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The Queensland and Northern New South Wales **Lions Medical Research Foundation** is committed to start-up funding for world class medical research.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello to all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in Queensland and Northern New South Wales, and welcome to the April edition of our newsletter.

Our researchers have had a busy time recently with club visits, lectures and speaking engagements, and we share some of that activity with you in this newsletter. It goes without saying that each time we are privileged to share these occasions with them, we are reminded anew of the wonderful work that they and their teams undertake in the name of world class medical research.



ALLAN TURNER

Mother's Day is coming up next month, so please consider ordering Roses of Life to add that extra element to any fundraising activities you are planning for this special day.

We've received a great response to our event on Sunday 29 April. On this day, Lions Medical Research Foundation, in partnership with The University of Queensland, presents an opportunity to the Lions Clubs of Queensland and Northern New South Wales to enjoy a presentation at the Translational Research Institute (TRI) from researchers (past and present), and representatives from the Diamantina Institute, SPARQ-ed and the Foundation. RSVPs are essential and registration opens at 8.30am on the day. We look forward to welcoming you to this very popular annual event.

Yours in Lions Service.

Allan Turner
Chairman

AND THE WINNER IS Chris Pullin, President of the Lions Club of Tewantin Noosa. We ran a small competition in the January and February editions of the newsletter, and Chris took up the option to join Royal on the Park's ROYAL REWARDS club. For his efforts, he wins a night at the hotel. Congratulations Chris !!

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND - HEALTH MATTERS LECTURE SERIES

The UQ Faculty of Medicine invited LMRF to attend their most recent lecture in the Health Matters series.

Speakers were Professor Hayden Homer, Professor Karen Moritz and our very own **Dr Tracey Bjorkman**. The subject was *Nature Vs Nurture: How the first 1000 days affect lifelong health*, and the expert panel discussed the latest developments in preconception and IVF, the implications of events at birth, societal impacts on children's health and what you can do to help prevent disease and disability before it occurs. The evening was sold-out with all attendees enjoying a very insightful evening.



GVK CLUB VISIT

The Golden Valley Keperra Lions Club Inc kindly invited Lions Medical Research Foundation to attend their April meeting. Current Senior Research Fellow, Dr Nadeeka Dissanayaka was a guest speaker and shared some insights about her research into age related brain disease. At the end of her speech, and following some great questions from Club Members, Nadeeka received a club bannerette from Paul Ryan, and President David Squire presented her with a \$6,000 cheque for LMRF to go towards continuing support for ongoing medical research. Sincere thanks to this marvellous club that is so committed to making a difference.



ANZGOG MEETING

This month, Dr Carlos Salomon presented on Ovarian Cancer research at the Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG) meeting.

ANZGOG is the peak, national gynaecological cancer clinical trials organisation for Australia and New Zealand, with a focus on improving life for women with gynaecological cancer through research. Their purpose is to improve outcomes and quality of life for women with gynaecological cancer through conducting and promoting cooperative clinical trials and undertaking multidisciplinary research into the causes, prevention and treatments of gynaecological cancer.



AWARDS PROGRAM

Lions Medical Research Foundation offers a range of awards and medallions that recognise and reward outstanding members of the community who work tirelessly in support of medical research.

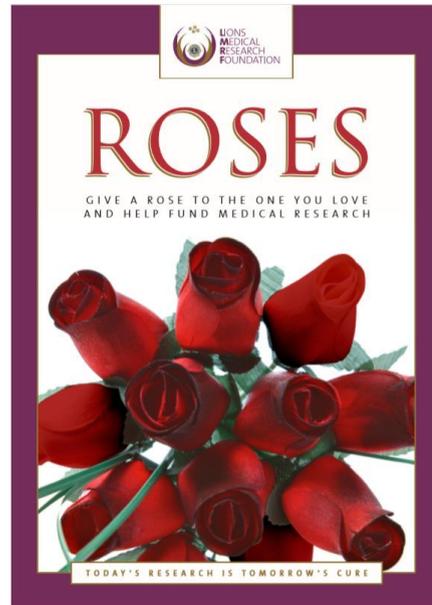
These include the prestigious Ray Phippard Fellow Award, Prof. Ian Frazer Humanitarian Award, and a recently introduced **Lions Medical Research Foundation Community Service Award** at a cost of \$250. Forms can be downloaded from the website [HERE](#).

ROSES OF LIFE

Roses of life are a great option year-round to add that extra element to club fundraising activities. Every club does it slightly differently - in the March edition we shared how the Lions Club of Rockhampton Fitzroy River uses them in beautiful bouquets, and other clubs spray them with rose oil to heighten the enjoyment.

With Mother's Day on the horizon we've been receiving extra orders, so why not encourage your club to place an order so they can arrive in time for your Mother's Day activities.

You can order on line [HERE](#).



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