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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF **CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT**

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Childhood Cancer Support Inc
6pm, 24 September 2018
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Financial members of Childhood Cancer Support welcome.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

August has been a huge month with much exciting activity happening at Childhood Cancer Support.

On Sunday 5 August, the annual Patricia Fechner Memorial Golf Day was held in Rosewood – this was a great day as usual with lots of support for our organisation. Patricia's family are to be commended for organising such a wonderful event each year. This year they raised \$1,600 for Childhood Cancer Support.

St Laurence's College nominated Childhood Cancer Support as one of the charities they are supporting in their walkathon in 2018. The walkathon was held on Friday 10 August and there were almost 2,000 students running and walking the course through Brisbane. A sea of yellow, the college's colour, looked very impressive as the students navigated the 15km course around the streets of Brisbane. \$5000 has been raised for Childhood Cancer Support. Thank you St Laurence's College for your support.

On 11 August the annual Ride for Love event was held and what an impressive event it was! This year the event attracted 91 bikes – more than double compared to last year. The bikes were farewelled by Member for Gaven, Meaghan Scanlon, then travelled from Nerang, through to the Gold Coast hinterland and onto Jimboomba for morning tea. At the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital we met the Deputy Premier and Member for South Brisbane, the Hon. Jackie Trad and the Acting Chief Executive of Children's Health Queensland, Frank Tracey, who joined representatives of Childhood Cancer Support and the Gold Coast Chapter of the Harley Owners Group to visit the children in the oncology ward.

Toc H generously donated 80 tickets to Childhood Cancer Support to allow our families the opportunity to attend the annual EKKA day in Brisbane on Sunday 19 August. Toc H is a volunteer movement dedicated to building friendships and offering service throughout the community. Their outstanding support of Childhood Cancer Support is commendable and we are extremely grateful for their tireless support of our organisation.

On Sunday 26 August, Childhood Cancer Support's team participated in the Bridge to Brisbane event in Brisbane. It was a wet soggy day but we were not complaining as we desperately needed the rain. The event is so much fun and we thank all participants for their support on the day.

Successful Grants

I am excited to announce that we have had success with 6 grants from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund in their February 2018 round which was announced in early August. A total of \$83,000 in grant funding has been awarded to Childhood Cancer Support to assist us to upgrade our facilities for the comfort of our families. Grant purchases include –

- Woolloongabba House – new flooring in short term accommodation upstairs; Fridge; new stove; outdoor furniture; window furnishings
- Crown Street – children's playground equipment; outdoor furniture; BBQ
- Allara House – replace all external stairs, ramps and railings
- Kyeema House – new window furnishings
- Thiess Dempsey House – repairs to front verandah; new fridges; new TVs; new window furnishings; interior painting of all units
- Nunyara House – new Sunguard shade sail over playground area; shelving in storage room; children's playground equipment

Our heartfelt thanks is extended to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for their support of Childhood Cancer Support. The upkeep of our facilities is ongoing and to receive this wonderful support from funders ensures that we can continue to provide that home away from home for our families.

Thank you to Lucy

I am sad to advise that our Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Lucy-Kate Hughes, is leaving Childhood Cancer Support on 4 September to further her career. Lucy has been with us for almost 3 years and has grown in her role looking after the marketing and communications for our organisation. This is Lucy's last Heart to Heart newsletter for us. We wish her all the best for the future. We will miss you Lucy and please stay in touch with your CCS family.

Until next time,

Helen Crew
General Manager



Family Services

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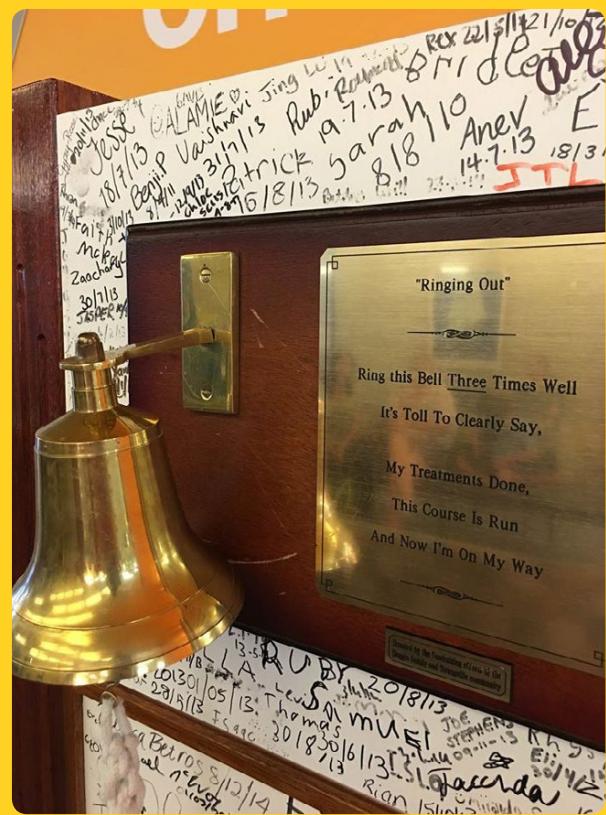
Congratulations to beautiful Scarlett who rang the 'Final Bell' on Thursday 23 August to signify the end of her chemotherapy treatment.

Scarlett fought bravely against Ewings Sarcoma and on Wednesday 29 August, was able to head home. Thank you to mum Anna and Scarlett for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful moment in Scarlett's journey. Well done Scarlett, we are very proud of you.



The 'Final Bell' at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital (LCCH) signifies the end of treatment for paediatric oncology patients. Children, alongside their families, friends and staff of LCCH gather around and watch as they ring that bell with huge smiles on their faces. The kids are also presented with a certificate and in addition sign their name on the bell board. When your child is first diagnosed, seeing yourself being in this particular moment seems so far, but when you get there, what an overwhelming but amazing milestone to reach.

Though there are the times we celebrate the end of treatment, we also take a moment to reflect and remember those who have fought and are still fighting the battle, the inspirational stories, the strength and resilience of children and families, and those we have lost. *"There is no footprint too small to leave an imprint on this world"* - (Author unknown), and it is the moments and memories we as humans cherish, that will always last a lifetime.





RIDE FOR LOVE | 11 August 2018

Picture this! The sun is shining, the sky is blue, and there is excited chatter echoing the suburb of Nerang as more than 90 bikes and their passengers gear up to hit the road for the second annual 'Ride for Love'.

The day involved pillion passengers experiencing the thrill of a ride on a Harley-Davidson while supporting Childhood Cancer Support at the same time! The Gold Coast Harley Owners Group took the group on a ride through the beautiful Gold Coast Hinterland then onto Brisbane! But we are getting ahead of the details here.

The Ride started at the Gold Coast Harley Owners Group workshop at Nerang complete with a BBQ breakfast and of course – coffee! It was here at Nerang the ride kicked off with Member for Gaven, Meaghan Scanlon, seeing them on their way. The riders were lead by ride organiser Stuart Love with their first stop of the day on Mt Tamborine. A spectacular view that was simply breathtaking. After working up a bit of an appetite it was then onto Jimboomba for a very impressive and delicious morning tea set up by the lovely ladies on the clown bus! From here the riders made their way to Brisbane for a stop at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital where they were able to meet and greet families at the hospital. Joined by Deputy Premier and Member for South Brisbane, the Hon. Jackie Trad and Acting Chief Executive of Children's Health Queensland, Frank Tracey, a small group made their way up to visit the children in the oncology ward to hand out gift bags. To finish off the day it was then onto Frew Park at Milton to have some fun. A BBQ lunch was held with popcorn, fairy floss and cold drinks on offer. During lunch a raffle was held as well as a live auction! Congratulations to all the lucky winners on the day.

The day to put it simply, was a huge hit and a lot of fun. It was thanks to a huge group of people behind the scenes that made this event double the success and double the excitement but it wouldn't be what it was without two very special people, Stuart and Leanne Love. The Love's, who have recently been appointed Childhood Cancer Support's Gold Coast Ambassadors, put their heart and soul into this day and this resulted in a successful event to be proud of. Stuart & Leanne's introduction to Childhood Cancer Support was in 2010 when their youngest daughter Emma was diagnosed with Spindle Cell Rhabdomyosarcoma. It was with Childhood Cancer Support that their family stayed on and off again at the Herston accommodation facilities throughout 2010 to 2012. Sadly, Emma passed away in 2013 at the age of 13. The 'Ride for Love' honours their daughter Emma's memory whilst also raising funds for Childhood Cancer Support. We are extremely proud to say that the event raised a significant amount of over \$16,000. *cont.*



As mentioned, this day was put together thanks to many wonderful, generous people and local businesses. We look forward to watching this event grow as plans are already under way for 2019. For more pictures and info about the day be sure to visit the Ride for Love facebook page at: www.facebook.com/Emmalove04

Many thanks to:

- Leanne & Stuart Love
- Gold Coast Harley Owners Group
- Subcommittee 'Ride for Love' (Lisa & Rob Hunt, Brad & Shelley Hawkins, Neil Shardlow, Stuart & Leanne Love)
- Brisbane Harley Owners Group
- Childhood Cancer Support staff, committee and volunteers
- Young Ambassador Brooke Kaluzyn
- Brian & Lois Shinners
- Rotaract Group volunteers
- Deputy Premier Jackie Trad
- Member for Gaven, Meaghan Scanlon
- Lady Cilento Children's Hospital
- Rotary Club of Jimboomba (Jo Thomas)
- Zealous Air Brush Studio (Damien Gormly)
- Rise & Devour (Robin Cadman)
- Gasoline Alley Harley Owners Group
- Clowns (Ladies on the bus!)
- Morning Tea & Ladies Bus (Max & Leonie Munn)
- Auctioneer (David Stanes)
- AMAG (Gary & Robyn Howard)
- Photographers Osamu & Miyoko Yamashita
- ICON Cancer Group (Chris)
- Smiggle (Lyndall Hawkins)
- Coles & Kmart Cannonhill
- Donations (Hawkins Family, Julie Sudgen, Sue Jones, Violet Brown, Angela Sullivan, Saym Barnham, Love Family, Rusty 'The Ginger Touch')
- Toc H volunteers





Ahoy there!

This September, your workplace, school and childcare centre can help provide a home for families in cancer treatment.

Talk Like a Pirate Day™ is an opportunity to polish ye hook and say "AHOY there, me hearties" to all ye mateys, school crew and work mates. It is also the official fundraising day in Australia for Childhood Cancer Support.

Talk Like a Pirate Day™ gives people throughout Australia a chance to loosen their ties, do away with uniforms, hunt for treasure and talk like a Pirate.

Traditionally, Talk Like a Pirate Day™ is held on the 19th September, and this year it falls on a Wednesday! So shiver ye timbers and join us in raising vital funds and awareness of childhood cancer, as well as helping Childhood Cancer Support and the regional families we assist. It's easy and it's fun...

- Dress up in your best pirate costume and hold a Gold Coin donation
- Hold a 'High Seas Sausage Sizzle', morning tea or bake sale to raise funds for families in treatment and donate funds raised
- Purchase Talk Like A Pirate Day merchandise
- Have your boss 'Walk the Plank' for a good cause (don't forget to get pics!)

REGISTER TODAY
www.ccs.org.au
19th September 2018

Every year, thousands of adults and children join together to support families and children living with cancer. Childhood Cancer Support raises money through exciting events like Talk Like a Pirate Day™ to help keep families together during their child's treatment. Workplaces across the country can make an immediate impact, right when they need it most.

So! We will give you some handy fundraising hints but when and how you choose to enjoy the day is entirely up to you. To get on board, head to www.ccs.org.au to register your details for this year's Talk Like a Pirate Day™! We will send you an email closer to the day to help you prepare for a great day supporting a worthwhile cause.

We look forward to having you join us this year for Talk Like a Pirate Day™.



BRIDGE TO BRISBANE

The Childhood Cancer Support team were back for this year's Bridge to Brisbane! As expected it was a wonderful day, albeit the weather was a little dismal, but nonetheless the team had a lot of fun and completed the 5km and 10km with big smiles and laughs.

Thank you team Childhood Cancer Support who took part in both the 5km and 10km course. We had walkers AND joggers! Well done to little Ali who ran the whole 5km course and beat her personal best. We would also like to thank one of our lovely mums Maree and sister-in-law Amy who were on the 10km track and to Jane and Loretta on the 5km!

Thank you to Jane and Loretta who also raised over \$1300 for Childhood Cancer Support and in honour of Jane's niece, Bella.

We will be back next year so be sure to pencil it in your 2019 calendar!



ST LAURENCE'S WALKATHON

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the 49th annual St Laurence's Walkathon, held on Friday 10 August. Over 1,800 students and 200 staff participated in a 15km walk along the Brisbane River.

Through the support of the College community and generous sponsors, an estimated \$40,000 has been raised for five chosen charities, one of which is Childhood Cancer Support.

The boys were in high spirits on the day and showed tremendous enthusiasm.

Congratulations again and thank you for welcoming Childhood Cancer Support into your school community with welcoming arms and support.



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Have you met our friends at GO Creative!?

GO Creative is an Australian-owned web development company based in Shailer Park, QLD. The business began in 2001 and specialises in developing first-class websites, managing them, and increasing their visibility online. Their local team of website and marketing professionals helps businesses in Logan and Brisbane to grow, through considerable experience, honest advice, and transparent practices.

Be sure to check them out at: www.go-creative.com.au



PATRICIA FECHNER MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

On August 5 we had the pleasure of attending the annual 'Patricia Fechner Memorial Golf Day'.

The Patricia Fechner Memorial Golf Day is an annual event in honour of Patricia, who sadly lost her life to brain cancer. The day involves family, friends and colleagues coming together and having fun over a game of golf. This year, the theme for the day was 'favourite sports colours'. The day was full of energy and laughter and as expected, some creative outfits were on show.

Congratulations to the Fechner and Byrne family on another successful day and raising **over \$1600**. We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support over the years.



GRILL'D LOCAL MATTERS

This month we were back on the Grill'd 'Local Matters' jars at Grill'd Eagle St Pier, Brisbane City.

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program where each month the public get a chance to vote at each of the Grill'd restaurants. The three nominated charities on the jars for that month will then share in a \$500 prize thanks to the Grill'd local community program. It's a win win and a delicious one at that! Keep an eye out for next month's newsletter to see where we placed.



VOLUNTEER DAY

TRANSURBAN VOLUNTEER DAY

A HUGE and heartfelt thank you to the **Transurban Asset Division** team who volunteered this month at our South Brisbane properties.

As soon as they arrived the team got stuck into work straight away. They cleaned our BBQ, mowed the lawns, cleaned up the weeds in the gardens, potted plants, gurnied the driveways, stock counted merchandise, cleaned walls, did washing, labelled all the linen, stained the outdoor settings and even moved furniture!

WHAT. A. TEAM! They had smiles on their faces the whole day and were such a lovely, friendly group.

To complete this type of work can be hard for our small team of staff but this group managed to complete it all in one day. A huge thank you to the Transurban Asset Division team for making a significant difference.



FIVER FOR A FARMER

As an organisation who primarily supports regional and rural families from QLD and NSW, this month we got behind our families and farmers who are doing it tough.

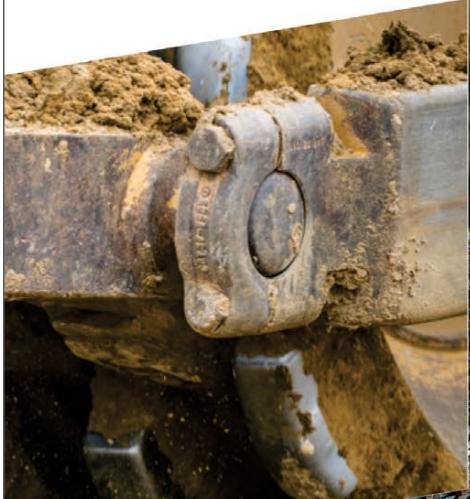
Childhood Cancer Support staff dressed up for the day in support of Hit105's fundraising initiative 'Fiver for a Farmer'. The staff were able to raise funds to purchase hay for Australian farmers and their live stock.

Through this campaign, Hit105 were able to raise over \$100,000 for Rural Aid and our Aussie farmers! Thank you to Hi105 and everyone involved.





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WIN BIG AND PLAY FOR PURPOSE



We have teamed up with Play For Purpose, an innovative solution that rewards both supporters and charities, it is a world-first and the ultimate win-win charity lottery. For each ticket sold under Childhood Cancer Support, we receive 60% of the ticket cost, going towards accommodation and services we provide to paediatric oncology families.

AND GUESS WHAT! By supporting our cause, you have a 1 IN 19 chance of winning the following AWESOME prizes:

- 1st prize \$500k of Gold Bullion
- 2nd prize \$150k luxury car package
- 3rd prize \$25k travel experience
- 4th prize \$10 travel escape
- 5th prize \$5k travel recharge
- PLUS! 11,100 worth of gift card prizes!!!!

So how do you get your hands on these tickets you ask? Tickets are on sale for \$25 each, so simply visit the link below, select buy tickets, search for Childhood Cancer Support and hit purchase! It's as simple as that.

Draw closes in September and with only 200,000 tickets to be sold you don't want to miss out! So go on.. play for purpose.

Visit <https://www.playforpurpose.com.au/childhood-cancer-support>

Coming Up in 2018

WHAT'S COMING UP IN 2018

For more information please email info@ccs.org.au

MONTHLY FAMILY BBQs from 5.30pm

When: Fri 31st August
Fri 28th September
Fri 23rd November

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

*Registrations open!

When: 19th September
Where: Nationwide - Schools, Childcare Centres, Corporate, groups and individuals

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY EVENT

When: 19th September
Where: Queensland Maritime Museum
Open to all paediatric oncology families

HALLOWEEN PARTY

When: 26th October
Where: Community Room, Herston

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: 1st December
Where: TBC

EVERYDAY HERO EVENTS & FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Looking at participating in an event whilst raising funds for charity at the same time? Childhood Cancer Support has collaborated with Everyday Hero, allowing you to set up your very own fundraising platform. To register for any of the events below visit the website's listed and hit start fundraising today!

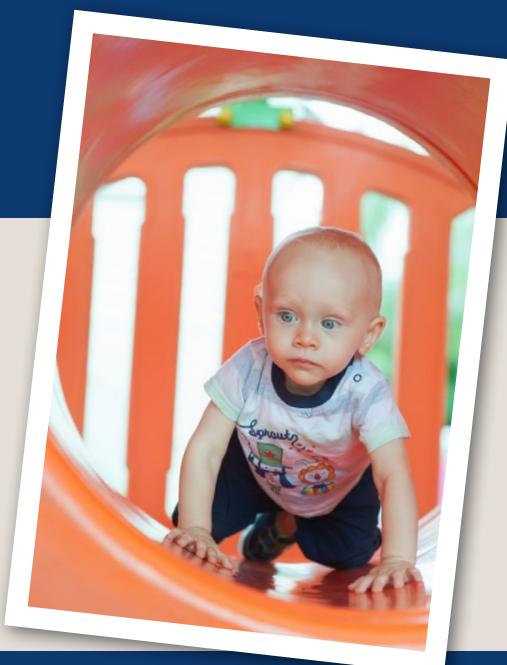
All Year	CUA School Fun Run https://schoolfundraising.com.au/
4 Nov 2018	Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival http://everydayhero.com.au/event/noosatri2018
18 May 2019	Tough Mudder https://toughmudder-seq.blackbaud-sites.com/

ESSENCE OF TIME PHOTOGRAPHY

Living in an unfamiliar city for an uncertain period of time, when your child has recently been diagnosed with cancer, is not an ideal situation for anyone. It can be hard to find a "home away from home", and building close support networks within your immediate vicinity can take time.

That's why Childhood Cancer Support has teamed up with generous supporter Andy Graves from Essence of Time Photography, who has put together a photography program for both Childhood Cancer Support families and non-families who have children with cancer.

Professional photography can be beneficial in numerous ways, from allowing families to decorate their temporary lodgings with some beautiful family shots, to enjoying the therapeutic process of photography itself.



If you're interested in utilising Andy's services, please contact the Childhood Cancer Support reception and secure a spot.
Phone 07 3844 5000 or email fso@ccs.org.au.

To see more work by the Essence of Time Photography, go to www.essenceoftime.com.au