

Fight Cancer News

Newsletter of the Fight Cancer Foundation

Footy Colours Day 2011

The One Day in September to Fight Cancer and Save Lives

Footy Colours Day 2010, was an outstanding success and was supported by individuals, schools, companies and organisations nationwide. They had great fun whilst raising much needed funds to enable the Foundation to continue to give hope and save lives.

Hundreds of thousands of children and adults wore their favourite team colours of any code – AFL – NRL – Rugby Union and Soccer and held sausage sizzles, footy matches, footy trivia nights and footy themed breakfasts; all to raise money for the Fight Cancer Back On Track program to support children living with cancer.

Back on Track was developed to prevent students from being disadvantaged because of their isolation during long treatment and recovery periods. The Fight Cancer Foundation provides children with cancer the opportunity to realise their full potential, educationally and socially.

Excitement is growing for Fight Cancer Foundation's Footy Colours Day 2011. Registrations are coming in fast for this special day in September which gives all Australians the opportunity to have some fun and help children living with cancer.

Mark your Calendar – Save the Date – Show Your True Colours. Footy Colours Day 2011 is Friday, 2 September or any day you choose. Registrations are open so register on-line today! www.footycoloursday.com.au



Richmond's Trent Cotchin shows his True Colours.
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The Ultimate Ride to Fight Cancer

Engines are revving up for the 7,600 km *Ultimate Ride to Fight Cancer* sponsored by Harley Davidson. The 'tour with a difference' will visit some of Australia's best-known gastronomic regions of fine food and wine and at the same time raise funds for the Foundation.

The Ultimate Ride will kick start in Dean Street, Albury on Thursday April 28 with a mayoral send off. Fellow riders from around Australia will meet up in historic McLaren Vale on Friday April 29 before commencing the trip to Darwin on Saturday April 30. The ride will be in 200-800 kilometre stages and will take the riders through the Northern Territory to Darwin and then down through WA to finish on May 13 when the riders will

arrive at Margaret River for a magnificent finale at Xanadu Winery. Guests will enjoy a wonderful dinner prepared by internationally renowned restaurateur, Tony Bilson; complemented with fine wines.

"It's an opportunity for Harley Davidson riders to enjoy a magnificent ride, visit some of Australia's finest wine country, make new friends and also make a difference for people living with cancer" says organiser Trevor Knaggs from King River Estate.

The money raised by the Harley enthusiasts will go towards the Fight Cancer Albury Wodonga Accommodation Centre and will address the critical need for affordable, safe accommodation for

patients and carers in rural Victoria and New South Wales needing to attend hospitals in the Albury Wodonga area.

If you would like to register to participate in The Ultimate Ride please contact Matt Barrett at matthewbarrett4@bigpond.com

Can't make the ride? You can still help make this vital community project a reality by making a donation today!!

To donate to the Albury Wodonga Accommodation Centre Appeal, please go to www.fightcancer.org.au, click on DONATE and follow the prompts or contact the Fight Cancer Foundation on 03 9342 7888.

Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.



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21st Anniversary

The Fight Cancer Foundation celebrated its 21st anniversary at an afternoon reception at Government House on February 15, hosted by the Foundation's Patron in Chief, Professor David de Kretser, Governor of Victoria and Mrs Jan de Kretser. More than 140 guests, including founding members, past and present board members, staff, volunteers and supporters gathered to commemorate 21 years of the Foundation's achievements.

Professor de Kretser spoke glowingly about important life saving projects that the Foundation has established over the last 21 years; the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry, BMDI Cord Blood Bank, Rotary Bone Marrow Research Laboratories, BMDI Rotary House, Fight Cancer Back on Track program, John Opie House in Hobart and the latest initiative, the Albury Wodonga Accommodation Centre.

The John Opie Scholarship, named in memory of past President John Opie was presented to Duygu Karaman by the Governor. Duygu a former Back on Track student thanked Kaplan Business School Australia, sponsors of the John Opie Scholarship, for the opportunity to pursue her dream of attending university.

Morag Latta, National Manager Student Services, Mark Falvo, College Director and Kristina Nicholls, National Lecturer Marketing and Management, of Kaplan Business School, were on hand to congratulate Duygu.



Members of the Opie family, Kaplan Business School and Fight Cancer Foundation congratulate Duygu.

Albury Wodonga Accommodation Centre Appeal Launch

On 23 February, we launched the Fight Cancer Albury Accommodation Centre Appeal in partnership with Rotary, Lions and Zonta Service Clubs, at the Commercial Club in Albury. The target is to raise \$2.5 million dollars for this important project which is critical to the people of the region who need treatment in Albury and its surrounds.

The launch was attended by the Member for Albury, Greg Aplin, and project patrons the Mayors of Albury and Wodonga, Councillors Alice Glachan and Mark Byatt. The appeal was kick started with a donation of \$100,000 from the Rotary, Lions and Zonta Clubs and two individual donations of \$25,000 each from Tonia Timmermans and David and Jo-Anne Armstrong.

The new centre will provide a vital piece of health infrastructure in the Albury Wodonga region.

To donate to the Albury Wodonga Accommodation Centre Appeal go to **DONATE** at www.fightcancer.org.au



Fight Cancer Foundation Chairman John Barbour (left) receives a cheque for \$100,000 from the Rotary, Lions and Zonta Clubs

Thank You to Trusts and Foundations

The support of Trusts and Foundations is crucial to the Fight Cancer Foundation and enables us to continue to deliver ongoing programs and services to cancer patients and their families.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the trusts and foundations that supported our projects in 2010 with their generous grants.

Freemasons Public Charitable Foundation and The Marian & E.H. Flack Trust – to support BMDI Rotary House

The John T Reid Charitable Trusts and The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation – to support the Fight Cancer Foundation Back to Work program

Helen Macpherson Smith Trust – funding for the BMDI Cord Blood Bank

GW Vowell Foundation, Joe White Bequest and L.E.W. Carty Charitable Fund – to support the Rotary Bone Marrow Research Laboratories

The NAB Community Grant, ANZ Foundation, RM Ansett Trust and The William Angliss (Victoria) Charitable Fund – to support the Fight Cancer Back on Track program

Victorian Government Department of Planning & Community Development – to support the Geelong Recycle Shop volunteers

Commonwealth Government Department Health & Aging – to support the Leukaemia and Breast Cancer Support Groups