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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER

Hello everyone and welcome to another monthly newsletter.

Can you believe that we are almost half way through the year! I can't believe how quickly this year is going and how much has already happened so far this year.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day at Herston on Friday 16th March with a themed Coffee, Cake & Chat as well as some crafts for the kids. I think the biggest hit of the day was the balloons!

We have had another fantastic Camp Crystal this year in April. For those who are new to our newsletter, Camp Crystal is an annual camp that Childhood Cancer Support host for all paediatric oncology families. It is a weekend filled with laughter, activities, family time and catching up with friends. It is truly an incredible weekend every year and this year was no exception. I have already had families tell me they cannot wait until next years camp and I completely agree.

During the second week of the April school holidays, we put on some activities for the resident families. We started the week on Monday with a relaxing walk through the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens where we also enjoyed some coffee and ice-cream. This was soon followed by a games afternoon in Downey Park with the games provided by Brisbane Backyard Games. It was such fun to have an afternoon in the sun and fresh air and to see all the children doing what children should be doing - having fun.

On Thursday we had a pizza and movie afternoon and we watched the beautiful movie 'Wonder' (a must-see if you haven't already). We finished off the week with a relaxed arts & crafts session at Herston with afternoon tea.

These school holiday programs are something that I love planning for the families. Each family that stays with us misses out on so many social activities and events as it is too much of a risk for the children once they start treatment.

The school holiday programs provide the families, especially the children, with an opportunity to get away from the hospital, treatment and medications while they relax and have some fun.

That's it from me for this month but I'm looking forward to another fantastic month ahead, as well as the rest of the year.

Until next month,

Tamsyn Kiely  
**Family Support Officer**



# Family services



## Cancer Related Youth Support time Allocated to Laughter



**And that's a wrap on the 29th Camp CRYSTAL!** Another fantastic, fun filled weekend at Camp Crystal.

For the past 29 years Childhood Cancer Support has been holding a free camping getaway, known as Camp Crystal, for past and present paediatric oncology families. We could not be more proud or honoured to host this weekend getaway, and through all the hard work and planning in the lead up to each Camp, just to see the smiles, hear the laughter, and feel the love – it just completely makes it all worth it, keeps us going each year and reminds us why we do what we do.

Camp Crystal 2018 was our third year at Scouts Queensland, Baden Powell Park in Samford Valley and what a spot! The beautiful Samford Valley, home to Camp Crystal, has been a success once again. A huge thank you to Scouts Queensland for your continuous support and for allowing us to use your wonderful venue.

Without the support of many committed and passionate volunteers and businesses, Camp Crystal would simply not be all that it is, nor could we do it without them. We would also like to thank The Lord Mayor of Brisbane Graham Quirk and Lady Mayoress Mrs Anne Quirk who, through the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust, contributed \$5000 towards Camp Crystal thanks to their March Community Grant round.

Please enjoy these photos of Camp Crystal as we wrap up and please be sure to keep an eye on next months newsletter for more on Camp Crystal 2018.



# Camp Crystal



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## WEBSITE

We are so excited to share with you our fresh new look website! A few months ago you may remember Deloitte held their annual nationwide 'Impact Day' where employees volunteer their time across the country to give a helping hand to organisations just like ours.

A part of our day involved the Deloitte Digital Team here in Brisbane workshopping and giving our website a complete makeover. We are so excited that this has now been completed and we can't wait for you to see it.

The content on our site is going to be a work in progress over the coming months as we update the information and images however, in the meantime, as we continue to build and work on this, please head over and take a look!

We cannot wait to utilise our new website to its full potential and to be able to provide our families, donors, supporters, friends and family with readily available information and support.

So! Be sure to watch this space over the coming months but in the meantime head on over and check out the soft new colours, layout and style!

Thank you again to Aaron and the Digital Team at Deloitte for your hardwork and efforts. We have been very lucky to have worked with such a great team.

[www.ccs.org.au](http://www.ccs.org.au)

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## BUCKLEY HOUSE

Our General Manager, Helen Crew, was again warmly welcomed to St Joseph's College recently on our annual visit to the College as the Buckley House students launch their Lenten Appeal for 2018.

Helen was accompanied by one of our Childhood Cancer Support families, mum Lynette and 3 year old Tiana from Darwin, who have stayed in our accommodation facilities at Herston for the past 12 months. We updated the College on the work of Childhood Cancer Support and Lynette shared with the students their family's journey with childhood cancer. We are happy to report that Lynette and Tiana have returned home to Darwin. Thank you so much to the outstanding students of Buckley House, St Joseph's College for their continuing support of Childhood Cancer Support.



## HELP PROVIDE A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

When your child is diagnosed with cancer, everything else in life takes a back seat.

[BUY TICKETS](#)



### 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>

## DAWSON VALE CHARITY PIGEON RACE

This month, President Trevor Rethamel travelled to Dawson Vale Station for the inaugural "Dawson Vale Charity Pigeon Race". Pigeons were auctioned off as well as many items donated by Charters Towers and surrounding businesses with all proceeds raised being donated to Childhood Cancer Support.



Trevor was overwhelmed by the generosity of the event's organisers and hosts Neil and Narelle Angus along with the whole Angus family. Also special thanks to Mellissa Holzwart, Colleen Angus, Steve Truscott, Malcolm Smith and auctioneers Liam Kirkwood, Brent Williams and Cody Rogers whose auctioneering performance had to be seen to be believed. Pure theatre!

Thanks to all that attended on the night for your amazing generosity and company. The significant amount of money raised on the night will ensure that Childhood Cancer Support continues to provide our families with the support they require.



Trevor spoke about the great work that Childhood Cancer Support does for regional families dealing with childhood cancer. He gave an insight into how Childhood Cancer Support supports families with not only accommodation, transport and recreational activities whilst in Brisbane, but the ongoing support the organisation provides for families when they return home.

To top the weekend off, Trevor and his mates from Townsville, Wayne Gosling and Brendan Lew, purchased the winning Pigeon (Wild Oats). The trophy will sit with pride of place in our Brisbane office.

## THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to the TAS The Armidale School (official) Prefects and Staff who were courageous and brave enough to cut their hair and shave their heads in order to raise funds for Childhood Cancer Support. Not only did they raise over \$6000 in cash and online donations, but the girls also donated their long locks to create wigs for those in need.

Thank you to the students, staff, families and community of Armidale for your kindness and generosity.



## TRANSURBAN COMMUNITY GRANT

In April, General Manager Helen Crew attended a presentation hosted by Transurban Group where Childhood Cancer Support, in company of several other wonderful community organisations, were presented with a certificate as a result of being awarded a Transurban Community Grant in their 'March Community Grant Round'. We were fortunate to have received \$5000 to cover the cost of four new child seats as well as reversing signals and cameras in our two family transport vans. A huge thank you to Transurban and their staff, who hand selected the winners.

Since receiving the grant, Childhood Cancer Support staff have also received training from Kidsafe Queensland where they learnt about the features of the new seats as well as how to safely and securely install in the Childhood Cancer Support vehicles.

This is to allow peace of mind and to ensure that our family transport vehicles are equipped with new, safe and secure seats for the kids.

Once again a sincere heartfelt thank you to Transurban Group who selected Childhood Cancer Support as one of the successful community grant recipients in their 'March Community Grant Round'.



## VARIETY THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY OF QLD

WOW! Some more exciting news to share. Thanks to the amazing generosity of the supporters, volunteers and team at Variety, the Children's Charity of Queensland, Childhood Cancer Support are now proud owners of 4 new kids wheelchairs.

Fatigue is a common side effect of both chemotherapy and radiation. Even the most active kids are likely to find themselves quite exhausted, walking just short distances is extremely difficult and tiring. Wheelchairs are a necessity to making life more comfortable for these children.

A huge thank you to the Variety Bash Queensland for your support and helping us make a difference.



## THE LORD MAYOR'S CHARITABLE TRUST

Thank you to the Lord Mayor of Brisbane Graham Quirk and Lady Mayoress Mrs Anne Quirk who this month held a presentation for the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust, March round grant recipients. Childhood Cancer Support were very fortunate to have received \$5000 to go towards Camp Crystal 2018.

Our Family Support Officer Tamsyn and Administration Manager Gina, were present on the day and in company of many other representatives from wonderful organisations. These grants not only assist us and others alike with community projects and support systems, but also allow us to continue the vital and important work that we do.



## THE WOOLLOONGABBA HOUSE STAIRCASE

You may remember last year Childhood Cancer Support received both a very generous donation from **Hayman's Electrical** as well as a significant grant from **The Honda Foundation**.

The new staircase is now safe and secure with a landing platform which was made ready for the chair lift. The chair lift allows us to accommodate children who are not able to negotiate the staircase due to their illness.

We are excited to finally share some images, now that construction and installation has been fully complete, of our new stair case and wheelchair lift at the Woolloongabba short-term stay house.

Once again, our sincere thanks go to Hayman's Electrical and the Honda Foundation for your support and generosity.

Thank you to 'Hayman's Electrical' who donated \$25,000 with a portion going towards the restructuring of the staircase AND to 'The Honda Foundation' for \$15,000 to install a chair lift.



# RIDE FOR LOVE

KIDS WITH  
CANCER  
2018

GOLD COAST CHAPTER  
AUSTRALIA

HOG  
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

**SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST 7AM-3PM**  
**GOLD COAST HARLEY-DAVIDSON®**

Here is your chance to experience the thrill of a ride on a Harley-Davidson® while supporting Childhood Cancer Support (CCS) at the same time! \$130 buys a pillion seat for the days adventures, with 100% of the money being donated to Childhood Cancer Support (CCS).

Gold Coast Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.®) are taking the lucky pillion 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 Children's Hospital to visit the kids, and from there to a local park where CCS will be providing a BBQ lunch. After lunch it is back on the bikes for the run back to the Harley-Davidson® Dealership in Nerang.

To book your pillion seat please contact CCS on  
07 3844 5000 or [admin@ccs.org.au](mailto:admin@ccs.org.au) or online at [www.ccs.org.au](http://www.ccs.org.au)  
To register as a volunteer rider contact Leanne on 0437 779 099  
or [rideforlove@goldcoasthog.com.au](mailto:rideforlove@goldcoasthog.com.au)



Gold Coast   
*Harley-Davidson*





**2018 Annual  
Patricia Fechner Memorial Golf Day  
At Rosewood Golf Club  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
Come dressed in your  
favourite sports team colours**

The Patricia Fechner Memorial Golf Day is all about family, fun and getting out and having a go.

All money raised on the day will be donated to Childhood Cancer Support.

- ❖ Shot Gun Start at 12:30pm, register before 12pm
- ❖ 9 Hole - 4 Person Ambrose
- ❖ \$20 per Adult
- ❖ \$15 per Child (14-17 years)
- ❖ Children under 14 FREE
- ❖ Registration, Sausage Sizzle, Putting Competition & Raffles from 11am
- ❖ **Closing date for registration is the 4th of August 2018**

Golf Buggies can be booked through Rosewood Golf Club on (07) 5464 1201.

If you would like to donate either a prize or cash donation, contact:

Mick Burns 0403 310 154 mickjodieb13@dodo.com.au

Rosewood Golf Club

Karrabin-Rosewood Road, Rosewood Qld 4340

Phone: (07) 5464 1201



Childhood Cancer Support provides stability to the lives of children diagnosed with cancer and their families through the provision of specialized medium and long-term accommodation, emotional and financial support and recreational therapies.

**Visit us online at [www.ccs.org.au](http://www.ccs.org.au)**

WHAT'S **COMING UP IN 2018** - For more information please email [lucy@ccs.org.au](mailto:lucy@ccs.org.au)

## FAMILY MONTHLY BBQs from 5.30pm

**When:** Fri 25th May  
 Fri 29th June  
 Fri 27th July  
 Fri 31st August  
 Fri 28th September  
 Fri 23rd November

## PATRICIA FECHNER MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

**When:** Sunday 5th August  
**Where:** Rosewood

## ST LAURENCE'S WALKATHON

**When:** Friday 10th August  
**Where:** Brisbane

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

**When:** Saturday 11th August  
**Where:** Gold Coast to Brisbane  
 \*Register at [www.ccs.org.au](http://www.ccs.org.au)

## TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

\*Registrations opening soon!

**When:** 19th September  
**Where:** Nationwide - Schools, Childcare Centres, Corporate, Businesses 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

## UPCOMING EVERYDAY HERO EVENT 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 set up your very own fundraising platform. To register for any of the events below visit the website links below and hit start fundraising today!

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|--------------|---|
| All Year     | <b>CUA School Fun Run</b><br><a href="https://schoolfundraising.com.au/">https://schoolfundraising.com.au/</a>  |
| 19th May     | <b>Tough Mudder SEQ 2018</b><br><a href="https://toughmudder-seq-18.everydayhero.com/au/get-started">https://toughmudder-seq-18.everydayhero.com/au/get-started</a> |
| 27th May     | <b>7 Rocky River Run</b><br><a href="http://7rockyriverrun.everydayhero.do/">http://7rockyriverrun.everydayhero.do/</a>   |
| 30th June    | <b>Gold Coast Marathon</b><br><a href="https://gcam2018.everydayhero.com/au/get-started">https://gcam2018.everydayhero.com/au/get-started</a>                       |
| 12th August  | <b>City 2 Surf</b><br><a href="http://city2surf.com.au/raising-money/">http://city2surf.com.au/raising-money/</a>   |
| 17th August  | <b>Sunshine Coast Marathon</b><br><a href="https://sunshine-coast-marathon.everydayhero.do/">https://sunshine-coast-marathon.everydayhero.do/</a>                   |
| 26th August  | <b>Bridge to Brisbane</b><br><a href="https://bridgetobrisbaneday.com.au/">https://bridgetobrisbaneday.com.au/</a>  |
| 4th November | <b>Noosa Triathlon Multi Sport Festival</b><br><a href="http://everydayhero.com.au/event/noosatri2018">http://everydayhero.com.au/event/noosatri2018</a>            |