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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF **CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT** ♥ FOR FAMILIES, BY FAMILIES

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Pirate Day

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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Childhood Cancer Support





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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

July saw us celebrate "Christmas in July" at our Herston accommodation and what a fun afternoon it was. Santa made an unexpected appearance much to the delight of the children. More information and pictures on these celebrations are in this newsletter.

We have many exciting activities happening at Childhood Cancer Support over the next few months. It is an extremely busy time. We hope you can make all or some of the upcoming events with all monies going directly to Childhood Cancer Support services to support our paediatric oncology families.

- Patricia Fechner Memorial Golf Day on 13 August
- Ride for Love, Harley Owners Group – 19 August – in conjunction with the Emma Love Cancer Charity.
- Bridge to Brisbane event – 27 August. Join our CCS Team, Laura Geitz and her son Barney as we walk for CCS. Laura would love for the families to join her on the walk. If you cannot attend you may wish to donate to our team.
- Talk Like a Pirate Day – 19 September (or any day during September that suits).

More details on these events throughout this newsletter.

Until next time,

Helen Crew

General Manager

*"Each one of us can make a difference.
Together we can make a change."*

- Barbara Mukulski



Coffee, Cake & Chat and the Monthly Family BBQ's are open to all paediatric oncology families so please share around. For more info on them or the RSVP, simply contact the office on 3844 5000 or email fso@ccs.org.au.

Until next month...

Tamsyn Kiely

Family Support Officer

A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER

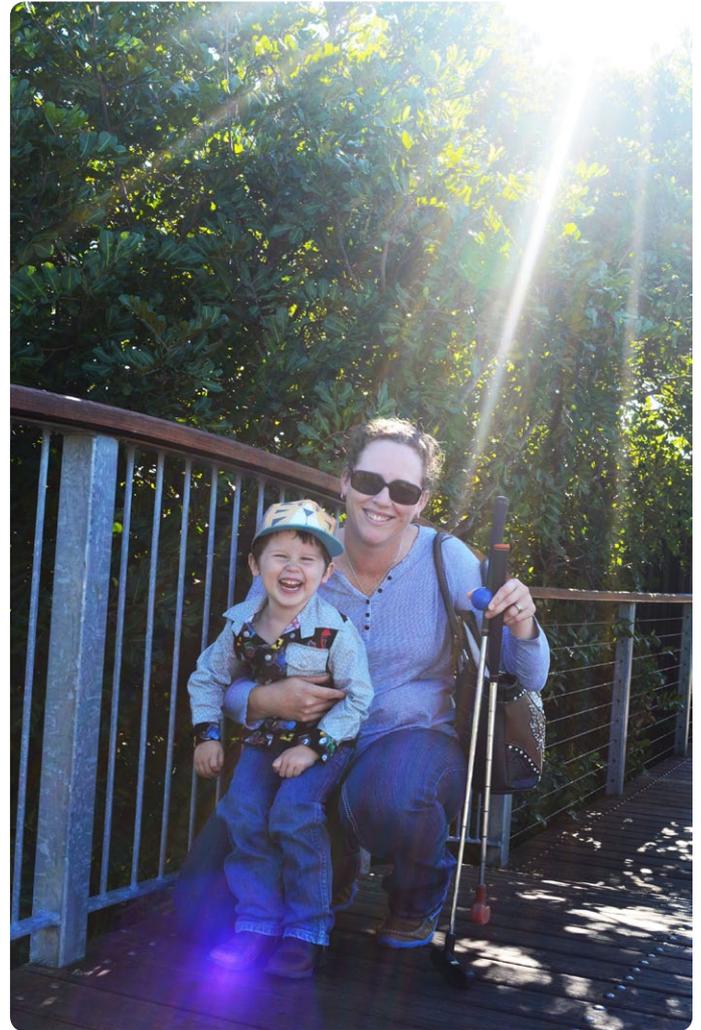
Hello everyone and welcome to another newsletter.

July has been another great month with lots of activities happening. Over the July school holidays we took part in a few fun activities as well as our Coffee, Cake & Chats and had a great time.

We started with a fun game of Mini Golf at Victoria Park Golf Club. The golf course was so busy with lots of local families taking advantage of the beautiful day and the kids had a great time. Next up we got to attend a Circus Skills workshop in the Walton Bridge Reserve. Unfortunately silly me mixed up the location and we missed the first bit of the workshop! We had a great time in the park, playing in the playground followed by a great walk. We found the Circus Skills workshop on our walk and the kids had so much fun learning some new skills! We followed this with a Pizza and Movie afternoon, which is always a good afternoon, and celebrating Matt's birthday with an awesome Rainbow Cake!

This month we also held a Christmas in July celebration at Herston and the afternoon was filled with lots of games, laughter, food and great conversation! We had Christmas Tree Ball Toss, Pin the nose on the Reindeer and a photo booth set up! The kids also got to team up to play 'Can you build a snowman'. I'm not sure who did more laughing during this game, the kids or the parents. As a special treat we also got a quick visit from Santa!

Coffee, Cake and Chats will continue to run for Tuesday and Friday afternoons for the month of August and we would love to invite you to come along. These afternoons are a great way to connect with other families going through the same situations as you in a relaxed and informal setting.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Christmas in July



SRAA SCENIC RIM ASTRONOMY ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the SRAA Scenic Rim Astronomy Association who held their first Annual Scenic Rim Star Party on Saturday 22nd July.

One of the highlights of Camp Crystal each year is having the Shadow of Space Astronomy Club out for the weekend who share some pretty amazing stories and facts about the world of astronomy AND we even get to see the beautiful night (and day) sky and all it has to offer.

A huge thank you to SRAA - Scenic Rim Astronomy Association for your support towards the organisation and for assisting us in providing families a home during their child's cancer treatment. The team held a gold coin donation entry fee (optional) to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Support.

***For more information on the SRAA Scenic Rim Astronomy Association please visit:
[facebook.com/ScenicRimAstronomyAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/ScenicRimAstronomyAssociation)**

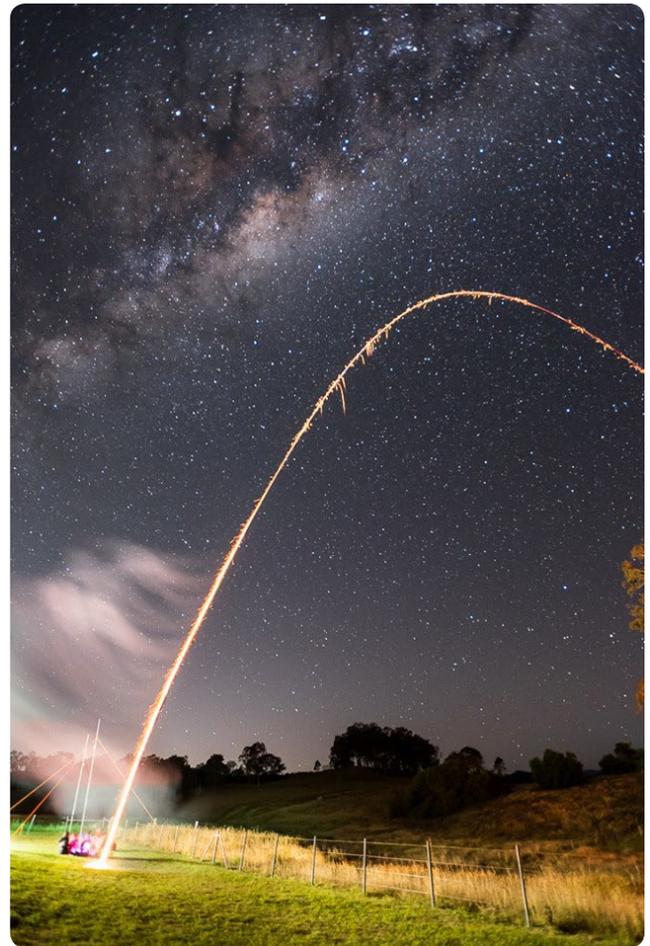


Photo Credit | Above image by Ian Henrichsen (Beaudesert Camera Club) of the last rocket launch for the night at the SRAA Scenic Rim Star Party 2017.

AUSCO MODULAR AND FDC FUNDRAISER BBQ

On Friday 30th June, Childhood Cancer Support was fortunate to have attended a fundraiser BBQ hosted by Ausco Modular and FDC. On this day we met so many lovely people and were extremely grateful to have been chosen as their charity of choice.

Through donations and raffle ticket sales, both Ausco and FDC raised \$1000 for Childhood Cancer Support!

Thank you to each and everyone of you for such a wonderful day. Our two families and staff enjoyed meeting you all and it was pretty cool to see the work that you do - we had a lot of fun. Your support and donation is already being put to work in supporting and providing vital homes for children with cancer and their families.



thank you

MARSH TINCKNELL ACCOUNTANTS

WE WON! Each month Marsh Tincknell Accountants choose a charity to give their monthly donation to. This month, they let the community nominate their charity of choice. The donation is from all the staff and is normally around \$200-300.

Thank you so much to Marsh Tincknell Accountants and all of the staff for your kindness and generosity! We would also like to thank one of our families and friend Kylie Stacey and General Manager Helen Crew for your nominations. We are constantly inspired and appreciative of businesses who support local charities.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity in supporting local charities and those who need it most. We truly appreciate it.

Be sure to head to our facebook to checkout the video of the winner being drawn.



Marsh Tincknell Accountants with Childhood Cancer

Support at Marsh Tincknell Accountants.

July 28 at 4:06pm · Brisbane, QLD ·

Congratulations Helen Crew and Kylie Stacey for submitting Childhood Cancer Support into our end of month charity giveaway - check out the moment the winner was drawn in the video below! Childhood Cancer Support is a charity that provides regional families a place to call home while their child undergoes life-saving cancer treatment in larger cities. As their website says "When your child is diagnosed with cancer, everything else in life takes a backseat. Childhood Cancer Support is your helping hand at a time when you need it most." Please take the time to also donate to this amazing organisation using the link below, and remember that even just offering up a spare room in your house could make a world of difference to a family that needs to be by their child's side through tough times. Donate here:

<https://www.ccs.org.au/howcanyouhelp/make-a-donation/>



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

We would love for you to meet Chris. Chris came to us two months ago and we have been thanking our lucky stars ever since. Chris has been 100% dedicated and is very kind and generous with her time.

In our short term accomodation we have a constant change over of families who are down for overnight stays whilst they visit the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. Due to the high turnover in short-term stay we need to remain on top of cleaning and fresh sheets and linen. This can be a timely task and takes away from staff's everyday job of running the organisation.

Chris is the absolute best! She comes in every Monday and Friday and cleans and takes care of the washing and making of beds. Amazing. Without Chris we could not complete it all. Her efficiency and dedication is unbelievable and can simply not express how grateful we are for her assistance and support.

Thank you Chris for all that you do. Volunteers are part of the heart and soul of this organisation and are integral in supporting families who are going through one of the hardest journeys they will ever have to face.



TRANSPORT SERVICE

Childhood Cancer Support offers a free pick up and drop off service from our multiple accommodation locations to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital and Brisbane Airport, as well as daily grocery and school runs. We operate two vans, one with wheelchair access, and offer our transport service for free to all oncology families.

TRANSPORT STATS | JUNE 2017

* Transport assistance figure considers the cost of fuel and travel, hospital parking, and out of hours transport for families.

79

VAN RUNS



\$1315

provided in
transport
assistance

179

passengers
transported



GRILL'D

We are a part of this month's Grill'd Local Matters Jars! So - feeling a little hungry? If you're in and around the Brisbane CBD and South Bank this weekend be sure to pop in for a delicious burger at Grill'd.

Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate money back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups!

We'd love your support! Simply head to Grill'd for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation. A great initiative from a great company. What a simple (and delicious) way to show your support.



4 weeks and counting until Childhood Cancer Support participates in this year's Bridge to Brisbane!! If you would like to join our team please visit: <https://b2b.racotorun.com/enternow.aspx> and select join a team - search Childhood Cancer Support - and enter pin code 1485. (*Please note there is a fee to participate.)

OUR GOAL - To raise a significant amount of \$10,000. Yes that's right! If you would like to support our team simply visit: <https://b2b2017.everydayhero.com/au/support-childhood-cancer-support> - click 'Give Now' and select 'Team Childhood Cancer Support' or anyone of our team members to donate today!

Childhood Cancer Support is also excited to share that our Ambassador Laura Geitz will be joining our team and participating in Bridge to Brisbane. If you would like to join us, it is surely going to be a lot of fun. So don't miss out, register today!



WWW.TALKLIKEPIRATEDAY.COM.AU

Join us on 19 September at the **Queensland Maritime Museum** for some good old fashioned Pirate Fun!

Each year on the 19 September, people across Australia loosen their ties, lose the school and work uniform and Talk Like a Pirate.

The day is all about dressing up and having fun, while raising vital funds and awareness for Childhood Cancer Support.

WHAT'S ON?

Pirate Pantomime | Food & merchandise stalls
Prizes for the best-dressed pirates!
Sausage Sizzle Lunch | Pirate themed activities
Face painting | Arts and Crafts | Jumping Castle
REAL PIRATES and **much** much more!

Where: Queensland Maritime Museum
When: 10am-2pm Tuesday 19 September
Cost: Free entry to Museum grounds

Arrr me hearties! There's still time to **register** for schools, childcare centres, businesses and individuals to take part in Childhood Cancer Support's biggest and best fundraiser of the year. So polish ya hooks and grab your eye patches and head over to www.talklikeapirateday.com.au to register today for TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY 2017!!



Get on board with pirates alike and raise much needed loot for Childhood Cancer Support. Talk Like A Pirate Day™ is a chance to polish yer hook, say 'Ahoy me hearties' to yer shipmates, dress up, have fun and talk like a Pirate.

Be part of the Story

3 bridges, 2 courses, 1 fun day!

SUNDAY AUGUST 27, 2017



To donate simply visit: b2b2017.everydayhero.com/au/childhood-cancer-support-2017

Enter into either the **5 KM** or **10 KM** course.

To see the course maps visit

bridgetobrisbaneday.com.au

Join our team!

Team Name:

Childhood Cancer Support

Team PIN:

1485



Ever wanted to let your hair down and cruise along the highway? Here's your chance and it's all for a great cause thanks to the Gold Coast Harley-Davidson Group and the Emma Love Childhood Cancer Charity. For more details, check out the flyer below. BUT HURRY! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!

To book please call Mandy on 0408 441 827 or simply email activities@goldcoasthog.com.au

RIDE FOR LOVE

KIDS WITH
CANCER



**SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST
MEETING GOLD COAST
HARLEY-DAVIDSON 8AM-3PM**

Here is your chance to experience the thrill of a ride on the back of a Harley Davidson Motorcycle, whilst supporting Childhood Cancer Support at the same time!

\$130 buys you the pillion seat on a Harley Davidson for the days adventures, and 100% of this money is being donated to Childhood Cancer Support. Gold Coast Harley Owners Group (HOG) are taking the lucky pillions on a ride through the beautiful Gold Coast Hinterland, with sightseeing and a morning tea stop along the way.

The ride will then head to the Lady Cilento Childrens Hospital in Brisbane to give the sick kids a bit of a thrill. From there the group ride to a local park where Childhood Cancer Support will be providing some lunch, and the riders will take a few Childhood Cancer Support kids for a quick rideAfter lunch it is back on the bikes for the run home to the Harley-Davidson Dealership in Nerang.

What a unique experience whilst supporting such a worthwhile cause ...

To book call Mandy on 0408 441 827, or email activities@goldcoasthog.com.au



Gold Coast
Harley-Davidson



COFFEE CAKE & CHAT

*RSVP's are required for catering (further dates TBC)

When: Monday 31st July 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Thursday 3rd August 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Tuesday 8th August 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Friday 11th August 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Tuesday 15th August 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Friday 18th August 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Tuesday 22nd August 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Friday 25th August 3.30pm-4.30pm
 Tuesday 29th August 3.30pm-4.30pm

Where: 11 Bramston Tce, Herston
 Tuesday's - Community Room
 Friday's - Playground
 (if weather permits)

FAMILY MONTHLY BBQs from 5.30pm

*RSVP's are required for catering

When: 25th August
 29th September
 27th October (Halloween)

PATRICIA FECHNER MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

When: Sunday 13th August

Where: Rosewood

*For more information please contact the office

RIDE FOR LOVE - 'Gold Coast Harley Owners Group & the Emma Love Childhood Cancer Charity

When: Saturday 19th August
Where: Gold Coast to Brisbane
 *Details on page 13.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

*Registrations now open!
 Visit www.ccs.org.au

When: Month of September
Where: Nationwide - Schools, Childcare Centres, Corporate, Businesses and individuals

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY EVENT

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

*For more details on these events please contact the office on (07) 3844 5000 or email lucy@ccs.org.au

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR AREA

BRIDGE TO BRISBANE

When: Sunday 27th August
Where: Brisbane Show Grounds

Gold Coast:

GOLD COAST AIRPORT MARATHON

When: Saturday 1st July
Where: Coolangatta, Gold Coast

Rockhampton:

7 ROCKY RIVER RUN

When: Sunday 28th May
Where: Victoria Park Rockhampton

Sunshine Coast:

SUNSHINE COAST MARATHON

When: 18th - 20th August
Where: Sunshine Coast

NOOSA TRIATHLON

When: 1st - 5th November
Where: Noosa

Simply jump online to register to participate in any of the above events. If you would like to raise funds through your participation, you can register as a fundraising individual or team by visiting www.everydayhero.com/au/ and head to the events page.

Childhood Cancer Support is a registered charity with Everyday Hero, My Cause and the Good Company. It's so simple and easy to set up your next fundraising event! For assistance, please contact lucy@ccs.org.au.

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 (CCS) families and non CCS 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 office.
Phone 07 3844 5000 or email admin@ccs.org.au.

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

Want to make a real difference?

There are many other ways you can be a part of making a difference at Childhood Cancer Support.

Become a Heartfelt Supporter:

Heartfelt Supporters play a huge role in allowing Childhood Cancer Support to continue providing the facilities and services that families need. Our Heartfelt Supporters help us immensely in providing accommodation, maintenance and improvements, transport services and assisting campaign initiatives.

Separate to workplace giving, a Heartfelt Supporter of Childhood Cancer Support agrees to make an ongoing monthly donation, starting at a minimum amount of \$10. Your monthly donation will commence on the 1st each month and continue until further notice from you.

All donations are tax deductible.

Sign up today at:
www.ccs.org.au/howcanyouhelp/heartfelt-supporter/

Become a Fundraiser:

Fundraising can be as simple or as little or big as you'd like. From a simple sausage sizzle, right through to a golf day, fundraising is a fun way to get family and friends together, all whilst raising funds for a good cause.

Other ideas can include:

- Free dress day
- Host a breakfast, lunch or dinner
- 'Talk Like a Pirate Day' BBQ (everyone can dress up for a donation)
- Coffee Challenge (give up a coffee a specified time period - set the challenge)

There are many ideas, none short of creativity! If you would like more information we can help.

Simply contact the office and chat to one of our friendly staff, or simply visit:
www.ccs.org.au/howcanyouhelp/fundraise-for-ccs