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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.



There is a buzz of excitement in the ACRF office – 2012 promises to be a busy year. The coming month in particular is a significant time for cancer: February heralds World Cancer Day on Saturday 4th, with the international theme this year being a very important one: ‘Together it is possible’.

The international movement is committed to reducing premature deaths from cancer by 25% before 2025. It is an ambitious but certainly possible target, provided individuals, families, organisations and government bodies throughout the world continue to invest in cutting-edge research.

February is also Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and we were delighted to hear of a timely discovery by researchers at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research (an ACRF-funded research centre). Their discovery has fantastic potential for early diagnosis of this terrible disease.

Finally I’d like to officially welcome our new Board member, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston (Ret’d). The former Chief of the Australian Defence Force joined the ACRF Board of Trustees in November 2011 and we very much look forward to working with him.

David Brettell | January 2012

RESEARCH NEWS.



New insight into early diagnoses for ovarian cancer.

Ovarian cancer is currently the most lethal gynaecological cancer in Australia. It is very difficult to detect, and is often only discovered once it has spread past the pelvis and into other organs.

But Australian scientists from the Garvan Institute of Medical Research have identified early biochemical changes which may help diagnose the cancer before it spreads.

They used whole genome DNA profiling methods, in collaboration with researchers from the Royal Hospital for Women in Randwick.

“One of the key genes we identified... had not been identified as being misregulated in any cancer before.” said researcher Brian Glass.

Possible new treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia.

Scientists from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) in Melbourne have found a potential ‘achilles heel’ for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML).

They have found that AML cells may be susceptible to medications that target a protein called Mcl-1. Treatments removing that protein from AML cells can rapidly kill these aggressive cancer cells.

“Importantly, non-cancerous blood cells were much less susceptible to dying when Mcl-1 was depleted,” said lead researcher, Dr Stefan Glaser.

“... If Mcl-1 inhibitors are developed, there may be a ‘treatment window’ in which AML cells are killed, while

normal blood cells that are essential for health can be spared, helping patients to recover from the treatment much better.”

The ACRF is proud to have provided significant funds to both of these world-class institutes.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

The ACRF is one of five GOLDEN CHARITIES supported by the world’s biggest timed fun run, the City2Surf.

We have 50 free tickets available for serious fundraisers! Contact Gilbert Lorquet at ACRF to enquire:

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FUNDRAISING NEWS.

Your ticket to a fantastic night out!

'One In All In' is Sydney's next big event! Held in the glamorous Hilton Sydney Grand Ballroom on March 24, 2012, 'One In All In' combines great food and wine, smooth live music, and priceless auction items to raise funds for world-class cancer research.

"You can't help but be pulled into the fight when someone you love is affected by cancer," the event organisers have posted on their website. They then go on to tell their own personal stories, to explain their motivation for putting together this inspiring event: "One In... All In."

Tickets are on sale at \$175 per person, and can be purchased individually or as a full table of 10. You will be looked after with pre-dinner drinks, a three course meal with beer, wine and softdrink included, and live entertainment.

Visit <http://oneinallin.org.au> for details and to purchase your tickets to One In All In!

Vale Kristian Anderson, thank you for your contributions to cancer research.

Kristian Anderson captured the hearts of thousands around the world last year when he posted a birthday video to his wife Rachel on YouTube.

Kristian was diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer in 2009. He became a motivated and inspirational activist for cancer awareness, but his journey sadly ended in January this year.

It takes true team spirit to reach \$30K.

The ladies comprising Kiama Central Netball Club's senior-A team have all supported a parent through cancer. Some have recovered, while others have sadly passed away.

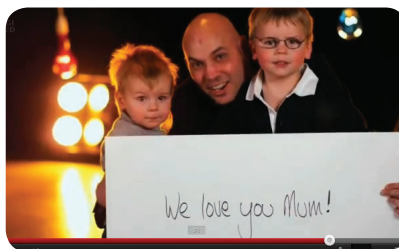
They have therefore set themselves a fantastic target to fundraise \$30,000 for cancer research before the team captain Karen's 30th birthday.

A local trivia night was the team's first fundraising event. This was closely followed by a creative tea-towel drive.

Now the ladies are preparing for their final showdown: "A Bit of Bling Black Tie Ball" for over 360 guests! We wish Karen and the team all the best and thank them for their amazing efforts!



The ACRF was humbled to be a part of Kristian's family's farewell, as they asked for donations to be made to the ACRF at his funeral. We would also like to thank his company FSM for continuing to collect donations in memory of Kristian.



CORPORATE BOX.

QLD Corporate Games

The 13th QLD Corporate Games are set to take Brisbane by storm this May, and ACRF is very excited to be the chosen charity partner.

The Games will feature 15 sporting competitions, with up to 5,000 participants from 130 companies. It's set to be a fantastic weekend!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THIS CHRISTMAS.

The ACRF was delighted to see such generous and inspired Christmas giving this year. Many companies, such as Bruce Thomas Lawyers in Queensland donated in lieu of gifts for staff, while others like Michelle Hill and the families of Canning Close held Christmas party fundraisers. There was even a gingerbread raffle held by The Golden Bakehouse, South Turrumurra!



REGULAR GIVING.

Regular Givers are part of a VIP group of donors who make a long-term commitment to our work. We would like to thank, in particular, the 86 NEW regular givers that signed up with the ACRF in 2011.

Research discoveries of the future have been made possible through your contributions. Thank you.

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