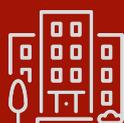


# Fight Cancer Foundation News



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## From the Managing Director

It's hard to believe that we are close to the end of 2018. As I reflect on the year that has been, I am grateful for Fight Cancer Foundation's loyal and supportive community, of which you are an important member.

Together, we have continued to ease the burden of a cancer diagnosis by offering families practical support.

Our accommodation centres in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania provide families with a home away from home when they need it most.

Our education support programs ensure children and young people receiving and recovering from cancer treatment stay engaged with their education.

Our continued funding of research into blood disorders and cancers of the blood create better patient outcomes.

Thank you for being a part of the Fight Cancer Foundation community. It's an honour to work alongside you to improve the outcomes for people living with cancer and their families.

Wishing you and yours a safe and relaxing festive season.



Eric Wright  
Managing Director



## With your support we're fighting cancer from the lab

### Dr Mary Ann Anderson

A recipient of Fight Cancer Foundation research funding, Dr Mary Ann Anderson was awarded Fight Cancer Foundation's inaugural **Fay Duncan Award for Women in Medical Research**, by our patrons Deborra-lee Furness and Hugh Jackman.

A haematologist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Dr Anderson holds a joint position at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute as a post-doctoral clinician scientist. Her research focuses on new treatments for blood cancers, in particular leukaemia and lymphoma.

Dr Anderson's long term goal is to develop better treatments for people with cancer, without the serious side effects of chemotherapy.



Dr Anderson was presented the Fay Duncan Award for Women in Medical Research by our Patrons Deborra-lee Furness and Hugh Jackman and Managing Director Eric Wright.

### BMDI Cord Blood Bank

For 22 years, BMDI Cord Blood Bank has provided cord blood units for life-saving stem cell transplants to help treat leukaemia and other life-threatening illnesses.

Cord blood is rich in stem cells, the building blocks of all blood cells in our bodies. Cord blood stem cells can be transplanted to people with blood cancer and blood related disorders.

Since 1996 **13,863** Cord Blood Units have been banked. **558** of those units have been released in Australia and around the world.

Each Cord Blood Unit released brings hope for a cure to someone with leukaemia and other types of cancer and blood disorders.

Through the BMDI Cord Blood Bank, Fight Cancer Foundation provides a second chance at life for people around the world.

# 2018 Highlights



## The Little Red Luncheon, March.

The Little Red Luncheon, at Frogmore Creek Winery in Tasmania, raised more than \$27,000! All funds raised support Fight Cancer Foundation's Hobart accommodation centre.

## Fay Duncan Award for Women in Medical Research, July.

Dr Anderson was awarded Fight Cancer Foundation's inaugural Fay Duncan Award for Women in Medical Research, by our patrons Deborra-lee Furness and Hugh Jackman.



## Red Ball Melbourne, September.

Close to \$700,000 was raised at Red Ball Melbourne to support Fight Cancer Foundation's life-saving research and vital support services. Celebrating all things red, the evening was hosted by the wonderful Brodie Harper and guests enjoyed a show-stopping performance from Paulini.



## Tenth Anniversary of John Opie House, November.

November marked the tenth anniversary of our Hobart accommodation centre, John Opie House.

## Red Ball Adelaide, June.

The third annual Red Ball Adelaide was held on Saturday 2 June at the InterContinental Adelaide. Red Ball Adelaide 2018 was the most successful yet, with all funds raised supporting South Australian children and young people living with cancer.



## Footy Colours Day, September.

The kids from our education programs joined in the Footy Colours Day celebrations this year with special footy themed learning sessions that included visits from AFL, AFLW and A-League stars. You couldn't wipe the smile off the kids' faces as they donned their favourite team's colours.



## CureTOUR, October.

A group of dedicated community fundraisers, known as CureTOUR, rode for more than 1200km from Geelong to Adelaide over eight days. This incredible group has raised more than \$200,000 to eradicate cancer since 2010.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2018.**

Visit [fightcancer.org.au](http://fightcancer.org.au) to learn more and make a life-saving donation.