!

Acting National CEO, Dr Anna Williamson believes, the need for patient support and research into better

treatments and cures continues to grow, so support from events like the Grand Prix is important.

"Leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma are particularly devastating cancers that can affect anyone, of any age, at any time," says Dr Williamson.

"The Leukaemia Foundation receives no ongoing government funding and relies entirely on the support of the community and corporate partners, so we were very pleased to be the official charity for the Polini Motorcycle Grand Prix."

If you would like to buy one of the Foundation's bear pins visit <http://shop.leukaemia.com>



Lachie and his dad Jamie get to know Tamsyn Lewis.

LOMA'S FUNDRAISING EFFORTS RECEIVE PREMIER'S AWARD

When Loma Graydon's husband, Eric, was diagnosed with leukaemia, Loma saw the urgent need for patients and families living with blood cancers to have access to practical support and care. So she took on a personal challenge to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

In 1998, Loma and her daughter, Cathy came up with the Shave for a Cure fundraising event - throwing out the challenge to their home town of Lismore to break the record for the most heads shaved in a 24 hour period. The event was an outstanding success with more than 200 heads shaved in just under three hours. The event set a new world record and raised almost \$80,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Sadly, Eric passed away in 1999 after 15 months of treatment and a bone marrow transplant. However, he and his family inspired what is now the Leukaemia Foundation's biggest annual national fundraiser

– World's Greatest Shave to Care and Cure. The event raised more than \$8 million in 2005 and over 100,000 Australians participated.

Loma has been instrumental in raising awareness about leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma in the Northern Rivers region. To date, she has helped raise an impressive \$250,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

It is her dedication to raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation that led Loma to receive a Premier's Award for community work from Lismore MP Thomas George last month.

Of her fundraising work, Loma says, "while we continue to generate funds there is hope of finding a cure. I would like to think that eventually no one will have to tread the road we travelled and live through that trauma."

LYMPHOMA PATIENTS INSPIRING HOPE

Leading cancer organisations, physicians and patients from across the globe joined forces for World Lymphoma Awareness Day on 15 September 2005 to urge for greater recognition, earlier diagnosis and treatment for one of the fastest growing cancers in Australia.



Coordinated by a coalition of lymphoma support organisations worldwide, the Leukaemia Foundation of Australia and the Lymphoma Support and Research Association (LSRA) partnered to promote the campaign in Australia.

The global theme, 'Beacons of Hope', signified the improved outcomes which can exist for people who are diagnosed and treated early for this disease. As part of this, 'Beacons' were chosen to act as inspirational ambassadors who had been affected by, or help those affected by, lymphomas.

Australian beacons included:

- international opera singer, Anthony Warlow, diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma (NHL) in May 1992
- 19 year old NSW student, Lauren, diagnosed with NHL in May 2000
- Dr Geoffrey Hill, Queenslander of the Year for his research into bone marrow transplantation

- Perth resident and father of two, Zyg, diagnosed with NHL in February 2000
- Eight year old, Brisbane resident, Jesse, diagnosed with NHL in August 2004

To mark the occasion, a 'Lights of Hope' breakfast was held at the Garvan Institute in Sydney at which members of government, health professionals, cancer organisations and patients spoke about the importance of raising awareness of this cancer.

The event was a great success receiving national TV, radio and print media coverage. Community Service Announcements also ran nationally.

Sadly, 11 Australians are diagnosed with lymphoma everyday and the incidence has doubled in the past 20 years for no known reason. Yet a recent survey conducted in Europe, Australia and the Americas found that:

- nearly half of the respondents (49 per cent) did not know anything about lymphoma
- almost three quarters of respondents (74 per cent) did not know that lymphoma was a form of cancer
- 73 per cent of people were shocked at how little they knew about this form of cancer.

It is hoped that by holding events such as World Lymphoma Awareness Day, these statistics will change and greater awareness will lead to early diagnosis, and better treatments. In addition, it will assist in generating further research into lymphoma to ensure every patient has access to the best treatment available.

The initiative was supported by an educational grant from Roche Products Limited.

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drugs, but through biological or immune therapy which can be administered combined with chemotherapy. Through her research, Jennifer has isolated the optimum conditions for priming T-cells to effectively fight myeloma cells. What is yet to be determined, and Jennifer is working to discover through funding from the Foundation, is how these primed T-cells can be applied to fight – and overcome – the different forms of myeloma cells.



DR KENNETH MICKLETHWAITE

Dr Micklethwaite has received a clinical fellowship from the Leukaemia Foundation for his work into viruses in blood cancer patients following bone marrow transplants. One of

these viruses is cytomegalovirus (CMV) which causes hospitalisation and often death.

Dr Micklethwaite has found a way to extract a certain type of immune cell called lymphocytes from a donor, grow them in a laboratory and then inject them into a bone marrow transplant recipient to prevent CMV.

This has now been done to six patients and only one has developed CMV. It is hoped these anti-CMV lymphocytes will prevent CMV and improve the survival rate for transplant recipients, making it a safer and more effective treatment for blood cancer patients.

For further information on the Leukaemia Foundation's research programs call 1800 620 420 or visit www.leukaemia.org.au

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE – CORPORATE TOP 20 ANNOUNCED

The Top 20 corporate fundraisers for World's Greatest Shave 2005 were announced recently.

PricewaterhouseCoopers came in as the national number one fundraiser for the second year running, raising over \$350,000 through events held at their offices in every state. An amazing effort.

The national Top 20 list is as follows:

1. PricewaterhouseCoopers Foundation
2. National Australia Bank
3. Housing Industry Association WA
4. Suncorp
5. Mainbrace Constructions
6. The Laminex Group
7. Delfin Springfield Lakes
8. Colonial First State
9. Orotan Group
10. Shaver Shop
11. Telstra
12. Westpac
13. ANZ
14. North Goonyella Coal Mine
15. Centrelink
16. Babcock and Brown
17. Theiss Mining
18. Pronto Software
19. Bell Potter
20. Weelumurra and Ti-Tree Construction Camps – Rio Tinto Expansion Projects WA

There's no doubt that corporate Australia played a large part in raising the \$8.4 million that came in this year through World's Greatest Shave. All together the Top 20 Corporates raised over \$1 million!

As the Public Event Sponsor for the first of three years, Shaver Shop showed a great effort coming in at number 10 in the Top 20 in addition to their significant contribution to making the public events happen.

World's Greatest Shave is one of Australia's largest community fundraising events, with more than 100,000 people participating in 2005. More than 85 per cent of funds raised directly supports cutting edge research programs and support services for patients and their families.

The state Top 20 lists proved that regional business, such as hotels and clubs, got behind World's Greatest Shave as much as corporate businesses did.

To see the Top 20 businesses in your state, go to www.worldsgreatestshave.com and follow the links.

The dates for World's Greatest Shave 2006 have been set as 4 – 6 May.

For more information or to register, visit www.worldsgreatestshave.com

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Members of the corporate top 20 get behind World's Greatest Shave

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS PATIENTS TO MANAGE INFORMATION OVERLOAD

Patients admitted to the Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplant ward at the Royal Adelaide Hospital are receiving lots of information! So much so that Terry Ventrice, clinical nurse consultant of the ward, decided there was an opportunity to improve the management of this information to ensure patients receive the information they need without feeling overwhelmed.

Terry noted that patients undergoing stem cell transplantation were provided with a folder from the Bone Marrow Transplant Co-ordinators where they could file relevant information. However, patients who were not scheduled for a transplant did not receive such a folder.

"Patients on our ward receive very complex treatments. Written information is provided to back up what has been said by treating staff, but there is room for improvement in the way this is handled," says Terry.

The folders, known as the 'Patient Portfolio', will contain specific information relating to the patient's needs including disease-specific information, the patient's personal treatment plan (chemotherapy, radiotherapy and other medications), record of blood results and community and hospital based resources available to support the patient and their families.

Sandra Turner from Roche Products and Allan Hayward of the Leukaemia Foundation were approached and were keen to assist with funding the initiative. Both saw the patient portfolios as an

empowering tool that could potentially make a significant difference to patients, their families and treating staff.

It is envisaged that the patient portfolio will benefit patients and families at any time during their treatment by encouraging patients to maintain control over their own information.

It will also be a personal record of their journey. In addition, it will allow patients to read information when they were ready to do so, or if they or their family wanted to reinforce what they had heard or read previously.

The patient information folder is currently being created and will be available for SA patients by the end of the year.



Terry and a patient display the new patient portfolio

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION SUPPORTS SURVIVORSHIP AT THE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN ADELAIDE

Cancer diagnosis and treatments have improved over time, bringing about an increase in both the number and the longevity of survivors. However, it is now known that survival can bring with it a whole new set of health issues related to the treatment and/or the original malignancy, such as: poor bone density, social issues, concerns with fertility and threat of a secondary cancer or relapse.

Since June 2004, the Leukaemia Foundation has funded a nurse's position at Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital dedicated to supporting adult survivors of childhood leukaemia and lymphoma.

"Survivorship is something to shout about! And surviving is a realistic outcome for a large proportion of children diagnosed with leukaemia or lymphoma," says Carina Boehm, the Foundation-funded nurse at the Long Term Follow up Clinic.

The Foundation will continue to fund the role and sees supporting survivorship, and the development of programmes to support survivors, as a key strategy

in addressing the needs of patients and families.

Survivors make contact with the Long Term Follow-up Clinic through formal referral, or self-referral. They are then assessed by Carina and a multi-disciplinary team as well as visiting specialists.

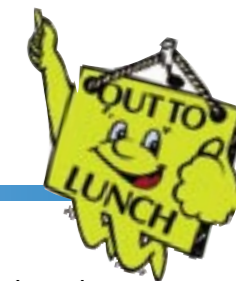
A comprehensive report is written outlining the patient's original disease, treatment, complications, and present health concerns.

"Each patient receives a copy of the report that we write and it is often fed-back to us that the patient feels this is the first time they have fully understood the enormity of their disease. This alone can have quite an effect on a survivor," says Carina.

Findings from the clinic also help the team to modify current treatments and programs to optimise patient's long term outcomes.

To contact the Long Term Follow Up Clinic call 08 8161 7000.

WORLD'S LARGEST LUNCH UPDATE



Australia was given a good excuse for a lunch in September as part of its national fundraising event, the World's Largest Lunch.

From the 10th until the 18th more than 108,000 people lunched at home, at work, at school, in pubs, clubs and restaurants with friends, family and workmates to raise funds for patient support and research into better treatments and cures.

The size and scale of each lunch varied, ranging from something as simple as inviting friends around to watch the footy to themed lunches incorporating fancy dress and international cuisine to the ever popular 'late lunch' after work!

And cafes and restaurants found a new and fun way to support the event by selling Larry the Lunchbox signs to customers. The signs were \$2 each and customers could sign their name and stick Larry to the wall.



Nearly 120 public lunches took place at restaurants, parks, cafes, pubs and even houses across the country, offering local communities a great opportunity to get together with friends and family over lunch while supporting this worthwhile cause.

Some highlights from the Lunch week included:

- Katrina Sims, Telstra Young Business Woman of the Year in South Australia, was guest speaker at a sold-out lunch for 125 people at the Blue Lakes Golf Links in Mount Gambier. A large raffle and fashion parade were also held on the day.
- Kristy Stevenson from NSW added a creative touch to her sausage sizzle at ABC Learning Centre in Murrumburrah by introducing a 'superhero' dress theme. Just over \$1,000 was raised in memory of Kristy's grandmother who passed away from leukaemia.
- A well-established Mount Eliza restaurant took the opportunity to enjoy the rare Victorian sunshine by hosting lunch around their building – literally! Local supporters and businesses sat down at tables outside which stretched right around the restaurant. The event raised over \$900.
- Around 90 students, teachers and adults from Dunsborough Primary School in Western Australia cooked up a storm after they went on an excursion to the local grocery store to choose toppings for their pizza lunch.
- Cee Cea's Bistro at the Trailer Boat Club in the Northern Territory celebrated World's Largest Lunch coinciding with World Lymphoma Awareness Day on 15 September by holding a public lunch for around 50 people.

- A fantastic \$6,000 was raised from the lunch held by Ward 2 West in Victorian-based John Fawcner Private Hospital. Patients, nurses, doctors and visitors alike were shown an afternoon of entertainment, including raffles, a scrumptious spread of food and even a head shave or two!

And Leukaemia Foundation offices made sure they didn't miss out on the culinary action taking place throughout the week. Staff at the NSW office raised nearly \$700 in a lunch of gastronomic proportions, as volunteers, patients and staff prepared dishes and entered them into a 'cook off' competition. A number of other successful lunches were also held in Foundation offices across the country.

Not only did these lunches raise much-needed funds for the Foundation, the event also gave participants an opportunity to show their support for patients undergoing treatment, who often miss out on the simple pleasure of having lunch with friends and family as a direct result.

And two lucky participants were well-rewarded for their efforts after they won the competition to have lunch with Rodger Corser, star of Channel Seven's Last Man Standing. Now that's a good excuse for a lunch!

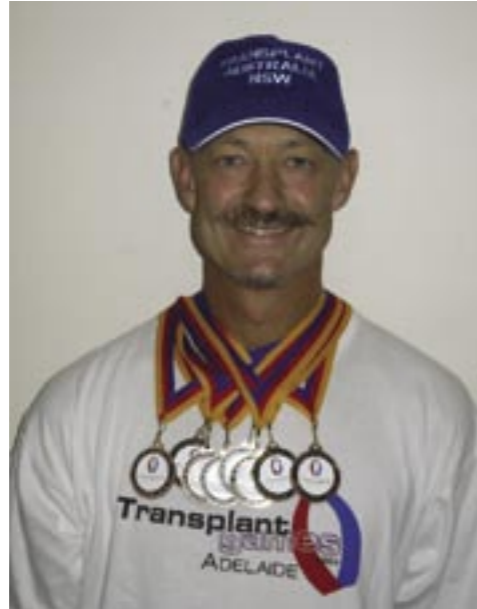


PHYSICAL RECOVERY BRINGS GOLD MEDAL RESULTS

Rob Benson was working as an expert in electrical and computer cabling when he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia in February 1999. Following chemotherapy, Rob underwent a bone marrow transplant in late 1999. The combined effects of the chemotherapy and the bone marrow transplant took a drastic physical toll on Rob as he experienced long bouts of fatigue and weakness.

As part of his physical rehabilitation, Rob decided to get back into sport and started to play tennis and squash. The physical activity was a great social outlet for Rob after spending months at home and in hospitals wards.

Patients undergoing intensive treatments for blood cancers are often compromised physically by the ordeal of having the disease and then by the side effects of treatment. Long periods of illness and being in hospital can disturb sleep and reduce their capacity to be physically active, so patients end up with fatigue, reduced muscle bulk and severe weakness.



Recovering physical health can take some people from six to 12 months to achieve.

Rob enjoyed playing sport so much that he decided to participate in the International Transplant Games in 2003 with the help of the Leukemia Foundation NSW. Rob went to France, and won medals in tennis and squash and most recently in 2005 in Canada (bronze in tennis). Rob won nine medals at last year's National Transplant games in Adelaide.

Rob now lives in Canberra and following his treatment has changed his career. Rob is now a trained massage therapist and offers physical therapy support to other patients living with blood cancers.

If you would like further information on how physical activity can help with recovery please contact our patient support services team on 1800 620 420.

Rob would like to thank the Leukemia Foundation NSW for their ongoing support.

AUSSIE BARBIE A LIFESAVER FOR PATIENTS

There's nothing more Australian than firing up the barbie, and when you are doing it to help save the lives of people with leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma, that's even better.

Queenslanders gathered their friends, workmates and family together for World's Greatest Grill, held between 23 September - 2 October 2005.

Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland Chief Executive Officer, Adrian Collins, said World's Greatest Grill embraced the Queensland lifestyle while raising money for patients and their families.

"Queenslanders love a barbecue, so what better way to raise money to help provide patients with free accommodation, transport to and from treatment, financial assistance, disease education and practical support," he says.

World's Greatest Grill is a fun fundraising event that can be held by anyone. A similar concept to World's Largest Lunch, all participants had to do was gather

a group of family or friends, fire up the barbecue and have each guest make a donation to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Queenslanders participated in World's Greatest Grill in all different ways.

Some people had a street party with neighbours and friends, while others got the office together for an afternoon BBQ. Sporting clubs, schools and church groups also got involved to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Funds raised through World's Greatest Grill will be especially helpful as Queensland has just commenced construction of a new \$7.5 million patient accommodation and support centre in Nathan.

The centre will provide a home-away-from-home for patients from rural and regional areas who need to move to Brisbane for potentially life-saving treatment.



TASMANIAN SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD OF TRIVIA

Over 240 children from 24 schools around Tasmania, who consider themselves trivia aficionados, competed in the World of Trivia finals in Hobart on Sunday 9 October.

Every student is sponsored for the number of answers they think they can get right and all proceeds are donated to the Leukaemia Foundation.

The day was an amazing success, raising over \$17,000.

Not only did the years three to six students need to show their general knowledge aptitude but they also had to answer questions about leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma.

"It's important for schools to participate in events such as the World of Trivia, as the equivalent of 20 people are diagnosed with leukaemias, lymphomas or myeloma in Australia each day, of which approximately three percent are children", says Jane Anderson, Tasmania Support Services Coordinator

"With such numbers, it is unfortunate that many families are likely to have been touched by one of these diseases - either through seeing a loved-one

suffer or knowing of some-one who has suffered or even enduring the pain personally.

"And by participating in the World of Trivia Challenge, what better way is there to teach students and deepen their understanding of the diseases while at the same time raising awareness in the community."



The winners of World of Trivia accept their trophies.

SIGNATURE LUNCHES A NATIONAL SUCCESS

The Foundation held Signature Lunches in every state over the past month, bringing together corporate partners and supporters, researchers, patients and staff.

Each Signature Lunch was a celebration of the contribution and achievements of the Foundation's corporate partners and supporters. The day provided a valuable insight into how the money they raise support patients and families and funds cutting edge research programs.

Industry leaders from some of Australia's top corporates attended the lunches. CEOs, CFOs and executive managers attended from PwC, National Australia Bank, Holden, iSoft, Showcase Jewellers, Colonial First State, Orotongroup, Suncorp, HIA, Oran, Perron Group of Companies, Australian Hotels Association, Bridgestone, Roche, Novartis, Schering, Janssen-Cilag and Channel Seven amongst others.

The lunches were hosted by the PricewaterhouseCoopers Foundation with between 50 and 100 attendees in each city. It was the second year the PwC Foundation hosted the series of lunches, and the fifth year they have been a supporter of the Leukaemia Foundation.

At the Lunch in Melbourne, Alistair McComas, son of Campbell McComas, comedian, speechmaker and media identity, who died of leukaemia in January, spoke of the journey the family faced when Campbell was diagnosed.

Alistair implored his audience to continue supporting the Leukaemia Foundation as their support can lessen the devastation families experience when a loved one is diagnosed.

Acting national CEO Dr Anna Williamson said the lunches were a great success and an effective way of making supporters feel a part of the Foundation.

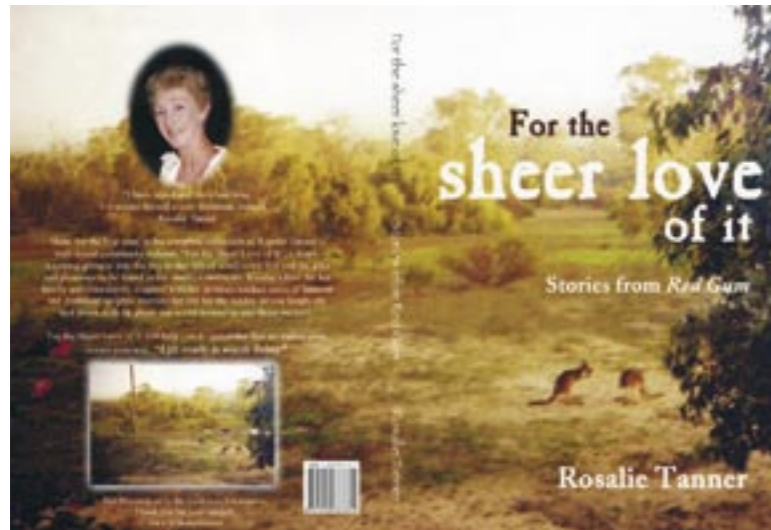
"At each lunch a patient spoke about how they coped with having a blood cancer and how the Leukaemia Foundation helped them through that journey," says Dr Williamson.

"A researcher also presented information about how they are using the funding they have received from the Foundation to find better patient treatments and cures. By attending the lunch, our supporters realised the progress that is being made for people living with leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma.

"The lunches play an important role for the Foundation as it gives us a great opportunity to thank our current supporters and showcase the Foundation's work to new corporates."

With the continued support of corporate Australia the Foundation will continue to build on its' support for patients and families and fund further cutting-edge research programs.

FOR THE SHEER LOVE OF IT – A TRIBUTE TO ROSALIE TANNER 3/12/41 TO 15/12/04



Living in various West Australian towns throughout her life, Rosalie wrote poetry and short stories about her experiences as a woman raising a family and helping run a farm in country Australia. Whilst living on a sheep and cattle farm, Rosalie compiled For the Sheer Love of It, a collection of personal poems and short stories. Each poem and story looks at the trials, tribulations and many unexpected joys of country life.

Not wanting to draw attention to her work, Rosalie's poems and short stories were printed anonymously for the local Dandaragan paper, The Red Gum. Written with Rosalie's sly humour and obvious love of those around her, over the years For the Sheer Love of It gained a loyal readership. The column is a sorely missed insight into life in a small, close-knit country community, according to Red Gum readers.

As a thank you to the Leukaemia Foundation for its support of the Tanner family, For the Sheer Love of It has been published in Rosalie's memory. The Tanner family is donating all proceeds from the sale of the book to the Leukaemia Foundation.

To order your copy of For the Sheer Love of it at only \$19.90 (inc GST) please contact Dean Starbuck on 1800 620 420.

Throughout her life, Rosalie Tanner taught the people around her the importance of laughter, love, family and friendship. Not only loved by her family, Rosalie was also a respected and fondly held member of the West Australian farming community.

Sadly, in 2004 after an 18 month battle with leukaemia, the much loved mother to six children and their partners, an adored grandma to fifteen grandchildren and a much loved wife and best friend died.

SADLEIRS TRANSPORT HOST LUNCH IN MEMORY OF EMPLOYEE

WA based company, Saddleirs Transport, extended lunch to all its staff and contractors in memory of valued employee Colleen Herring who recently passed away from leukaemia aged 45.

Ms Herring was diagnosed with the blood cancer just one week after Saddleirs Transport registered for this year's Worlds Largest Lunch. Sadly, Ms Herring passed away only three weeks later.

National Administration Director, Terry Marwick said they have had three other staff members who had either died or were affected by leukaemia in the past and was overwhelmed by the tremendous support from everyone at Saddleirs.

"When Colleen was diagnosed with leukaemia, it made our drive to support the Leukaemia Foundation through World's Largest Lunch even stronger," he says.

"Leukaemia can take people's lives so quickly, so we wanted to raise money to help patients just like Colleen and fund research into a cure."

The Kewdale business fired up all four BBQs and cooked up a huge quantity of bacon, sausages and onions for over 200 lunch goers. With the generous support of many of Saddleirs' clients and associates they managed to secure a significant amount of raffle items.

All guests paid \$5 entry and by the end of the hour long lunch, Saddleirs managed to raise over \$4000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

The Foundation would like to say thank you to Saddleirs for the heart felt support.



STAFF PROFILE – TERESA HYATT



Support Services Coordinator - NT, Teresa Hyatt, works part time in Darwin, Northern Territory. Teresa is responsible for planning, developing and coordinating education and support programs for patients, families, health professionals and the general public.

Teresa worked as a haematology and oncology nurse for

nine years before moving to Darwin, where there is no haematology unit and she became a renal nurse. When the new position in the NT was advertised, which enabled her to return to her 'first love in nursing' and continue to work flexible hours, she leapt at the chance and applied immediately.

The Support Services position in the Northern Territory started at the end of June 2005, coinciding with the opening of the new Leukaemia Foundation office.

Since the position was only recently created, much of Teresa's time is spent increasing awareness of the Foundation. Teresa regularly visits hospitals and has started a program of 'community information evenings' with the first on lymphoma. There is also a plan to start 'in-services' for nurses and other health professionals.

"My position here in the NT is different to that of most of the patient support services team as without a treatment centre here many of our patients go interstate for treatment," says Teresa.

"My role is to inform the patients about and help to organise interstate support. I provide information before they go and welcome them home when they return."

To help with this, Teresa is starting a support group in Darwin next month.

The NT is a huge area and is very multicultural. Another important factor is that many Territorians are far from their extended families be they interstate or overseas.

The NT office is based in Darwin, but Teresa is hoping to be able to do some regional visits over the next year.

"The office here is very small, just Simone the Community Relations Coordinator, myself and our couple of volunteers. This means part of my role is involved in the fundraising side of the Foundation which is something quite new to me, but I am really enjoying people's kindness and generosity," says Teresa.

"All of this sounds like an awful lot for two days a week but things come along gradually. It is great to be working in such a supportive work environment whilst providing such worthwhile services to the community."

VOLUNTEER PROFILE - TONY McMAHON



A loyal volunteer with the Leukaemia Foundation for the past four years, Tony McMahon joined the Foundation following the death of his best friend's 11 year old son to leukaemia.

Tony brings joy to the cancer patients he drives to and from treatment. He even knows which football teams they support!

"I get so much out of volunteering for the Foundation because I know I'm helping people who through no fault of their own are sick," says Tony.

"I drive the patient transport cars, which I love because I'm able to relax the patient on their way to treatment, and then to see them smiling when they come out knowing they don't have to go back for treatment for another week; I know immediately that I'm making a difference."

Demonstrating further generosity, Tony graciously fundraises for the Foundation, selling merchandise and participating in events.

Tony has also started a Volunteers' newsletter distributed to 600 Victorian volunteers, isn't afraid to get behind the reception desk when needed and speaks at corporate and community events about the Foundation.

Tony is so passionate about the Foundation he has recruited friends as drivers for the Foundation's patient transport, and his wife and daughter are also volunteers.