



LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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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

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

As I reported in the January edition, the Board of Directors recently made the decision to suspend the Lions Medical Research Personality Quest. Since then we have been discussing and planning for a replacement event or program, and it is our intention to create new opportunities for 2019, ensuring we deliver this advice in a timely manner.



In the interim, fundraising on other levels must continue. Each year the Foundation commits to funding 3 researchers, and each year the drive to raise funds continues. As a Lion myself, I know all too well that the pressure on fundraising dollars does not ease, and only grows. With the need to fundraise in mind, I am pleased to announce that the Board has put their full support behind a new campaign - **Foundation500** - that will run in 2018.

Foundation500 will operate across all Clubs from February to August with an appeal to all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs to contribute a minimum of \$500 to support the Foundation.

Through this campaign, we can potentially raise a minimum of \$185,000, and while this amount will not meet all needs, it will certainly make a huge difference and ensure we take stronger steps towards long term sustainability.

To help us deliver the important message of this campaign, we have asked our most well-known Lions Medical Research Foundation Fellow, **Professor Ian Frazer AC** to share his thoughts on why the Foundation needs your support, and how the Foundation assists in transforming careers. His letter follows.

Information on **Foundation500** is available on the Lions Medical Research Foundation website, material will be shared electronically and in print, the **Board of Directors** has material that can be shared within your districts and can answer any questions you may have, and the office staff are available to help with any queries.

We have had our first donation for **Foundation500** from the **Lions Club of Toowoomba Wilsonton**, and we are very grateful for their early support for this campaign.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those Clubs who already generously support and value the work of the Foundation and its researchers, but we ask that this support reaches further into all corners of the Lions community within the Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 Districts.

Yours in Lions Service

Allan Turner
Chairman

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

I've been a proud supporter of The Lions Medical Research Foundation since I came to Queensland from Melbourne in 1985. This letter is written to encourage you and your club to be supporters too, and to see what we can achieve together to improve the health of Queensland and the world. The Foundation has, over the years, funded many leading medical researchers in Queensland at a critical stage of their careers when they were establishing their independence and putting their great new ideas to the test. The LMRF funding can be transformative, freeing up the researcher from writing grant applications for their own salary, and allowing them to do smart stuff, potentially changing people's lives for the better.

I was really pleased to receive the initial offer of funding support from Lions Medical Research Foundation, which was key to my decision to come to Queensland from Melbourne. Funding from LMRF to my lab in the 1980s allowed me to leverage substantial extra funding from elsewhere, and contributed directly to the development in Queensland of the vaccines (Gardasil and Cervarix) now used worldwide to help prevent cervical cancer. To be blunt, I couldn't have done it without the support of Lions clubs like yours and mine (I'm a longstanding member of the Lions Club of Brisbane Inner West). Now I'm asking you to help LMRF to carry on what they do so well – funding new youth researchers.

Medical research has, over the last 50 years, enabled changes to our health that have prolonged our average lifespan by nearly 10 years, and, more importantly, have given us the means to prevent, or detect early, some of the serious health problems that we are at risk of as we grow older. But there are many health challenges that impact on every family for which we still need solutions. These include Alzheimers disease, childhood cancers, and epidemic infections including 'flu and Zikavirus. Your contribution to the Lions Medical Research Foundation can make a real difference, and they desperately need your help to enable them to carry on the good work that they do. Every dollar of your contributions helps to support local researchers doing research that will impact locally. I urge your club to give Lions MRF regular support: you will see the benefits.

Best wishes



Lion Ian Frazer AC

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

In 2018, Lions Medical Research Foundation is launching an Ambassador Program. This program is designed to engage Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs to support the goals and objectives of Lions Medical Research Foundation.

We are looking for people who are committed to their communities, see the benefits of medical research and prepared to be our eyes and ears in regional and metropolitan Queensland and northern New South Wales.



AMBASSADOR

Quite simply an Ambassador is someone who is passionate about working with the Foundation to secure the funding that is necessary to sustain our ongoing commitment to supporting early career researchers in their fields of study.

At the heart of this program will be individuals who treat the core values of Lions Medical Research Foundation as seriously as the Staff and Board of Directors. These people will assist the Foundation to have an impact that is both far-reaching and long-lasting.

It may come as no surprise to many that our very first Ambassador is PDG Austin (Aussie) Lanphier. As Aussie says - ***“Lions Medical Research Foundation is very important to me. As a past Chairman, I remain committed to the Foundation and am delighted to be able to offer ongoing support as a Foundation Ambassador”***

If you are interested then please contact the Foundation Director in your District, and if you're not sure who that is, you can find them [HERE](#). **We look forward to hearing from you.**

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 and Progressive Awards, and 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](#).

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

**A message from Lion Paul Ryan,
Membership Chair for Lions Club of Golden Valley Keperra**



I know I'm speaking to the converted, if you are reading this newsletter.

As Lions, we have many Projects and Foundations, and we know that the administration costs of these Projects and Foundations are massively lower than many professional Foundations – so it's a no-brainer to say "We should support our Lions Foundations and Projects – First" before we look at other worthy causes for our funds.

- LMRF is our Foundation.
- It's start-up funding model is different to many other Foundations.
- LMRF needs our support to ensure the Foundation's work continues.

Golden Valley Keperra Lions Club has committed to holding at least one major fundraising event to support the Foundation and challenge other clubs to increase their support of LMRF.

Mother Teresa said

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with Great Love”

SPARQ-ed UPDATE

Lions Medical Research Foundation has a commitment to the SPARQ-ed (Students Performing Advanced Research Queensland) program which is a unique educational facility founded as a partnership between the University of Queensland Diamantina Institute and the Department of Education and training located with the Translational Research Institute (TRI) in Brisbane. The

SPARQ-ed Team recently won an award of which they are justly proud.

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ROYAL ON THE PARK OFFER

Don't miss out on the Royal on the Park offer to the Lions Community. At no cost, you can **join the Hotel's Royal Rewards Program**. **If you do this by 26 March 2018, you will be entered in the draw to win one free night of accommodation at Royal on the Park Hotel & Suites!**



As a Royal Rewards' member, you'll enjoy:

- 25% off* The Walnut Restaurant and Lounge Bar for Lunch or Dinner
- 20% off the best available rate of the day
- Exclusive deals straight to your inbox
- First access to new promotions, packages and products
- Late checkout of 1pm (subject to availability)

(*\$50 maximum and cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts, offers or promotions)

Either phone 07 3221 3411 or email marketing@royalonthepark.com.au with your full name, phone number and postal address to sign up. Then look out over the next month for your exclusive Royal Rewards' membership card in the post!

The winner will be notified by phone on Tuesday 27 March

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