

Celebrating 30 years



CIKA's 2010 Blue and Orange Ball

CIKA Supporter Pam Phillips with daughter, Michelle Lanigan, family and friends.

We had high hopes and were not disappointed as CIKA's supporters again showed the depth of their commitment to research into the causes and treatment of children's cancer. Would we break the \$100,000 barrier in this, our thirtieth year? The 2010 Blue and Orange Ball was officially opened by the Honourable Daniel Andrews, Victoria's Minister for Health. We greatly appreciate the time taken from his busy schedule, especially on election night. Mr Andrews' commitment to cancer research is well known and he started our night with a pledge from the Victorian government for \$55,000, sufficient to fund all the equipment on the 'wish list' of lead researcher, Dr Denise Caruso.

Long time CIKA stalwart, Israel Rosenfield, challenged us all to commemorate CIKA's 30th Anniversary by reminding us of the reason we were there and amazing us all with a substantial personal donation. Israel had also planned to donate an antique partner's desk (circa 1890) to the Grand Auction but, when he received a superb offer prior to the night, he clinched the deal and donated this money as well! The furniture industry's volunteer group, The Woodpeckers, hold numerous fund-raising activities

throughout the year and, this year, presented us with the magnificent sum of \$10,000. Platinum sponsors Ruth and Peter Murray provided the beautiful 30th anniversary notebooks as a gift for all our guests and a generous personal donation.

Three of the 'oldest' of CIKA's children, Fiona Gilchrist (Love), Sam Casilli and Dean Duyvestyn then took the stage to tell us of their journeys as cancer survivors. They know how lucky they are to be here and bear with fortitude the long term effects of their treatment. We celebrated their stories as they cut the beautiful anniversary cake provided by Dean Duyvestyn and decorated by Jill Spink.

It wouldn't be the Blue and Orange Ball without Heads and Tails, ably controlled by our masterful Patron, Peter Mitchell. He too has been a long term supporter of CIKA and we thank him most sincerely. The Grand Auction astounded as all with spirited (even crazy) bidding on a marvellous array of items. Will Fowles from Piper Capital Richmond demonstrated his amazing auctioneering skills had us on the edge of our seats, cheering each bid as

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CIKA's thirtieth year has certainly been memorable. I started the year with the quiet hope that we would surpass our previous fundraising efforts and the team has worked incredibly hard to achieve this goal. We are still running fund-raising activities (reports of these will be in the next issue) so we don't know yet what the final total will be but, stay tuned, it is going to be good news.

When I speak of the CIKA team I include the dedicated CIKA committee, the newly formed Friends of CIKA, our volunteers and CIKA supporters large and small. This network of people spreads far and wide. Many have been touched by cancer and do what they can to support the current research efforts. We would like to give a special thanks to, among others, Bev Marks Beds, Briamar Press, The Woodpeckers and all the members of Focus. Several individuals also provide enormous support for the work that we do and we cannot thank them enough. We would especially like to thank long time sponsors Israel Rosenfield and the Murray family.

The monthly stalls in the hospital foyer have gone from strength to strength and, thanks to the unstinting efforts of Ruth, Sharron and their team of volunteers, many thousands have now been directed towards the research effort.

The CIKA website continues to shine amongst fundraising websites and is a great resource. If you have not yet visited make sure you check out all the latest CIKA news at www.cika.org.au. We thank David Clift for the many hours he spends providing CIKA with such a positive community profile.

This edition's article on the Blue and Orange Ball speaks for itself. It was a great night and broke many previous records, smashing expectations and moving us along in a wave of excitement. The generosity of our guests was magnificent. Finally, special thanks must go to Mr Peter Mitchell who continues his generous patronage of CIKA.

On behalf of all the CIKA team we thank you again for your support for the research we fund and wish you all the best for the festive season.

Sandra Lehrer, President.

History & Aims

CIKA was founded in April 1980 by 3 families, to increase the awareness of cancer in children and to encourage financial support to aid research into children's cancer. CIKA is an official auxiliary of the Royal Children's Hospital and is open to any interested person who feels that they would like to contribute to help CIKA.

Over 140 children under 15 years of age are diagnosed with cancer each year in Victoria and 90% of these children are treated at RCH. CIKA is committed to providing funding for research into solid tumors, the most common group of childhood cancer. Solid tumors include Wilm's tumor, Neuroblastoma, Osteosarcoma and Ewing's Sarcoma.

Apart from the influence of genetic factors, inherited conditions and exposure to ionising radiation, little is known of the cause(s) of childhood cancers and nothing can be done to prevent them. Therefore, the need to continue financial support for research into childhood cancer is imperative.

The hopes and dreams of CIKA are to stop children from ever contracting these types of cancer, but if they do, to ensure that the treatment they receive is successful. At present, the only way to move positively towards these ideals is through research.

CIKA has actively supported research projects at RCH with financial assistance since its inception and will continue to do so until these types of cancer are cured. CIKA is recognised as one of the foremost fundraising auxiliaries of the RCH, Melbourne.

The CIKA logo is in memory of the children of the founding families of CIKA. One child liked birds, particularly seagulls, one child liked butterflies and the other liked flowers especially nasturtiums.

May the children rest in peace.

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Message from our Patron



To all the friends of CIKA,

I'm sure there are some of you who, like me, can't believe we've hit the end of the diary already! That's another year we won't get back again! But, as always, it has been a memorable one - especially for CIKA, marking our 30th anniversary. There were many anxious moments, especially when the federal election was called for the night of our annual Blue & Orange Ball, but in the end it turned out to be a rip-roaring success with a record sum of more than \$204,000 raised. Our new auctioneer Will Fowles can take credit for a lot of that - his effort was outstanding, as were heartfelt pledges from Israel Rosenfield and Gerald Meade. What a night! To all those who came along in support, and to all the helpers, a most gracious thank you.

It was another incredible year in my job, as we watched a new Prime Minister and a Premier elected in the same year. There were floods northern Victoria, the appalling loss of life at a New Zealand coal mine and the murder of a notorious Victorian criminal while behind bars. Qantas had a year they'd prefer to forget, as did Melbourne Storm - on the other hand - dare I mention this year's AFL premiership team? Sitting there watching the Pies win with my eldest son alongside, I must admit, was a special moment for me. How sentimental! My wife says it's only a game! And Seven News won the ratings again, so I keep my job! I've got a lot to be thankful for this Christmas. I sincerely hope it's the same with you.

To our hard working committee and our many friends, families and helpers, may I wish you all a happy and healthy 2011.

Peter Mitchell
Senior News Presenter, Seven News



Children's Cancer Centre News - Paul Monagle

Paul graduated from Monash Medical School with honours in 1988. He has dual fellowship of RACP/RCPA, as well as an MD, a Masters of Science (Health Research Methodology) from McMaster University and Fellowship of ACCP. Paul returned to RCH in 1998 and in 2001 Paul was awarded the RCH gold medal, the youngest ever recipient, for his efforts in dealing with organ retention after autopsy.



Paul was appointed as Professor and Head of Department of Pathology, University of Melbourne in 2005. In 2008, he resigned that position to accept the role as Stevenson Chair and Head of Department of Paediatrics, University of Melbourne, based at RCH, a position he continues in today. In addition he remains Director, Department of Haematology RCH, and is currently Acting Director, Children's Cancer Centre, RCH. Paul is on the board of Murdoch Children's Research Institute and the Board of the RCH Foundation.

CIKA looks forward to working with Paul as we continue funding vital research.

Stall Dates 2011 (CIKA & Merchandise)

10 February	11 August
10 March	8 September
7 April	13 October
12 May	10 November
9 June	8 December
14 July	

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www.cika.org.au

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CIKA Ball 2010 (continued from front page)



Israel Rosenfield again amazes us with his support for CIKA.



CIKA committee member Dr Anne Dynon and friends.

it came. Wouldn't we all love to be at that dinner to be provided by Chef Latif? We thank all our sponsors who donated Grand Auction items especially BMW, Bev Marks Australia, Chef Latif, Yering Gorge, Winning Edge, AAE Solar Evacuated, I.Wood, Langbrook Farm, Heather and Kevin Dixon, Adidas, Gary Abblett Jr and, of course, The Woodpeckers. Their generosity enabled us to raise \$51,850.00 in this part of the evening.

Not everyone can be lucky enough to be the successful bidder of a Grand Auction item but, as always, the CIKA Blue and Orange Ball, provides a huge range of other opportunities. As our guests ascended the stairs they were met with some fabulous bargains. Cosmetics bags, and men's, women's and children's surprise boxes were great value. And then there was the stunning silent auction. There was something for everyone and bidding was fierce as the end of the evening approached. The 230 silent auction items raised \$25,970.00, another record figure.

As always, the raffle at the Ball is a lot of fun. Each year Andrew Casper from Korimco has generously donated small toys to be sold as raffle tickets. These items are much sought after and the raffle raised \$3920.00.

A night of raising money can also be a lot of fun. After a delicious meal and a drink or two the dance floor was packed. Bob Valentine and his band ensured that toes were tapping throughout the night. Of course, we also have to thank our loyal band of volunteers who ensure the smooth running of the night. In their distinctive blue and orange aprons they are instantly recognisable and always take exceptional care of our guests. So did we reach our goal of \$100,000? Yes, within the first half hour of the evening! The scene was set for a record breaking night and the Federal election was almost forgotten as the total climbed higher and higher. Thank you all for an amazing night and your contribution to the \$205,000 that was raised. The research will continue.



From L-R, CIKA Patron, Peter Mitchell; Minister for Health, Daniel Andrews; and CIKA President, Sandra Lehrer.



CIKA 'children', Sam Casilli, Dean Duyvestyn and Fiona Gilchrist (Love)



Gerald Meade from the Woodpeckers gives Sandra a \$10,000 cheque.

Build a Basket – A New Record!



Expert wrappers Sharron and Ruth with just some of the completed baskets.



Cellophane, ribbon and lots of excitement as the baskets are wrapped.

Since 2005 the Year 7 students at Methodist Ladies' College have created beautiful gift baskets for the Silent Auction at the Blue and Orange Ball. The students are extremely enthusiastic about taking part in such a creative and worthwhile project. Following a presentation from MLC teacher and CIKA committee member, Colleen Clift, small groups of students think of themes around which to create their baskets. This year saw the creation of baby baskets, a gardener's basket, a Smiggle basket, a cook's basket, a Sportsgirl basket and a Twilight basket just to name a few. There is great excitement on 'wrapping day' when our expert wrappers, CIKA stall managers, Ruth Murray and Sharron Markovic arrive at MLC laden with cellophane and ribbon and lots of energy. In 2010 fifty one baskets were created, raising over \$5000.

Are You Willing To Make A Difference?

The last year has seen a big increase in the fundraising activities that the CIKA team have undertaken. A lot of these projects require many hours to set up and run and the small but dedicated CIKA team have been struggling to manage the workload.

Long time CIKA supporter Pam Phillips has offered to oversee the formation of a team of volunteer workers to assist where needed. This informal group will be called the **Friends of CIKA**.

Pam is aiming to have a bank of around thirty people to help with the many and varied types of fundraising activities in which CIKA is involved. Maybe you can help with the annual dog show, packing days, raffles or a stall. If you would like to be one of our special friends please register your interest with Pam.



Friends of CIKA volunteers assisting at The Blue & Orange Ball.

Pam is available by email fleetwoodpmp@bigpond.com or by phone on 0418 344 223.

CIKA's Children – Scott's Story



CIKA was born because of the deaths of three precious children Scott, Katie and Wendy. CIKA was nurtured into life because three families were grieving and wanted to make a difference. CIKA has thrived because of a lot of dedication and hard work from everyone involved for the last thirty years. Those three precious children have changed the lives of thousands of children and their families, for the better.

Scott was born on December 16th 1976. He was our first child. He was the first grandchild also and brought so much joy into our lives. I still remember vividly the most overwhelming feeling of awe, wonderment and pure love holding my new baby boy for the first time, protectively in my arms. Scott was a little charmer, adventurous, loving and excited by everything in life. He walked at 9 months and seemed to have little fear, exploring life fully. Scott had personality plus and a divine nature. When he was two and a half years old our second son Ryan was born. We felt the same elation of another miracle taking place!

It was only a week after Ryan was born when Scott started having pain in his legs, night sweats and a myriad of other unusual symptoms. I had written pages of notes of the unusual symptoms he was having and tried to show them the numerous different doctors I took Scott to. They didn't even read the notes and continued to misdiagnose him. After visiting eleven doctors during a six week period, Scott was diagnosed with neuroblastoma of the adrenal gland that had progressed to his bone marrow.

I was waiting in the hospital alone when the doctor told me the prognosis - a ten percent chance of living longer than six months. I knew he was sick but had not even contemplated cancer in a three year old child. Hearing the words from the doctor changed my life forever. I can't describe the sheer terror of that moment and the next six months. Scott had constant treatments and operations. We were in hospital more than at home and I fought the system to sleep in the hospital with Scott. It was not accepted in 1979, and only tolerated because I was not leaving!

Our whole family rallied with incredible support and were prepared to sell houses and travel overseas for a cure. There was none! As devastating and nightmarish as the whole experience was I felt there was some hope! Scott battled for six months with a combination of treatments which were all horrendous. I know the only way I got through that



period was because Scott needed me and Ryan needed me.

Scott was the bravest little man. He went through his treatments and hospitalisations with such an awesome attitude, seeing the best in every situation. After having chemotherapy and feeling ill, he would say "I had a lubby day - I saw my favorik nurse and heard a ambulance".

Scott had an illuminated cross with Jesus on it next to his bed, which had been my Sister's from her confirmation. He had been fascinated with it and she gave it to him. I had told him Jesus would look after him. One day we were moving to another ward when Scott picked up the cross of Jesus, put it under his arm and said, "I take this - I look arfer him."

Scott lost his hair after the first chemotherapy treatment. While sitting in the waiting room, waiting for more chemo, he would get the attention of the other patients and run his hand over his bald head and say, "Don't mess my hair up" and laugh. He got a laugh – he was two and a half years old - what an amazing sense of humour!

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CIKA's Children – Scott's Story (continued)



Scott died after his bone marrow transfer. It was the worst moment of my life. There was now no hope! Unfortunately that moment can still be felt. It was absolute hell to experience your three year old dying in your arms. It was absolute hell to put him through horrendous treatments for six months, and then watch him die. We couldn't protect him; we couldn't save him – my precious boy. The next twelve months was the hardest time of my life and if not for my son Ryan and my Mum, Sister and family I would not have survived "my worst nightmare!"

I am eternally grateful for having three years with "my priceless Scotty". It has been thirty years since his death, but he is forever with me in my heart and soul and continues to impact my life. Scott is missed by me, Nigel (his father), Ryan (brother) JoJo (grandmother), Dianne and Brendan (auntie and uncle), John and Jean (grandparents) and many others.

Scott's incredible spirit lives on in all of us. In his short three years he taught us many lessons. He was fun: mischievous and cheeky. He was loving: adored his baby brother Ryan. He was adventurous, curious, excited, interested, courageous, accepting (of treatments and hospital stays) and, most of all, an inspiration to us.

We treasure the precious memories!

The seagull story goes like this: Scott sees a dead seagull at the water's edge one day. He asked what was wrong with the bird and I explained it was dead. Scott's questions—"Where do you go? What is it like? Will the bird come back? Why did he die?" He kept asking. "Where that dead bird gone?" "Heaven" I said. He asked—"Lollies in heaven? God in heaven?....." From that day forward he loved chasing the seagulls laughing continually!

I met Lois Tasker after Scott had been diagnosed. I sincerely appreciated her support during the hardest and darkest time of my life. I admired her ability to help me, when she had lost her daughter. The incredible support from family, friends, the community and strangers was overwhelming.

Many thousands of lives have been changed for the better through the deaths of the three precious souls. Good does come from tragedy! I'm pleased CIKA is such a strong charity and I am proud that, despite being barely able to continue living, we managed to start CIKA.

The world is a richer place because of our darling Scott and we will always miss and love him more than words can convey.



Karyn Hayes (Mum)

Researcher Profile - Yosuke Minoda



Born in Japan, my parents dreamed of living abroad so we moved to the Gold Coast. During my school life, I fell in love with tennis and spent most of my spare time playing tennis after school. I studied biomedical science at the University of Queensland and took on an honours program at the Diamantina Institute at the Princess Alexandra Hospital where Professor Ian Frazer was making the finishing touches to the cervical cancer vaccine. My area of study was an autoimmune disease, scleroderma, which was also used as a study model for certain types of cancer.

I have always wanted to work on how the immune system could be controlled to fight different kinds of diseases. After completing the study, while I was considering whether to start a PhD, I came across an interesting project here in Melbourne using vaccines to cure cancer. I applied for a position and met Dr Denise Caruso. She explained what would become my role in the production and delivery of the cancer vaccine. I am very excited by my work here with Dr Caruso. It did not take long before I shared her philosophy and strong belief in this work. My dream is to find a cure for cancer and other diseases and travel around the world.

I am delighted to join the CIKA committee and look forward to working as the part of the team.

CIKA Supporters

Will Fowles

Will Fowles is perhaps best known for being elected to the Melbourne Cricket Club Committee in 2005. The MCC turns over in excess of \$90m annually, has 100,000 members and manages the entirety of the Melbourne



Cricket Ground on behalf of the people of Victoria. In 2008, Will ran for Lord Mayor of Melbourne. Professionally, Will is the Executive Director of Strategy & Distribution at funds management business Colcap FM.

Guests at this year's CIKA Blue and Orange Ball, however, will remember him for the superb job he did as our auctioneer. Never has a Grand Auction been so exciting. An accomplished auctioneer, Will has conducted over a hundred fundraisers in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne. His 'regular' auctions include the RSPCA, Haven Foundation and Anglicare's 'Dinner with the Angels'. Each of these balls raises in excess of \$50,000 from 250-500 guests. In all, Will conducts 10-15 charity auctions every year, all on a pro bono basis.

Will is the former Treasurer & Company Secretary of the Australian Republican Movement. His considerable experience in community and member-based organisations also includes roles as President, Monash Student Association (representing 25,000 students) and as a Director of the Monash Law Book Cooperative. He is currently the Treasurer of The Opera Studio Melbourne. He is one of the inaugural directors of Hannah's Chance Foundation, a Brisbane-based charity leading the fight against sarcoma.

We are delighted to have Will as a CIKA Supporter. His commitment and energy are a welcome addition to our team.

Deanna Hewett

We thank Deanna Hewett for her contribution to the annual CIKA ball through the very generous provision of products for our guests. As the daughter of Israel Rosenfield Deanna is following in her father's footsteps with this commitment to CIKA.



Deanna Hewett has been the Director of Academy Studio since September 2008 and in 2 short years it has developed a reputation for excellence. In August 2010, Academy Studio opened a boutique salon in Burke Road, Camberwell and Cirque is fast becoming a well known destination for discerning clients. Deanna's career in Hair and Beauty spans over 30 years and has seen her work on some of the most well-known and loved productions of our time including CATS, Priscilla-the Musical and the Phantom of the Opera. She was Head of Wigs on Disney's Beauty and the Beast, and also part of the team for the original Melbourne production of Phantom of the Opera in 1990 at the Princess Theatre. Deanna and her team are dedicated to excellence in all areas and look forward to welcoming you.

Everything In Its Right Place...

Storage of items used each year at the Wood Days has long been a problem and in the December 2009 issue of the CIKA newsletter we put out a request for a 20ft container to be donated to solve this dilemma.

We are very pleased to report that Asciano has provided us with the container. After receiving a letter from CIKA Vice President, Ellen Webb, Malcolm Broomhead, Chairman, contacted Asciano Company Secretary, Fiona Mead, who approved the purchase of the container. Warrick Doolan of Doolans Heavy Haulage donated his company's resources and Doolan's driver, Ross Bennie, got it to the block. It was fitted out with Spacerack racking donated by Israel Rosenfield.



Thanks to these supporters the Wood Days will operate even more smoothly and provide much need funds for CIKA.

CIKA Supporters

Macedon Ranges Focus Group

CIKA founders Lois Tasker and Trudie Fraser were guest speakers at a recent Focus Lunch and shared the story of CIKA's beginnings thirty years ago. A moving story, it inspired all who were present to continue to support CIKA. We place great value on the support provided by this group. Through regular activities over many years the Macedon Ranges Focus Group has raised in excess of \$56,000, a superb effort. We thank President, Chris Rhodes, and her team for their ongoing commitment to children's cancer research.



*Vice President, Ellen Webb with
CIKA committee member, Faye Love*



*Focus President Chris Rhodes (centre) with
Trudie Fraser (left) and Lois Tasker (right)*



Focus Vice President, Gwen Kafakikas

Christmas Market Night 2010

Last year I attended a Christmas Market Night for another charity and decided that Sharron and I could do that....only better! I suggested this to Sharron and she immediately agreed and so the CIKA Christmas Market was born.

Many a day was spent in the car scouring warehouses all over Melbourne looking for product, sitting in the warehouse up to our armpits in cello, ribbon and raffia (thanks also to our helpers Suzanne Hughes and Lynette Boyd), and begging Peter's staff to move pallets or to allow us to have one more pallet space in the warehouse. The rest is now history.

On Friday Night 26th of November we opened our home to trestles of sunglasses, Christmas decorations, heat bags, crockery, candles, handbags, handmade jewellery, farm fresh vegetables, skincare gift packs, kids' stationery, preserves, Christmas produce, raffles, a sausage sizzle and of course the mandatory glass of champagne or two.

As people weaved their way through the shopping strip (lounge room and family room) it could only be called at times a shopping frenzy. When they finally reached the back of the house they were able to sit and chat on the verandah and enjoy the hospitality with friends.

Overall it was a very successful evening not only by



Sharron and Ruth surrounded by boxes...

raising over \$5,500 but also for the promotion of CIKA as there was so much warmth in the room from so many of our caring friends. It was wonderful also to welcome Rafael, one of our very special children and his wonderful family into our home. He appeared in the local media to promote this event.

Sharron and I would like to thank the Markovic and Murray Families for all the support they have given us (time off home duties), the staff at Ausinc, Quay Eyeware, University Meats, Rob Murray, The Velisha Family, Margaret McCormick (Madge), Lauren Bittner, Nerida, Rosa Angelone, Sarah, Lauren, Caitrin, Ruby, Olivia, Grace, Val, Janine, Jessica, Lisa, Suzanne, William, Mary Mac and of course all the fantastic CIKA Family who all just made it happen. I apologise to anyone who I may have not listed. Last and certainly not least, thank you to all our friends and to their friends for supporting this event and making it such a success.

*Ruth Murray
CIKA Stalls Coordinator*

Wood Days 2010



The approach of Wood Days each year means weeks of planning and getting things ready. A week out we start to look at the weather forecasts; this year it wasn't looking too good. The Wood Days weekend is something we all look forward to so it didn't matter to us too much, it just meant putting on coats and extra boots.

The smell of the campfire and all the familiar faces down at Milltown on Thursday afternoon welcomed us. On the Friday most of the regular helpers started rolling in, along with a few new faces for their first Wood Days experience. Due to the forecast weather, a number of the regulars had decided not to make the trip, this wasn't the best decision because in Milltown we only got about five millimetres for the weekend and this was mostly at night; coats were not required.

By the time the gates opened on Saturday morning all the food stalls were set up, and the CIKA stall and the displays. The crowd started strong and continued the same all day finishing with 199 people through the gate, a record for one day. On display was a working saw bench and an axe handle lathe both driven by antique oil engines; there was post and rail fencing by the more experienced, their skills being taught to the younger generation and anyone else who wanted to learn or just to have a yarn. At all

times there were one or two Clydesdales working, dragging logs and the sled full of wood. The highlight each day was seeing the team of five horses in the log wagon pulling an enormous log down the track.

On Saturday night there is a three course meal served up, prepared all day and cooked in camp ovens on the fire. When you are in the bush and get that quality of food it is incredible and a credit to all who get it ready; master chef has nothing on our chefs. A hundred and thirty adults and twenty kids were served for tea and no one goes hungry; there was food left and when nobody can fit in seconds this shows how much work goes into the meal.

Sunday bought 120 more people through the gate, but, as with Saturday, you see these people staying for two and three hours. Wood Days must be doing something right and this year it was great to see a lot of people carrying out our calendars.

We love Wood Days; we have a great time and we go home absolutely buggered but knowing that around \$20,000 has been raised for CIKA. It couldn't happen without Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn and their big tribe of helpers.

Bring on next year.

Sam, Donna, Nicholas, Thomas and Lucas Taranto

CIKA & the Murdoch Children's Research Institute



In celebration and recognition of the past thirty years of fundraising for cancer research at the Royal Children's Hospital the Murdoch Children's Research Institute recently hosted a lunch for key members and major supporters of CIKA.

Overseeing the luncheon and discussion was Professor Andrew Sinclair, Theme Director of Early Childhood Development and Disease at the Murdoch Children's research institute. His presentation included many of the changes that have occurred in the treatment of children with cancer, the outcomes and understanding of this disease.

Several of the projects that CIKA have funded have advanced because of the initial support from our fundraising. It was fantastic to learn that that the money that we contribute allows the institute to further leverage funding from other sources.

Dr Denise Caruso also attended and presented an update on the immunotherapy trial.

Professor Terry Dwyer AO MD MPH, Director of the MCRI, presented the CIKA team with a certificate in recognition of the significant, long-term support we have provided for cancer research.

STOP PRESS - More Funding for Research

CIKA is delighted to announce that we are the recipient of a grant for \$25,000 from The Samuel Nissan Charitable Foundation. This funding will be used for the Dendritic Cell Anti-Tumour Vaccine Clinical Trials. We will give a further update in our next newsletter.

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