

# FOUNDATION LINE

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Suddenly it is December, and our thoughts turn to festivities, family, and fun. We anticipate a break from the work-a-day world and take some down time from Lions where possible.

For many of us it is a time to reflect and give thanks for what we have, where we live and our greatest asset, our health.



The marvels of modern medicine, whilst not all encompassing are nevertheless still marvels and the LMRF team are more conscious of them than many people. In fact, advances in medical knowledge are the driving force behind our team. Like many other Lions Foundations our personal health experience frames our motivation to support human health.

I am delighted to advise that the LMRF Board approved the extension of Dr Olivia Holland's Fellowship for a further three years commencing on 1 November 2022, and she will continue her research on gestational diabetes at Griffith University. On a recent visit to Griffith, I could not help be impressed with the work of her team and the contribution it makes to international research on predictive algorithms for the early identification of high risk mother-to-be during pregnancy and childbirth.

In a similar way to our arrangements with University of Queensland, LMRF will fund Olivia on a 50-50% joint venture arrangement with Griffith University giving LMRF greater control and access to productivity and performance.

Dr Dominic Guanzon continues collaborating with Associate Professor Carlos Salomon on the early detection of ovarian cancer and is making great strides as part of that team.

It would be remiss of me not to again thank PDG Narelle Parkins who retired late this year after many years of service to LMRF across a range of roles. Narelle is still providing some limited contractual assistance and her depth of knowledge of the organisation is invaluable.

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE *continued*

In the same vein a very warm welcome to Deanne Meldon who joins as Narelle's replacement until early 2023 as we go through a replacement process.

We are also delighted to have PDG Rod Sommerville appointed to a long-standing casual vacancy in a Q4 director role. Welcome Rod and I am sure your 30 plus years in Lions will be of great benefit to the Board.

On a sad note, the AGM this year will see PDG Gary Kenny retire from the Board to accept other portfolios closer to home. A heartfelt thank you Gary. Your common sense and good counsel will be missed.

Whilst I am on the subject, Gary's role as well as my directorship and that of PDG Ross Gibbins will all be up for election at the AGM in late November this year. Appointments are generally for three years or in Ross' case the expiration of the term of the person who he replaced as a casual vacancy.

At a business level the LMRF team will be taking a break over Xmas and the office will shut down however someone will be available to take calls right through.

Importantly I would like to thank all our sponsors, donors, volunteers, Ambassadors, Board members and staff for the significant contributions over the calendar year.

A particular thanks to our patron Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM the Governor of Queensland who has proven to be a hands-on patron and very much across our work.

My compliments of the season to all and please have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Xmas.

Best wishes

**David Eades**

Chair LMRF

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

By Deanne Meldon



Hello all!

Firstly, a big thank you to David and the Board, Narelle and Yeni for the very warm welcome to LMRF, and for your guidance and support while finding my way. I look forward to connecting with as many of the Lions and Clubs who support the Foundation as possible. Your support of the Foundation and its life-changing researchers is truly inspiring.

Before stepping in I wanted to find out as much as possible about the Foundation and its purpose. While reading through the history of the Foundation I couldn't help but think of individual family members and friends who have benefited from the incredible research funded by the Foundation and those that could have if still here - family and friends with asthma, pancreatitis, heart disease, mosquito born disease, Type 2 diabetes, cancer, osteoporosis, seizures, ovarian cancer, cornea transplant, kidney transplant, Parkinson's, and genetic screening. I was truly humbled by the impact and potential impact of the research conducted by the Foundation's researchers, over the years since inception, on my one circle of family and friends, let alone the family and friends of all those who support the Foundation. It just goes to show how wide the ripple effect is of the medical research conducted by the Foundation's Research Fellows.

Since stepping in it has been a whirlwind of activity and no two days have been the same. We announced the winners of our latest Art Union (see p.4) and raised \$5,619.72 for ex-Research Fellow Professor Brandon Wainwright and his research into children's brain cancer. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to our 1st prize winner, Sue Young who very kindly donated a cash equivalent portion of her prize to the Foundation. Our annual Spring for Research Appeal has now concluded and generated \$17,738.00 for medical research. Thank you to all the Lions Clubs who hosted events and raised funds for the Appeal.

Our current Research Fellows, Dr Olivia Holland & Dr Dominic Guanzon were busy in and away from their research labs with Dr Olivia Holland being a guest speaker at Carrara Lions Club's Tiaras for Research (p.6) and Dr Dominic Guanzon at Lismore Lions Club's 75th Anniversary Dinner (p.7).

And just like that Halloween was upon us, a date in the calendar that at its core is a time to remember our dear departed. LMRF gratefully received Gifts in Memory from the family and friends of the late Joe Sester and Bill Freeman, both recipients of LMRF's Ray Phippard Fellow Award for their outstanding service to the community in support of medical research. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure" (Anonymous).

By the time you are reading this the Foundation would have hosted the latest District Governor Elects for a weekend visit, interacting with our researchers and seeing first-hand the wonderful work that is currently being carried out. The visit included a tour of the Griffith University Research Laboratories and the Foundation's Annual General Meeting.

With Christmas fast approaching our thoughts are turning to family and friends and coming up with meaningful gift ideas. We were touched by a recent donation received from one of our extended Lions family, in lieu of buying gifts for adults this Christmas, to honour the memory of a loved one taken too soon by ovarian cancer. Thank you. May this festive season bring you all comfort, joy, good health and happiness. See you in 2023!



The Winners of 2022 Art Union are....

1st Prize

**SUE YOUNG**

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\$7,500 Coles Group & Myer Gift Card

2nd Prize

**BILL BASKETT**

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AND

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(total value \$950)

3rd Prize

**JOHN READER**

MORAYFIELD LIONS CLUB

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## CLUBS NEWS

### Tiaras for Research

The Lions Club of Carrara held their annual LMRF fundraising event on Sunday 25 September 2022 in the form of a "High Tea & Tiaras".

Lakelands Golf Club at Merrimac was the venue and was sparkling with tinsel and tiaras. Dr Olivia Holland was guest speaker on the day and spoke on her latest research into gestational diabetes, preeclampsia and the overall wellbeing of mums and bubs.

\$2,569 was raised on the day with over \$1,500 raised in the raffles.

Thank you Lions Club of Carrara and thank you to all involved.



## CLUBS NEWS

### Celebrating 75 years

Congratulations to the Lions Club of Lismore celebrating 75 years with a lovely anniversary dinner on Saturday 1 October where our latest researcher, Dr Dominic Guanzon presented on his ovarian cancer EvOmics project.





## SUPPORT US

Don't know what to buy for a family member or friend who seems to have everything? Or can't think of anything when you're asked "and what would you like for Christmas this year?"

How about a life-changing gift to fund our inspiring medical research fellows or passionate up and coming SPARQ-ed students?

### How to donate to LMRF

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#### Cheque

The Bank has advised that the use of Cheques is diminishing however for the meantime they can still be banked.

- Your cheque must be written out to 'Qld & Northern NSW Lions Medical Research Foundation' or 'Lions Medical Research Foundation.' It cannot be any other variation of the above.
- Send your cheque to GPO Box 1030, Brisbane Qld 4001

#### Cash / Credit Card facility

Cash donations can be made at our Head Office, Suite 5 Portman Place, 220 Boundary Street, Spring Hill. We have a credit card machine here at the office and you may also call to have it processed over the phone.

#### Bequests / Giving at Funerals

Specially printed donation cards can be obtained from Head Office to take to funerals. Contact our office on (07) 3832-1688 for more information.

#### Fundraisers

LMRF hold annual appeals and Campaigns, however your Club can hold a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to LMRF. We would be more than happy to assist with promotion via our social media page. Contact our office on (07) 3832-1688 for ideas.

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- (b) the receipt of the secretary or treasurer for the time being shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to my executor; and
- (c) my executor shall not be obliged to see or enquire into the application of money or assets, the subject of such legacy.

***Gift of Residuary Estate***

I give my residuary estate (after payment of any debts and expenses incurred by me during my life or associated with my death and the administration of my estate including taxes, duties and any estate or succession duty payable in any country) to the **QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES LIONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION ABN 63 009 946 481** to be applied for its general charitable purposes and in respect of such legacy I declare as follows:

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# Awards!



The **Ray Phippard Fellow Award** is named in honour of Ray Phippard in recognition of his ongoing services to the Lions Medical Research Foundation over the last 50 years. Membership of Lions Clubs International is not a prerequisite. It is usually given to an individual who has given outstanding service to the community in support of medical research. A plaque together with a lapel pin is presented to the recipient.  
Cost \$1000

## Ray Phippard Fellow Award



The **Ray Phippard Progressive Award** is awarded to the special person who already holds an existing Ray Phippard Award. This prestigious award is a Crystal Ice Peak trophy and a solid silver lapel pin that contains a 45-point diamond. Each additional donation of \$1,000 will add one more precious stone (e.g. Old blue or yellow sapphire) to a maximum of five stones.  
Cost \$1000

## Ray Phippard Progressive Award



The **Prof. Ian Frazer Humanitarian Award** is awarded after Professor Ian Frazer AC in recognition of his research into Cervical Cancer and his assistance to the Lions Medical Research Foundation over many years. Membership of Lions Clubs International is not a prerequisite. The Award is given for outstanding services to the community in support of medical research. A framed certificate and lapel pin are presented to the recipient.  
Cost \$500

## Prof. Ian Frazer Humanitarian Award



The **Prof. Ian Frazer Progressive Award** is awarded to the special person who already holds an existing Prof. Ian Frazer Humanitarian Award. The prestigious award is a Diamond Optical trophy and a mauve lapel pin.  
Cost \$500

## Prof. Ian Frazer Progressive Award



The **Community Service Award** is presented to an organisation or individual whose commitment to community service is exemplary. This award acknowledges that 'community is what we make it', and service to our community in support of medical research is recognised, appreciated and valued.  
Cost \$250



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