

NEWSLETTER SUMMMER 2011

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CEO'S MESSAGE



Dear Cure Cancer supporters,

A very happy 2011 to you. At Cure Cancer Australia, we are looking forward to another tremendous year supporting Australia's best and brightest cancer researchers.

This year 21 researchers across the country will receive funding. These researchers work across the cancer spectrum in Australia's leading cancer hospitals, universities and institutes. Nine of these research grants are in collaboration with other cancer funding bodies and an additional six are in conjunction with Cancer Australia. This collaboration reduces duplication and the number of applications researchers need to submit. Less bureaucracy equals more time in the lab! Further details can be found in the research section of this newsletter.

I would like to wish our newly registered Can Too run participants all the best, and thank our Can Too swim fraternity who raised an awesome \$550K in VIC and NSW. I participated in the swim program and completed the 1k Cole Classic on the 6th February. It was a wonderful experience. Thanks so much to our sensational coaches, team captains and mentors who help ordinary people achieve the extraordinary, while raising a lot of money for cancer research.

Once again, I thank you for your interest and support and hope you enjoy reading the stories of inspiration we have in this edition of our newsletter.



Leanne Warner
CEO, Cure Cancer Australia

BLACKMORES SYDNEY RUNNING FESTIVAL 100 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Cure Cancer Australia is proud to have been selected as an official charity partner of the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival (BSRF) on Sunday 18th September. In 2010, the BSRF raised a total of \$2.3 M for charity with Cure Cancer Australia and Can Too contributing close to \$1M of this. An achievement of which we are very proud! As a BSRF

charity of choice, we need 100 volunteers to help us cheer and hand out drinks to the runners. Apart from being a fun and rewarding day, this is a way to get behind the BSRF and Cure Cancer Australia.

To register your interest please visit our website www.CURECANCER.org.au or call Debbie Mon – Wed on 1300 134 567.



CLARE & MAHEE
– 2010 CURE CANCER VOLUNTEERS

CURE CANCER RESEARCH INITIATIVES IN 2011

RECORD FUNDING OF \$1.8M TO AUSTRALIAN CANCER RESEARCH IN 2011.



Cure Cancer Australia is proud to announce that 21 outstanding researchers will be exploring fresh approaches to finding a cure for cancer throughout the year.

Working across breast, prostate, brain, lung, ovarian, children's cancers, melanoma, DNA repair and blood cancers, these innovative scientists will receive a total of \$1.8M to advance their research.

Last year Cure Cancer instigated a new national collaborative funding initiative with partnering research organisations; Cancer Council NSW, Prostrate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Leukemia Foundation of Australia and National Breast Cancer Foundation. The aim is to distribute upwards of \$1M each year to collaborative cancer research projects.

The combined funding from all charity partners will total more than \$6M over the next 3-4 years.

We are also pleased to introduce the "Arthur Byrne Fellowship" which will fund one research grant annually in memory of Arthur Byrne. Arthur was a co-founder of Cure Cancer Australia and was posthumously awarded an Order of Australia medal for his inspirational passion and commitment to see a world without cancer.

Cure Cancer Australia's call for 2012 funding is currently open and will close at 5pm on Tuesday 5 April 2011.

See www.CURECANCER.org.au to find out more.

PROFESSOR MARTIN TATTERSALL – CURE CANCER MEDICAL GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROFESSOR MARTIN TATTERSALL'S EXTRAORDINARY 25 YEAR CONTRIBUTION TO CURE CANCER AUSTRALIA HAS BUILT A POWERFUL LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE.

Professor Martin Tattersall (Professor of Cancer Medicine at the University of Sydney) is widely recognised and respected in Australia and internationally for his significant contribution to cancer research. The recipient of countless awards, Martin is widely published, and is a renowned advocate of young cancer investigators.

As Chairman of Cure Cancer Australia's Medical Grants Advisory Committee (MGAC), Martin and his committee ensures Cure Cancer funds are effectively directed to the most promising research projects. This vitally important task could see the young cancer researchers of today being given the chance to make a breakthrough in cancer research for the future. With Martin's guidance, the committee has selected several Cure Cancer early career grant recipients who are now amongst Australia's most prominent cancer researchers. Martin acknowledges that the more support researchers get when they're young,

the more likely they are to have great ideas. This is why he's so appreciative of the Cure Cancer Australia grants program and its backing of young researchers, "A novel idea is as likely to be wrong as right, but unless you try it out you'll never know – that's why Cure Cancer's approach is so valuable."

Cure Cancer Australia cannot thank Martin enough for his immense passion and contribution. After 25 years of service, Martin will be stepping down as the Chair of Cure Cancer's MGAC to be replaced by the highly esteemed Professor Roger Reddel, Head of the Cancer Research Unit at the Children's Medical Research Institute. Roger has been serving on our MGAC since 2003. We will formally farewell Martin at Government House on 12th May while introducing our 2011 Grant Recipients and acknowledging the work of our 2010 funded researchers. For a full profile on Professor Martin Tattersall, visit www.CURECANCER.org.au or call Edith on 1300 134 567.



2011 RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS

IN 2011, CURE CANCER IS DIRECTING \$1.8M OF VITAL SEED FUNDING TO 21 PROMISING YOUNG RESEARCHERS. THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, THESE HEROIC PEOPLE MAY JUST HOLD THE KEY TO A CURE FOR CANCER.



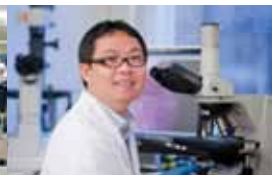
Dr Joshua McCarroll
SUPPORTED BY MACQUARIE GROUP FOUNDATION
TARGETING DRUG RESISTANT GENES IN BRAIN CANCER



Dr Yuyan Chen
SUPPORTED BY THE ARTHUR BYRNE FELLOWSHIP
TUMOUR PROTEIN D52 OVER EXPRESSION AND DNA REPAIR IN CANCER



Dr Susan Woods
SUPPORTED BY THE DENTON FAMILY TRUST
A POTENTIAL TUMOUR SUPPRESSOR FOR MELANOMA



Dr Nai Yang Fu
SUPPORTED BY TOUR DE CURE
IDENTIFICATION OF CELLS OF ORIGIN IN BREAST CANCER



Dr Jennifer Stone
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO, CHERIE KEETLEY NORTH POD
UNDERSTANDING MAMMOGRAPHIC DENSITY AS A PREDICTOR OF BREAST CANCER RISK



Dr Caroline Ford
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
TARGETING A NEW EPIGENETIC THERAPY FOR OVARIAN CANCER



Dr Loretta Lau
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
TELOMERE MAINTENANCE IN NEUROBLASTOMA



Dr Luc Furic
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
TARGETING TREATMENTS FOR PROSTATE CANCER



Dr Steve Lane
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
TREATMENT OF BLOOD DISEASES



Dr Ashley Ng
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
GENETIC INTERACTIONS PREDISPOSING TO LEUKAEMIA



Dr David Ziegler
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
ANTI-APOPTOTIC SIGNALING PATHWAYS IN MALIGNANT GLIOMAS



Dr Jeremy Henson
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
ALTERNATIVE LENGTHENING OF TELOMERES IN LUNG CANCER & PATIENT OUTCOMES/DIAGNOSIS



Dr Heidi Hilton
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
EARLY MALIGNANT TRANSFORMATION



Dr Liz Caldron
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
DNA DAMAGE CHECKPOINTS IN CANCER



Dr Xue Qin Yu
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
STAGE OF CARE PREVALENCE FOR PROSTATE CANCER



Dr Xiaomeng Zhang
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
HIPPO TUMOUR SUPPRESSOR PATHWAY IN BREAST CANCER



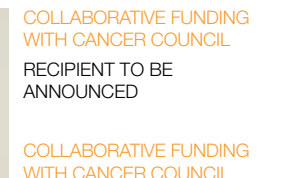
Dr Katie Ashton
SUPPORTED BY CAN TOO
A GENETIC INVESTIGATION OF MUTYH IN MELANOMA DEVELOPMENT



Dr Vibeke Catts
SUPPORTED BY TEAM RACE FOR A CURE 2010
ANTI CANCER EFFECTS OF CHOLESTEROL TRAFFICKING AND SYNTHESIS INHIBITORS IN GLIOBLASTOMA



Dr Flora Tzelepis
SUPPORTED BY CURE CANCER WORKPLACE GIVING
BLOOD CANCER PATIENT CARE



COLLABORATIVE FUNDING WITH CANCER COUNCIL
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For more information about Cure Cancer grant recipients and their projects visit www.CURECANCER.org.au

WE NEED YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT



Your ongoing commitment is essential because even though around one in two Australians is affected by cancer, there still isn't enough money being put into cancer research. More importantly, only a relatively small amount is dedicated to young researchers with innovative ideas which is why Cure Cancer funded research is so vital. We need your long term support. It will enable us to continue to fund the research projects which hold the greatest hope of a new idea, a new approach, a potential breakthrough towards improving treatments and finding a cure for good.

It's incredible what can be achieved through medical research. Just think where we would be now without cancer research. We know with your investment we will cure cancer.

To make a regular monthly donation to Cure Cancer Australia, call Lorraine on 1300 134 567 or see www.CURECANCER.org.au to find out more.

GIVING HOPE IN A REGULAR WAY.

Medical research is one of the most necessary and important causes you could support. Every year cancer sadly steals the lives of 1.4 million people.

Cure Cancer Australia Foundation is one of the very few national Australian organisations dedicated to funding the best innovative young scientists researching prevention, causes, and treatments for all cancers. Our ultimate aim is to find a cure for cancer.

The ongoing, long term support of people just like you is an amazing gift. Your support of \$30 each month may not seem like a large amount, yet in the hands of Cure Cancer Australia's scientists this support will be the starting point to making a profound difference. One hour of research costs as little as \$50. By pledging that amount per month, 12 hours of vital life saving research will be achieved each year.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT CHRISTMAS CARDS PROGRAMME

Cure Cancer Australia would like to advise that our Christmas cards will no longer be available for sale from 2011. We have been extremely fortunate to have received wonderful support from the business community and our loyal cards supporters over the years. Thank you. We will be continuing to use Charity Greeting cards for customised Christmas cards and e-cards and promoting our Cure Kringle concept whereby people can make a donation to cancer research in lieu of a gift.

We are committed to managing effective methods to raise funds for cancer research and will keep you up to date on ways you can continue to support us in our quest to find a cure. Once again, we would like to thank those who have purchased our cards over the years. Should you have any queries regarding our Christmas cards please call Jo on 1300 134 567.



TOUR DE CURE – FRIDAY 1ST - SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2011



The 2011 Tour de Cure looks set to be another outstanding success! Tour de Cure will once again be funding a Cure Cancer Australia research grant this year with Dr Nai Yang Fu's project studying "The identification of cells of origin in breast cancer."

We wish the team riding for a cure the very best of luck and thank them for their courage and determination to finish this challenging ride to see "a world without cancer, nothing less." For more information visit www.TOURDECURE.org.au

RACE FOR A CURE 2010



GREG had never heard of Cure Cancer before he received an email about the Race for a Cure. "The name of the Foundation is all you need to know about it. *My first thought was everyone knows that there is no cure for cancer,*" but my second thought was *maybe there is – someone has to find it*". Greg convinced his family to let him live in the moment for 14 days as he cycled, trekked and roughed his way across Asia. "It's amazing how friendly people can be and what you can accomplish if you don't let fear rule your emotions." Greg now has a deep appreciation of the work being done by everyone involved with Cure Cancer and despite the challenges, given the chance he would do it all again in a heartbeat.

FIONA has survived cancer, her friend has been battling it for over 10 years and her mum lost her fight. "Cure Cancer's work will help reduce the challenges faced by anyone impacted by cancer.

In November 2010, Fiona McWhinnie and Greg Buxton were teamed up to join 16 other adventurers and raced their way across Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos for Cure Cancer. Here's what they had to say about their experience.

This trip has given me back some confidence I have lost over the years. I know I can do anything I put my mind to but sometimes I hold back in fear that I may not succeed – I know now that I should just do it anyway." Fiona learnt Cure Cancer Australia not only funds research, but the money goes to new projects and getting that first grant is really hard. "Cure Cancer is really at the forefront of ensuring we have the best chance to find a cure. The people we travelled with were all amazing and everyone was challenged at some point. Flying through the canopies of Thailand on zip wires, floating along the river on fishing kayaks in Cambodia, spending a night with the villagers in Laos and Vietnam, the views all through out – the whole trip was just amazing." "There were some really special moments and sights. It didn't matter how exhausted we were, how much we hurt, how hot it was or how challenging the next stage was, we stuck together and got the job done. We did it and we were all so satisfied."

"Tomorrow we are doing it for the researcher who may very well find a cure to this awful disease. As a group we have raised \$106,096! That's enough to fund a young, innovative person who very well may unlock the key to a cure; something everyone in our group deserves to be proud of."

– KYLE, TRIP LEADER, NOV 2010.



RACE FOR A CURE IS ON AGAIN!
November 2011. See
www.CURECANCER.org.au for details.

UPCOMING INSPIRED ADVENTURES

TREK PERU
May 2011

CLIMB KILIMANJARO
July 2011 and February 2012

RUN NEW YORK MARATHON
November 2011

EVEREST BASE CAMP
February 2012



You can get involved in one of these adventures of a lifetime while raising funds for cancer research. Visit www.CURECANCER.org.au or email lorraine@cure.org.au

CAN TOO SWIMMING

Summer is here and with it the Can Too swimming season.



We were so excited to have our inaugural Can Too Swim in **Melbourne** this year. Twenty-seven hardy Melbournians donned their wetsuits in Port Phillip Bay every Saturday come rain, hail or shine and in temperatures that we Sydney siders wouldn't get out of bed for, let alone go to the beach. They were spectacular! We turned non swimmers into dolphins and swimmers into legends on Australia Day this year. Congratulations Melbourne Can Too Swim!

Sydney swim continues to grow and with it two new pods in Terry Hills and Alexandria. Three hundred and sixty Can Toosers faced their fears and took on the challenge of the ocean at the Macquarie Big Swim Palm to Whale Beach and the Cole Classic Manly 1km & 2 km swim.

Cure Cancer's intrepid leader Leanne Warner took on the Can Too challenge for the first time. Go Leanne! Adam Wicks and Jenny Biggin from Cure Cancer also faced their ocean demons and put their money where their mouths are.



CURE CANCER'S CEO LEANNE CELEBRATING HER FIRST 1KM OCEAN SWIM!



ADAM & FRIENDS IN THEIR FUNDRAISING HOODIES AFTER COMPLETING THE BIG 2.5KM SWIM!

CAN TOO HEROES

Two new **Can Too Heroes** were born this summer. Yes Margaret Anne Hayes and Mark Beale have raised \$50,000 for Can Too and Cure Cancer Australia. **Can Too Legends** have raised over \$20,000 and we also congratulate Anne Riches and Ben Chadwick on this wonderful achievement. Can Too celebrated 14 new **Champions** in 2010. We now have 37 amazing people who have raised over \$10,000! Look out for those badges on their singlets.



ANNIE AND HERO
MARGARET-ANNE HAYES



CAN TOO HERO MARK BEALE
WITH CRESS

\$6,000,000 MILESTONE REACHED



It is no wonder we reached the \$6M milestone and are already well on our way to \$7M. Thank you to everyone reading this. It is because of your continued support we have been able to achieve amazing success. The money will be used to fund an awe inspiring group of researchers for 2011.

FIRST CAN TOO BABY BORN



Yes we are creating little Can Too scientists. The first Can Too baby Sophie Bowles was born last September to coach Chris Bowles and Mac Uni pod guru Alana Lechminka who met during their first Can Too Program. Join Can Too and your life will change!!

THANK YOU



CAN TOO CENTURIONS –
SIMON & MARTIN

Once again, Can Too must thank **Macquarie Group Foundation** for the incredible and enduring partnership we have forged. Macquarie Group continue to be behind us 100% of the way, covering our program costs, providing us with support in many areas: volunteering, participating, media contacts and general counsel. Thank you too **Centurions**: Cooper Investors, Simon Buckingham and Martin Patience.

We would also like to thank **TYR** for donating our wonderful Can Too cossies, to **Fancy Films** for creating our Community Service Announcements, **Coca Cola Amatil** for donating our Powerade, **Adshel** for the fantastic posters that are all around town and

MATT HAYDEN CAN TOO COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to Matt Hayden for fronting our new television Community Service Announcement (CSA). It is humbling to see how much support we get from very busy people!

RUNNING SEASON

Can Too running season begins with the SMH Half Marathon, Gold Coast Marathon (Sydney training), Brisbane and Melbourne training. Go to www.CANTOO.org.au to register! Look out for our new pods on the Gold Coast, Geelong and Burwood East!

to all the wonderful volunteers who come into the office, water and feed us on the beach after training sessions, and serve at our events. Thank you to our **guest speakers** who provide us with words of wisdom. Above all thank you to the **Team Captains and Mentors** who go above and beyond the call of duty to support us in our fundraising and help us to achieve our swimming and running goals and our fantastic **coaches** – without which we would never realise our true glory!

Annie
& the Can Too Team **xxx**

COMMUNITY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

We would love you to get behind and support our upcoming events. From sailing days, cabaret evenings, running for Cure Cancer, outdoor lunches through to our World's Best BYO at Australasia's number one restaurant "Quay," there is something for everyone.

For more information on these events visit our website www.CURECANCER.org.au or call Jo on 1300 134 567.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TICKETS
12 MARCH	Bobbin Head Cruising Club Sail for Cancer Day	Bobbin Head – Sydney	\$50 including a relaxing cruise to Refuge Bay & lunch
8-10 APRIL	Bling it On! Cabaret Show	North Sydney Leagues Club	\$35 Adults. Matinee \$25
1-10 APRIL	Tour de Cure Race	Sydney – Melbourne	Cheer on the racers!
12 MAY	Cure Cancer Australia Research Focus Evening	Government House	By invitation only
21 JUNE	World's Best BYO – Quay Restaurant	Sydney	\$1,000 per ticket
25 SEPTEMBER	Marathon Long Lunch	Sydney	\$140 per head

WHITE TIE & TIARA EVENING – BRUNEI



From half way across the world in Brunei, Karen Storah and three of her colleagues recently held a successful fundraiser for Cure Cancer Australia.

The dynamic foursome all recently had friends and relatives touched by cancer and it prompted them to give back. They chose to donate to cancer research as they feel this is the key to better care and treatment and in some cases a cure so people with cancer can have a better chance of survival.

There is a small expatriate community in Brunei and the committee chose to have a white tie and Tiara theme and to auction items to raise funds. They received donations locally as well from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore,

Nepal and the UK. Auction items varied from sports memorabilia, artwork and holidays to pampering treats and gifts from the Dalai Lama! A friend from Perth even shaved off her hair to raise money. The event was supported by 140 people sharing a wonderful meal and dancing while raising \$14,000 for cancer research. The committee is keen to run this event again!

Thank you so much to Karen, Margaret, Amanda and Mandie for organising this very special event to raise funds for Cure Cancer Australia.

HAVE AN IDEA OR WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

If you have a great idea for a fundraising event or a community initiative you would like to organise – call Lorraine or Jo on 1300 134 567 and we can discuss your idea with you. It is only through the support of the community we truly can make a difference.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to our community groups and their supporters for volunteering their time, and for their passion and commitment to raise funds to help realise a world without cancer.

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