



# NEWSLETTER WINTER 2008

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

### All members and friends invited

**Date:** TUESDAY 17th June 2008  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Venue:** The Cancer Council of Tasmania Offices,  
184 Collins Street Hobart.

### Guest Speaker 7.30 pm

Dr Joanne Dickinson from the Menzies Research Institute in Hobart will be Guest Speaker. The subject is entitled "Every individual counts: For our genetic family studies of blood cancer."

The subject is of great interest to us as it is being researched from information gathered over the years from leukaemia patients and families in Tasmania. We have financed much of this research and we are very pleased that Dr Joanne Dickinson is going to address us on the progress of the research. Everyone is welcome. Supper will be served.

## OFFICE BEARERS

**Patron:** His Excellency The Governor  
Mr Peter Underwood AO  
**President:** Leigh Saltmarsh  
**Vice President:** Norm Deane  
**Secretary:** Annette Ogilvie  
**Treasurer:** Scott Thomson

### Committee:

D.Asten, A.Piaszczyk, S.Wright,  
K.Marsden, G.Woods, D.Tuck, I.Napier.

**Executive Officer:** Graeme Petterd

**Life Members:** Mrs B Collins, Mr N Deane, Dr M Baikie

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## THE PRESIDENT'S BIT

"Every individual counts" is part of the Foundations outlook for the coming year. It is recognition that every patient, carer, family member, supporter is important. To continue the Foundations support we need to strengthen our supporter base. So the challenge is to us all, if you know someone that can spare time and energy such as an hour collecting on Button Day give us a call. "Every individual counts".

Until the Spring. Leigh Saltmarsh **President**

## PATRON

We are pleased to announce that The Governor His Excellency The Honourable Peter Underwood AO has accepted our invitation to replace The Honourable William Cox AC RFD ED as our Patron. We congratulate him on his appointment and look forward to working with him. We thank William Cox for his contribution as our Patron and wish him well in his retirement.

## BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

A new shower bay with matching bathroom fittings and tiles has been installed at David Collins House by B&B Joinery at a cost of \$6,500.00. The much needed work was made possible by a generous Community Grant of \$2,000 by Rio Tinto Aluminium Bell Bay (Comalco) of which we are very appreciative. To complete the job Terry Lovell donated his time and paint to give the bathroom a much need lift which we are sure will be appreciated by patients and their families when they stay at David Collins House.

**David Collins Leukaemia Foundation 2008 Subscriptions are now due** Single \$3.00 : Family \$5.00

Tear off

The Secretary David Collins Leukaemia Foundation of Tasmania, GPO Box 372 Hobart Tas 7001

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed Subscription for 2007 please tick ..... \$3.00 single ..... \$5.00 family ..... Donation \$

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD – EMILY HINDS**

Emily was a recipient of our PDA Scholarship in 2006 to undertake a two year Graduate Diploma of Pathology. She works in Pathology at the Royal Hobart Hospital. We are pleased to announce that she graduated in December 2007. The course enabled her to increase her knowledge in both haematology and biochemistry, specialising in haematology, through a series of lectures, case studies and essays. As part of the second year requirements Emily carried out a short project investigating the feasibility of refreezing haematopoietic stem cells with some promising results. We congratulate her on achieving a Graduate Diploma of Pathology and thank her for a very comprehensive report on her work. Well done Emily.

## **2008 BUTTON DAY – 8 August**

Button Day 2008 will be conducted on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Plans are in hand for selling sites in Hobart and suburbs plus the Burnie area. We have had contact with a person who is interested in co-ordinating Devonport and Launceston and we hopeful of selling in both these cities this year. We are putting out an early call for sellers as we want to make this year's button day our best ever. If you are able to assist or know of someone who would be interested for an hour or two on the day it would be appreciated if you could contact one of the following people

**Burnie:** Joan Balon 64314172

**Hobart Suburbs:** Norm Deane 62727672

**Hobart:** Leigh Saltmarsh 62238877

**Launceston/Devonport:** Graeme Petterd 62782811

The more sellers we have the more buttons we sell and the more money we raise.

## **NEW TOWN STATION NURSERY**

Just a reminder to our members who live in Southern Tasmania that New Town Station Nursery who are at the old New Town Station site are sponsors of the Foundation. They specialize in plants, seedlings, fertilisers, garden tools and furniture in fact all garden supplies. They offer a gift wrap service and request a gold coin be placed in our tin which is on their counter for the service. So when you need something for the garden the New Town Station Nursery is the place to go.

## **COUNTER TINS**

A special thanks to Joan Balon of Burnie and Kaye Wilde of Devonport who phone us regularly to advise of the money they have collected and banked from counter tins in their areas. Joan and Kaye have been DCLF members for many years and we are indebted to them for the work they continue to do you us in the North West. Thank you ladies your support is appreciated.

## **HEAD SHAVE**

Jim Kean who is 12 years old has a beautiful head of curly hair and he is going to have it shaved off as a fund raiser for leukaemia at his school Snug Primary in September. We are delighted that Jim and his family have chosen us as the benefactor of the shave. Jim has the support of his family and school and hopes to get support from businesses and the local community. We commend Jim on his commitment and wish him every success with his goal and we urge as many people as possible to support him.