

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2006

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

All members and friends invited

Date: TUESDAY DECEMBER 19th 2006

Time: 6.15 pm

Venue: The Cancer Council of Tasmania Offices,
184 Collins Street Hobart.

**Following a short meeting the drawing of our
Christmas Raffle will take place.**

Supper and Christmas refreshments will be served

ALL WELCOME.

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Leigh Saltmarsh
Vice President	Norm Deane
Secretary	Deirdre Tuck
Treasurer	Scott Thomson

Committee

D. Asten, G. Woods, A. Piaszczyk, A. Ogilvie,
S. Wright, K. Marsden, I. Napier
Ex Officio Graeme Petterd

THE PRESIDENT'S BIT

On behalf of the DCLFT Committee, I would like to thank our valued members, friends and supporters for another successful year. With your help and contributions from Hobart Rotary and the RHH Cancer Auxiliary we have been able to contribute \$42,000 to the purchase of a new blood cell separator for the RHH. We have also been able to encourage our health professionals with development awards to the value of \$12,000 as well as maintain our significant financial commitment to local research and patient support.

I personally have enjoyed my year as President and wish to thank the committee members for their support, enthusiasm and above all, compassion. To Graeme Petterd, our Executive Officer, many thanks for making it all happen.

Finally, to everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas 2006 and a fulfilling 2007.

ANNUAL DINNER

This year's Annual Dinner, held at the Drysdale Institute, was a great success. Approximately 100 members and friends attended, making it the largest attendance ever. Our resident MC, Greg Woods, kept

us entertained between courses with regular raffle draws with plenty of banter.

The highlight of the night was the presentations of **Life Membership** to Beverley Collins and Norm Deane. They are our first Life members. Professor Ray Lowenthal presented Beverley and Norm with their Life Membership Certificates. In so doing he recalled many of our early days' experiences and the full journey of the Foundation, together with our achievements that would not have been realised without the dedicated efforts of Bev & Norm. Both were surprised and pleased to receive their award. Norm replied on Bev's and his behalf and said that being part of the Foundation was one of his most satisfying achievements and he knew Bev felt the same.



We made a profit of around \$1600, which is a great result. It was a good night and many went home with raffle prizes and for those who did not there is always next

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Three professional development awards were also announced at the Dinner

The David Balon Scholarship was shared between, Georgina Neill, a Radiation Therapist and Tutor at the Holman Clinic in Hobart, as well as Virginia Dauneay and Jane Miller, who are Oncology Social Workers at the RHH. The award assisted all three to travel to Melbourne to study and exchange information in the areas of their expertise in radiotherapy and psychosocial support.

The Judy Slevin Scholarship was awarded to Rachal Davis, a Medical Scientist at the Royal Hobart Hospital to assist her with a Graduate Diploma in Pathology course at the University of Tasmania.

The David Joyce Scholarship was awarded to Heather McGee a PhD Candidate at the University of Tasmania to attend the 9th International Conference on Dendritic Cells held in Edinburgh.

All the winners have attended their conferences and studies and have expressed their thanks to the DCLF for providing these awards. The next round of scholarships will be advertised in January 2007

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st prize Cubby House 2nd prize Xmas Hamper 3rd prize Child's Table & Chair set.

Our raffle is selling well and we are confident of exceeding our target of \$10,000 in ticket sales.

It's not too late to buy tickets or take a book or two to sell to your family or friends. All enquiries phone Graeme Petterd on 6278 2811 or 0409289238. The raffle will be drawn at our general meeting on 19th December.

A big thank you to Mike Reid of Howrah who has donated a Child's (pictured) Cubby House to us to raffle. It is valued at \$2,700.



VEHICLE MAGNETIC SIGN



To assist in promoting our name we have purchased two magnetic signs for our Executive Officer to place on his vehicle when he is using the vehicle on DCLF business. The sign displays our logo and name along with our new 1300 telephone number. The sign can be used on any vehicle and can be used on other member's vehicles when they are on DCLF business

EXHIBITION SPONSORSHIP

The Foundation sponsored an exhibition entitled "In My Garden" which was arranged by Kristin Mathiassen, a mother of a Down's Syndrome child named Lucah who is in remission from childhood leukaemia. The event was held at The Pavilion, Mawson Place Hobart in October. It featured photographs, paintings, needlework, sculpture and the written word. The exhibition told of the journey through the eyes of Kristin with Lucah and his illness. It was a sober yet and thought provoking event that gave hope to families who find themselves in these situations. We congratulate Kristin for arranging the exhibition and wish them well for the future.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

Our new Statewide telephone number 1300 728 533 is now in operation. Where practical all calls should be directed to this number and Debbie will either act directly on the call, take a message, or direct the caller to a DCLF person in a regional area.

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS BLOOD DONATIONS

Red Cross is appealing for donations of blood to get them through the busy Christmas holiday season. If anyone can give donate blood, or encourage someone to do so, please telephone Red Cross 13 14 95 from anywhere in the State. You could be helping a patient with leukaemia.