



I have the honour to announce that since August 29th 2008 we have been donating to the Australian Cancer Research Foundation.

As a company we would like to share our success, so we have decided to give back to the community. All of our team members, Wendy, Anne, Melissa, Mike and myself, have been affected by cancer in some way; either by having survived cancer and/or having family and friends who have had this insidious disease. Consequently, we discussed at length 'where we could put our best efforts'. Was it prostate cancer, melanoma, breast cancer, leukaemia, bowel cancer, stomach cancer or something rare like cancer of the sinuses? We decided on the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF) for the following reasons:

Every dollar of every donation received by the ACRF goes to cancer. They receive no government funding or assistance at all.

In the last two years the ACRF has awarded \$22 million to funding world class scientists right across Australia, with great results. For example, the global cervical cancer vaccine discovered by the 2006 Australian of the Year, Professor Ian Frazer, was kick started by a grant from the ACRF when other funding avenues were exhausted.

In October 2007, Professor Phillip Hogg, who also was funded by ACRF, announced work on an agent to prove whether chemotherapy drugs are actually working within 24 hours, where normally it takes up to six months!

The latest discovery was in August of this year by the ACRF funded research teams from St Vincent's Institute in Melbourne and Hanson Institute in Adelaide. They have discovered a receptor cell responsible for leukaemia and other hard-to-treat diseases. This discovery has the potential to lead to more targeted, responsive therapies for cancer patients.

Although the ACRF awarded \$10.9 million in 2007 to three ground-breaking projects – another 11 missed out. Imagine all the great breakthroughs that could be made if these innovative projects received funding. Each of these could be a vital stepping stone towards saving the lives of the one in three Australians who are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

However, major hurdles still remain. This year, more than 82,000 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Australia. For maximum progress the ACRF have to ensure that the best and brightest researchers continue to be drawn to work on this increasingly relevant and prevalent problem.

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