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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi to all Childhood Cancer Support Members, Supporters and Volunteers,

The 2017 AGM was held and I am pleased to say we now have a full functioning Central Committee of Management in place.

The team we have is an ideal mix of people, both professional and past family based members, with the one aim, moving Childhood Cancer Support forward by focusing on what we do best, caring for our families. Please see the Central Committee of Management profiles pages 5-7.

The big focus for me personally this year is to increase our personal, family, corporate and heartfelt membership and raise the organisations profile throughout the state, especially in the regions. I have started by conducting radio interviews and am currently chasing up the press to tell our story.

The rest of the Central Committee of Management have their portfolios that they are progressing and I will update on all activities throughout the year.

Can I please ask any current member who may know of someone interested in becoming a Childhood Cancer Support member to please pass on their details so we can get them involved. I would like to build our family so we can progress our organisation to achieve our goals which are to maintain a caring organisation that supports families in need.

Thanks all,

Trevor Rethamel  
**President**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The last few months here at Childhood Cancer Support have been extremely busy as you will see in this edition of our Heart to Heart newsletter. We are now starting to come up for air and plan for 2018 as this year draws to a close.

Talk Like a Pirate Days saw participation throughout Australia triple from the previous year which shows that the awareness of Childhood Cancer Support throughout the community is growing.

As our President, Trevor Rethamel, has indicated in his President's Report, the Annual General Meeting of Childhood Cancer Support was held on 23 September. Staff and volunteers look forward to working with the members of Central Committee of Management to ensure that our families are fully supported. A short bio of each of our committee members is in this newsletter.

The 2016-2017 Annual Report for Childhood Cancer Support is now available for viewing on our website at <https://www.ccs.org.au/about/annual-report>. Thank you to everyone involved for their contribution to this Annual Report and especially our Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Lucy-Kate Campbell, for putting all the pieces of the report together. It was a huge task.

I am happy to report that we have been successful in obtaining a \$15,000 grant to install a chair lift on the staircase of the Woolloongabba House which accommodates our short-term families. The chair lift will allow us to accommodate our children who are not able to negotiate the staircase due to their illness. You may recall earlier this year of the generous donation by Haymans Electrical who donated \$25,000 to Childhood Cancer Support – a portion of this donation contributed towards the restructure of the staircase in preparation of the chair lift. Our sincere thanks go to the Honda Foundation for this grant. Preparations are underway for the installation of the chair lift in the near future.

Our annual Family Christmas Party will be held on 2 December at Vic Lucas Park, Bulimba. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Until next time,

Helen Crew  
**General Manager**



The Honda Foundation

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT



**TREVOR RETHAMEL**  
**President**

Trevor Rethamel is currently the Owner/Director of a Safety/Project Management consultancy company based in Townsville. He started his working career in Queensland Rail as a Trade's Person progressing to a Depot Manager then on to the Management team of QR Nationals Strategy and Business Improvement. In February 2014, Trevor's youngest daughter Lucy was diagnosed with

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL). This was the start of Trevor and his family's experience with Childhood Cancer Support.

Trevor's wife Tracey and Lucy relocated to Childhood Cancer Support on a permanent basis for ten (10) months where he and his eldest daughters, Chloe and Sophie visited on a regular basis. When Trevor visited Childhood Cancer Support, he was an active part of the Childhood Cancer Support family assisting where he could during his family stay.

Trevor and Tracey were overwhelmed by the service and support they received during their stay at Childhood Cancer Support and decide that this was a charity they needed to get involved in. Both became Childhood Cancer Support Family ambassadors for the

Townsville region and in September 2015, Trevor joined the Childhood Cancer Support Board. In January 2016, he stepped into the role of Interim Childhood Cancer Support President.

Trevor's work experiences as a Tradesman, a Manager, and a Project Manager progressing to owning his own company, along with being from an oncology family, gives Trevor the right business nous and compassion that it requires to be leading the current Childhood Cancer Support Board.

Trevor prides himself on being able to communicate with those around him, is easily approachable and eager to listen to ideas that can assist Childhood Cancer Support in improving its services for all past and current Childhood Cancer Support families.



**GRANT HEWITT**  
**Treasurer**

Grant is a collaborative and cross-functional business leader, with experience leading teams and value generating engagements for major clients in private, public and multinational companies. By developing strong relationships and a deep understanding of clients

and their industries, Grant is able to surface valuable insights and advise on complex situations which impact business value. Grant's client industry experience is diverse, including: transport & logistics, building materials & construction, retail, manufacturing and services (financial, travel management, mining).

Grant completed a full-time MBA to further develop his skills, knowledge and leadership capability to effectively lead businesses within an increasingly complex global ecosystem. He was recognised with an MBA award, as a 'team enthusiast', for best exemplifying a 'team player' approach to achieving group success and was also added to the

Dean's Honour Roll in recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

Grant has 12 years Corporate and Commercial Banking experience, most recently, as a Director, Corporate & Regional Business Banking. Currently, Grant is working with Business Model Innovation, with Era Innovation a boutique innovation management consultancy, advising clients on:

1. Idea Generation
2. Innovation Portfolio Management
3. Innovation Execution
4. Innovation Capability and Governance
5. Strategy and Leadership.



**LEIGH EAGLE**  
**Secretary**

Leigh's not for profit background stems back to her childhood, raising money and representing her school and community in the Sunshine Coast area. After completing an Arts degree in 1979 at the University of QLD, majoring in languages and history, Leigh joined the Army and worked in the supply area full time

for 9 years where she met her husband, Bruce – also a serving officer. They both transferred out of the full time Army to join the Army Reserve so they could start a family and have some location stability. Leigh has continued with Army Reserve ever since.

Leigh volunteered at her children's school and in her local community for many years. She worked for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of QLD as their business development officer and was CEO of a community-housing organisation for several years. She undertook postgraduate studies in philanthropy and not for profits and community housing management in support of these roles.

Leigh entered the Public Service in 2010 working as a policy writer and program developer for the Australian Army Cadets and moved into the role of regional manager for QLD Army Cadets in 2012. In March 2016 Leigh resigned from this role to work from home as a sub-contractor doing analyst work and continuing her Army Reserve work as an inquiry officer.

Bruce and Leigh live in the northern outskirts of Brisbane on small acreage with their two dogs and cat. Both their sons are married and one has just recently produced their first grandchild. They have one son following in their footsteps who joined the Army and is now interstate and the other one is a Clinical Physiologist working in Brisbane.



**NICK DUBRAVCIC**  
**Committee Member**

Nick has been described as an enthusiastic, energetic person who doesn't give up. His background and experiences are vast and varied; Nick has studied in the Sciences, the Arts and Technology in Queensland. He has worked in the fields of science, technology, finance, construction and education. The years spent in

the Army (part-time and contract) working through the ranks provided him with ample opportunities to develop personnel and material management skills as well as leadership skills, and quenched most of his strong sense of service. Nick presently works in education at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane.

His strong sense of social justice, combined with service, attracted him to charity work with positive outcomes for the community. Nick has been a member of Toc H, a charity whose motto is 'People caring for people' for 30 years and has held many leadership roles in that organisation including Toc H QLD Chairperson, President of Brisbane Branch, member of the National

TocH Council and convenor of the Toc H National Youth Leadership Course for many years. It is through his involvement with youth in both his full-time employment and volunteer charity work that the relationship with Childhood Cancer Support started; mainly through the provision and organisation of volunteers for Childhood Cancer Support's Camp Crystal. The relationship grew from there; Nick was invited to serve on the board of Childhood Cancer Support and is still enjoying the challenges and rewards alike.

Nick lives in Brisbane with his family and enjoys keeping fit, family camping holidays, travelling and learning other languages, and renovating.



**CASEY LINDSAY**  
**Committee Member**

Casey and her family moved into Childhood Cancer Support's Herston units on Christmas Eve 2009. Her family stayed with Childhood Cancer Support for 8 months while her youngest son, Logan, received treatment at the RCH. On return to Calen (Mackay) Casey was approached to help run the Mackay Raft Race, which she has now been doing since and has collectively helped raise over \$100,000.

Moving to a position on the board has always been a long-term goal of Casey's. She is a member of the Family Services sub-committee and is a huge advocate for the siblings of kids with cancer.

Her family is the most important thing to her and celebrated Logan's 7-year cancer free in March 2017.



**BERT PULMAN**  
**Committee Member**

Bert is an owner/director of a mining services business, working in the coalfields west of Mackay for the past 15 years. His experience in this area has led to forming many

great working relationships with industry leaders and community groups that have been a great asset when bringing people together for fundraising.

Bert's son Darcy was diagnosed November 2010 with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (A.L.L). Darcy, his younger sister and his mum spent 10 months in Brisbane whilst he underwent treatment. When the opportunity came to give back to Childhood Cancer Support for supporting his family during this time, Bert was able to call on his many years in charity work,

organising of functions and gatherings to assist in the events held in Mackay.

He has been an active fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Support for 5 years, currently an ambassador in the Mackay region. With a passion for events and fundraising he has been actively involved with The Mackay Raft Race, 1kg Challenge and Camp Crystal. Previously he had been involved in Scouts, school and early childhood P&C committees and various other organisations. Bert has expanded his knowledge by studying a Diploma in Events Management in order to further assist in future events and fundraising.



**MICHAEL TIZARD**  
**Committee Member**

Michael Tizard is the current CEO of Crèche and Kindergarten Association Ltd (C&K), Queensland's largest provider of early childhood education and care. He joined C&K in August 2013 after more than 30 years' experience as a Social Worker in statutory child protection, disability, family support, parenting and early childhood education and care. He has worked in senior management and executive roles in government and non-government organisations in Victoria, NSW and Queensland.

Michael has previously served on the Boards of the Children's Welfare Association of Victoria, PeakCare Queensland, Families Australia, and is a current Board member of the Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Inc.

Throughout his career Michael has remained committed and focused on the safety, health and wellbeing of children and supporting parents to do the very best they can.



**RYAN BROUGH**  
**Committee Member**

Ryan has over 18yrs progressive sales and marketing experience gained in Australia, Canada and the UK in customer-centric roles underpinned by technology. In his current role at Global Payments, Ryan has lead the development of new marketing capabilities to enhance customer experience and competitive advantage serving Childcare, Fitness, Charity and online Retail customers.

Throughout his career, Ryan has worked in for profit, and not-for-profit roles with State and Federal stakeholder groups. Being passionate about sport and getting outdoors is Ryan's number one weekend priority with his family.



**AMELIA WALLWORK**  
**Committee Member**

Amelia is a Director in the Brisbane office of the national law firm, Gadens. She has 12 years of experience (10 years post admission to the Queensland Supreme Court) in complex legal transactions and matters and has worked on residential and commercial property acquisitions, sales and development and major rail, energy and telecommunications infrastructure projects throughout Australia and the United Kingdom. Her core areas of legal expertise are property and

construction law.

Amelia completed a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.)/ Bachelor of Arts at the University of Queensland. She has worked as an in-house counsel with Lendlease in London and as a private practice lawyer with Herbert Smith Freehills, in London, Sydney and Melbourne, and Gadens, in Sydney and Brisbane.

In late 2014, Amelia and her husband returned to Brisbane to be closer to their respective families and friends. In April 2016, they had a baby girl.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER

Hi everyone and welcome to another newsletter!

I can't get over how fast this year has gone. Christmas is just around the corner and then we are into a brand new year!

The last couple of months have been very busy with Ride for Love, Ekka Day, Talk like a Pirate Day, Halloween and our school holiday program all happening. It was a fun few months but I'm very happy to have a bit of a quieter time before the celebration season starts! So I'll keep this short & sweet and share some highlights from the last few months.

The mum's staying at Herston have found ways to keep themselves busy with one mum even creating this stunning herb garden for all the families to enjoy. A big thank you to her.

A friend of one of our mum's donated all this beautiful fresh fruit and vegetables to our families as well, all the way from Bundaberg. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Our school holiday program was once again, so much fun! We started off with a Onesie party in the Herston Community Room. It was so wonderful seeing the children have such fun and to just be able to be children for the afternoon. There were lots of laughs, games and balloons popping! We also had a picnic in New Farm Park, backyard games in Downey Park, Coffee, Cake & Chat and of course our family BBQ.

That's it from me for now. I hope you enjoy the photos from the last couple of months!

See you next time.

Tamsyn Kiely  
**Family Support Officer**



# RINGING OF THE BELL

## ANTHONY

Congratulations to little Anthony, who in August rang the 'Final Chemo Bell'. Congratulations on your amazing bravery over these past 3 and a half years. What a massive journey for you and your family but you did it and you smashed it! We are so very proud of you and so glad we were able to witness you ring the bell.



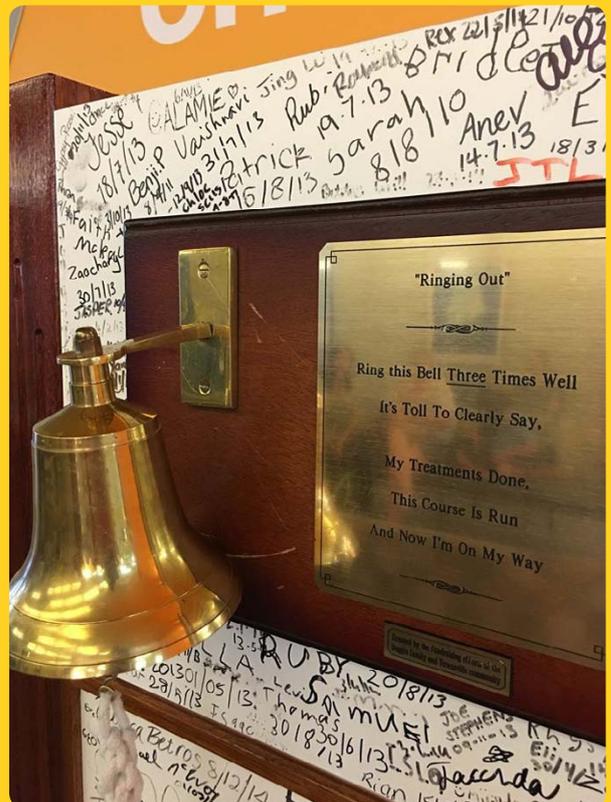
## BROOKE

On the 5th of October the beautiful Brooke rang the 'Final Chemo Bell'. Brooke has such an infectious smile and we were filled with joy to have been able to be there for this special moment. We are beyond proud of Brooke and feel so fortunate to have met such a wonderful family. Congratulations on reaching this huge milestone in your journey.



The 'Final Chemo 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.



## ART FOR ANGUS

In 2017, 2 year old Angus was sadly diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer and is facing the struggles of life in and out of hospital and cancer treatment.

The 'Art for Angus' fundraiser, organised by the wonderful Archer family, was held at the Queensland Art Gallery in Brisbane and raised much needed funds for little Angus and his mum Jess. A portion of the funds raised on the evening were generously donated to Childhood Cancer Support and therefore the organisation received an overwhelming donation of over \$4200.

The night was spectacular complete with a live auction, entertainment, delicious canapés, drinks and more! The list of special guests was quite impressive and included Mike Goldman, MC for the evening, and Co Host Bianca Dye from 97.3FM.

Thank you to the Archer Family for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful evening. We wish your family all the best and send much love and support to little Angus and mum Jess.



Left to right: Jess, Christa Billich, Charles Billich, Josie Thomson, Helen Crew, Sandy Archer



Mike Goldman & Josie Thomson



Bianca Dye 97.3FM



General Manager Helen Crew with GOA CFO Deb Langham  
[www.goa.com.au](http://www.goa.com.au)



Sandy Archer with a beautiful piece that sold at auction.



John Archer welcoming guests.



A wonderful evening with a great crowd.

## PATRICIA FECHNER MEMORIAL GOLF DAY

A day in memory of a loved one whilst raising awareness and funds for Childhood Cancer Support.

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 the letter 'P'. The day was full of energy and laughter and there was some creative costumes on show.

Congratulations to the Fechner and Byrne family on another successful day and raising a total of \$3003. A special mention and thank you to Ipswich City Council who contributed a generous donation of \$1650 to the day.



# BUCKLEY house FRIENDSHIP GROUP



On the 10th August, General Manager Helen Crew was invited to St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace to accept a cheque on behalf of Childhood Cancer Support for over \$8000. The lovely boys at Buckley House have chosen the organisation as their House Friendship Group for a number of years now and we simply could not be more grateful and appreciative for all that they do and will cherish this friendship for many years to come. The young men go above and beyond each year to support children and their families who are going through such a difficult time.

Thank you to Buckley House Dean Luke Gribble, all the boys and their families! The funds were raised through a bake sale and donation drive. What a staggering amount that will make a significant impact.

Childhood Cancer Support (CCS) welcomed the Year 11 students of Buckley House, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace to our Herston accommodation facilities on the 18th October.

Coinciding with their annual leadership camp, the students volunteered their time in a working bee to help us maintain our grounds for the comfort of our families. There were plenty of excited CCS children wanting to interact with the Buckley House students and it was wonderful to see the students putting a smile on the faces of our children and their families. The working bee was concluded with a sausage sizzle (cooked by the students) where our families and the students were able to get to know each other a little more.

Thank you to the outstanding young men of Buckley House for being such an integral part of our CCS family. With the wonderful rain we have received recently in Brisbane and the hard work the students have put into tidying up our grounds, our Herston facility is looking green and clean.



## LOCAL MATTERS | 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 and the organisation with the most votes receives the top prize.

For the month of July we were a part of the #LocalMatters Jars at Grill'd Southbank, Grill'd Albert Street, Grill'd Wintergarden and Grill'd Eagle St Pier! It was a huge success and we couldn't be more thrilled so thank you to the community for voting for us.

Lastly, a big thanks to Grill'd South Bank for having us out for lunch at their restaurant and presenting our General Manager Helen Crew and Marketing and Communications Coordinator Lucy-Kate Campbell with a cheque for \$1000.



## NORTH QUEENSLAND MOTORCYCLE RALLY DONATES TO CHILDHOOD CANCER SUPPORT

Motorcycle enthusiasts every year travel from all over QLD and Northern NSW to attend the Pinevale Rally, west of Mackay. In September, with perfect weather for the weekend, 200 riders attended the rally. Central Coast Motorcycle touring Club every year donates to a local charity and Childhood Cancer Support was chosen this year due to the services that the organisation offers for local families. Childhood Cancer support has assisted 6 families from the Mackay region in the 2016-2017 Financial Year.

Local Family Ambassador Casey Lindsay accepted a cheque for \$1200.00 from members of the Central Coast Motorcycle Touring Club.



thank you

## SUNCORP VOLUNTEER DAY

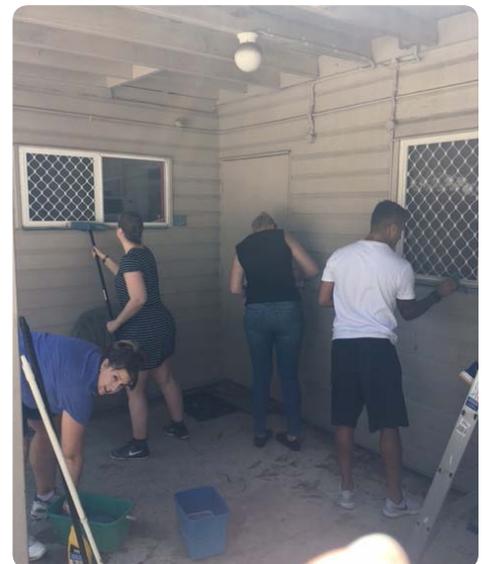
Thank you to the team from Suncorp who came out to our Herston premises on the 11th September and took part in a working bee. The team got stuck into cleaning up our grounds including the playground area as well as the garden and lawns around the 13 Herston units.

A wonderful group of people!



## SUNSUPER VOLUNTEER DAY

Thank you to the team from Sunsuper Customer Contact Centre who came out to our Herston premises on Friday 27th October and assisted in the clean up of our accommodation facilities which included maintenance, cleaning the Community Room and preparation for our Halloween Party.



# RIDE FOR LOVE

What a ride and a wonderful day at the inaugural 'Ride For Love' Gold Coast Harley-Davidson and Emma Love Childhood Cancer Charity event!

On Saturday 19th August, 50 bikes roared from the Gold Coast to Brisbane to support and raise funds for Childhood Cancer Support. The event included a scenic ride from the Gold Coast through the hinterland, then onto Brisbane on the back of a Harley Davidson. The day was complete with a morning tea and a visit to see the patients at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, concluding at New Farm Park over a BBQ lunch (we even had fairy floss and popcorn!).

Thank you to our wonderful Ambassador Laura Geitz for coming to the hospital and taking a ride with us to New Farm park to feed the hungry riders. A huge thank you to Stuart and Leanne Love, and the Harley Owners Group for organising this special day in loving memory of Emma Love.

Over \$10,000 was raised on the day with all proceeds donated to Childhood Cancer Support.

This amount allows us to continue to support our regional families and provide them a home whilst their child is being treated for cancer in Brisbane. A special thank you to our wonderful Young Ambassador for this ride, our special Brooke, who enjoyed following the riders in style in a convertible Porsche. Her beautiful smile said it all. Thank you to everyone for making this wonderful event such a success.

This event will now be an annual event and we are all set for 2018! So save the date because 'Ride for Love' will be back on the 11th August and we seriously cannot wait! More details to come so be sure to watch this space.



## BRIDGE TO BRISBANE 2017

This year we did it! We put in a 5km walking in the Bridge to Brisbane and raised close to \$3000 for Childhood Cancer Support. The 5km walking team consisted of Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, Ambassador Laura Geitz, staff, long term volunteers, Nick from the Central Committee of Management and our young Ambassador Brooke. It was a day full of energy and hype and we had such a great time!

Over on the 10km walking track we had our Family Support Officer Tamsyn and one of our mums Julie who took on the track together and met us at the finish line.

Huge thank you to the QLD Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk who took the time to meet our young Ambassador Brooke along side Deputy Premier Jackie Trad.

We are looking forward to next year and hope you will join us on our team to make this day even bigger and better!



Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, Young Ambassador Brooke and Deputy Premier Jackie Trad at Bridge to Brisbane 2017



The Childhood Cancer Support 5KM Walking Team



Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, Young Ambassador Brooke and Ambassador Laura Geitz

## THANK YOU TOCH!

On the 20th August, the sun was shining and faces were beaming. Our families were invited to attend the Brisbane Ekka Show. They stopped traffic as they were treated to a police escort directly to the show, and when they got there they received goodie bags, lunch and free rides! This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work, generosity and support of the organisation ToCh. Also a thank you to all the volunteers who escorted the families for the day. On behalf of the families, thank you again for allowing our families to be a part of this special day. It is always great to see that this day can bring some joy to them during a difficult time.



On the 30th - 31st August, Childhood Cancer Support visited sunny Townsville! The organisation was fortunate to have been invited by the North Queensland Cowboys to come to the 1300 SMILES Stadium to raise awareness of Childhood Cancer Support to their 26,000 strong crowd. What an exciting opportunity, one which we were thrilled to attend as it was the game and battle between two almighty Queensland teams - North QLD Toyota Cowboys and the Brisbane Broncos.

The Childhood Cancer Support team were able to set up pre match at the LGIA Super Community Hub where we were able to mingle with the crowd, sell merch, have some fun and raise awareness for the organisation.

During our stay we also had the opportunity to visit the home hospital of our Townsville families and meet with some wonderful people. Thank you to Oncology Nurses Jess and Karen and Social Worker Katie for welcoming the Childhood Cancer Support President Trevor Rethamel, General Manager Helen Crew and two of the Central Committee of Management Members Nick Dubravcic and Bert Pulman. It was great to see the team that take care of our families during their hospital visits when they're back in their home town.



# TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

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 families throughout Australia a chance to loosen their ties, do away with uniforms, hunt for treasure and ‘Talk Like a Pirate’. Every year, thousands of people across Australia join together to support families and children living with cancer.

This year there was over 230 groups, individuals, corporates, schools and childcare centres who took part in the event raising funds and awareness for Childhood Cancer Support.

In honour of Talk Like a Pirate Day™, Childhood Cancer Support holds a swashbuckling day at the Queensland Maritime Museum. The day is full of so much fun and energy and everyone had a great time.

On behalf of Childhood Cancer Support we thank everyone involved in the day. Your support and efforts that went into making the day a success do not go unnoticed. Without your hard work and commitment the day simply would not be a success nor have the atmosphere it encompasses.

Thank you to the Councillor for Central Ward Vicki Howard for once again supporting the organisation, Natalie on face painting, Janelle on Arts and Crafts, Lois and Brian on BBQ, Andy on photography, Bus QLD for family transport and continued support, Josie Thomson for your wonderful MC duties and creating atmosphere, Leigh on instruments, Nyssa and Matt on popcorn and fairy floss, the real roaming pirates, the Queensland Fencing Association for coming on board, Peebo and Dagwood for the best show in town, the team at Queensland Maritime Museum for hosting and support, Jayne from QMM for PR assistance and Allen Wright for the generous donation of food for the BBQ lunch. We would also like to thank the staff, Central Committee of Management and the sea of volunteers (pun intended).

Many of you have shown long term commitment, passion, love and support towards the organisation over the years especially towards our families. This is not only significant to Talk Like a Pirate Day but the organisation as a whole. There are not enough words to express how much we appreciate you taking the time out of your day for our families.

It was a fantastic day with over 300 people in attendance and as we finished up the day a team headed up to the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital to visit those who could not be there with us at the museum. A lovely end to the day.

As we wrap up ‘Talk Like a Pirate Day’ be sure to keep an eye on the next newsletter to see how we went and how much loot we raised in support of children with cancer.





Childhood Cancer Support  
invites paediatric oncology families  
to our Annual Family

# Christmas Party

**WHAT'S ON:** Peebo and Dagwood Magic Show  
Face Painting  
Jumping Castle  
Christmas Treasure hunt  
BBQ Lunch and Snacks  
A special visit from Santa Claus himself  
Plus pinata games, fairy floss, slushies,  
popcorn and loads more!

RSVP for this event is a **must**.  
For more details on the date and time  
please contact the office by phoning (07) 3844 5000  
or emailing [fso@ccs.org.au](mailto:fso@ccs.org.au).



*In the event of wet weather, the Christmas Party will be relocated to  
11 Bramston Tce, Herston 4006. Please check Facebook or contact the office for details.*

Childhood Cancer Support

# Christmas APPEAL

25th October -  
20th November



Each year in December, Childhood Cancer Support hosts an Annual Family Christmas Party for paediatric oncology families. Christmas is a special time for most of us, but for families who have children with cancer, it can be a daunting holiday both financially and emotionally.

Please join us in supporting families this Christmas through the Childhood Cancer Support Christmas Appeal.

*the gift of giving*



## Gifts

Boys and girls ages 1 - 18 years

\*Gifts must be new and unwrapped



**Decorations**



**Entertainment**



**Food**



**Donation**

For more details regarding donations and how you can help, please contact Childhood Cancer Support or simply visit [www.ccs.org.au](http://www.ccs.org.au)

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