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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.



November truly is the highlight of our funding year, as it features our much anticipated grant announcements for cancer research around Australia.

We were thrilled to award \$9 million to three cutting-edge cancer research centres who are doing fantastic work here in Australia. Please find details about each grant awarded in the article below.

We also mailed out our Christmas newsletter and appeal this month, which features the inspiring stories of four ACRF supporters. A couple of them are cancer survivors, while others have suffered the loss of a loved one to this

terrible disease. We would like to thank them for their openness and honesty in sharing their story at what can be a very difficult time for many Australians.

As always, I have loved meeting a number of passionate ACRF supporters and community fundraisers this month, and I have heard the inspiring stories of many more.

Thank you for your generous support of our organisation, and please do always feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our work or the world-class research we fund.

David Brettell | November 2011

ACRF RESEARCH GRANTS

\$9 million in grants awarded to three cutting-edge research centres in Australia!

The announcement was made at the ACRF annual Chairman's Dinner to the resounding applause of Board members, esteemed researchers and supporters.

The 2011 grant recipients are:

Westmead Institute for Cancer Research - \$5 million: to assist with the development of two new ACRF Melanoma Research Laboratories at the Westmead Millennium Institute in Sydney. The facilities will allow on-site collaboration between internationally recognised melanoma researchers currently working separately at Westmead and Newcastle.



St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research - \$2 million: to expand their existing research centre in Melbourne which specialises in rational drug design and drug treatment targeting for all cancers, with a particular focus on bone and blood cancers.

Ludwig Institute of Cancer Research - \$2 million: to develop a new research centre that will work with Austin Hospital in Melbourne to test new therapeutic approaches for all cancers.

For more details about these fantastic research projects, please visit our website.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Is your Christmas wish-list starting to look the same as last year?

Australians spend billions of dollars on presents at Christmas time but if just a tiny percentage of the cost of these gifts went to cancer research, we could make such an incredible difference.

This Christmas, your donation in lieu of a Christmas gift will help us to:

- Purchase state-of-the-art technologies for testing and analysing new treatments for cancer
- Fund collaborative projects between Australian and International cancer researchers, and...
- Keep world-class Australian scientists working in the best possible facilities to ensure we defeat this terrible disease.

Make your Christmas gifts count towards cancer research this year! Visit www.acrf.com.au for more options.



FUNDRAISING NEWS.



Inspired adventurers cycle Vietnam!

ACRF is very excited for four fundraisers, who have just completed a 13-day

cycle adventure through the cultural byways of Vietnam.

The journey took them through Ho Chi Minh city, to the heart of the Mekong and surrounding villages. The team experienced lessons in Buddhism, the bustle of the floating markets, and of course, over 400km in challenging cycle routes!

ACRF would like to send a huge congratulations and thank you to Fiona and Fiona (pictured), Jayde and Khoa for fundraising a fantastic \$18,390 in the lead up to this life-changing experience.

For those who were unable to sign up for this particular adventure, call us on 1300 884 988 to find out about trekking the Inca Trail in 2012!

ACRF supporters hear from esteemed researcher, Professor Emma Whitelaw.



The ACRF would like to thank Professor Emma Whitelaw, Queensland Institute of Medical Research professor and internationally recognised expert in her field of Epigenetics, for attending an ACRF

luncheon this month at the Royal Bank of Scotland Tower in Sydney.

27km of coastline for cancer research.

They started out bright and early from Otford NSW one Saturday this November. With 27km of NSW coastline stretched out before them, the group of 19 travellers set off in high spirits, having already exceeded their target of \$5,000 for cancer research.

Their track led them through the Royal National Park, with beautiful Bundeena waiting for them as their final destination point.

The ACRF would like to say a huge thank you to the group for such a fantastic effort! Their fundraising total stands currently at \$7,000, but we're still counting!



Professor Whitelaw very generously spoke with a small group of ACRF loyal supporters about her work and the progress being made in cancer research in Australia.

We love being able to spread the word about new discoveries and developments, and are very grateful to Professor Whitelaw for helping us to do so!



COMPANY SUPPORTER OF THE MONTH.

This month the ACRF was delighted to attend a golf day for cancer research, held by **Torch Publishing** in Sydney. The family-run news publishing company is deeply committed to their community, and it was wonderful to see so many local businessmen come together for this relaxed, enjoyable event.

The ACRF is truly grateful to Trent, John and the team at the Torch for raising an incredible \$20,000+ for cancer research.



NOW'S THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

Is 2012 the year you travel the **Inca Trail**? Phone Gilbert at ACRF to find out how you can take this adventure of a life time for cancer research, on 1300 884 988.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS OF THE MONTH.

ACRF would like to acknowledge these funeral directors for helping us support families affected by cancer this month:

- Mannings Funeral Home, NSW
- Andrew Valerio & Sons, NSW
- Le Pine Funerals Mordialloc, VIC
- A. O'Hare Funeral Directors, NSW
- Hills Family Funerals, NSW

"I might not be able to do anything for my wife, but I might be able to do something in the fight against the disease that got her in the end." ACRF Regular Giver, Bruce Lines.

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