



# Read The Red



*National Conference edition October 2024*

Two Research Grants were awarded at the 2024 Inner Wheel Australia Gala Dinner in Bathurst, NSW.

Professor Suzie Miller et al  
The Ritchie Centre Hudson Institute of  
Medical Research.  
Department of Obstetrics and  
Gynaecology, Monash University



Professor Richard D'Andrea et  
al,  
University of South Australia



Suzie and her clinical and research colleagues are working towards the translation of neuroprotective therapies before or after birth, so that neonatal brain injury can be reduced, and cerebral palsy might be prevented.

The project seeks to improve the success of adoptive immunotherapy for childhood Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. A successful outcome of this project would extend the use of Umbilical Cord Blood for immunotherapy and provide safer treatment options for childhood cancers.

## Inner Wheel Australia Foundation Trust Research Grant Applications 2024

The panel reviewed 5 applications for funding.

Applications were from scientists at varying stages of their career from early career to professorial level. The applications were generally well written and provided scientific information from the literature and previous relevant research by the team as well as the supporting documentation required for the project to proceed.



The panel recommended 2 applications for funding.

The recommendation that support for the Cord Blood Research Grant funding be extended for a further 10 years was won soundly in the Conference business session. This means that new batches of Cord Blood Shirts can now be ordered. There were "try on" samples available at the Conference so hopefully many people know which size they should order now. We have found the sizing to be a little on the small side with many people choosing to go one size up from their regular size.



An order form for shirts is on the next page.



Neither Suzie nor Richard could travel to Bathurst for the presentation of their grants but did send the following links to explain their projects. CONTROL and CLICK to watch the link below.

[Suzie Miller](#)

[hudson\\_institute\\_x\\_inner\\_wheel\\_foundation\(1080p\).mp4](#)

[Richard's project](#)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QsMEilCqnyVq6ysrYmA3cBZAk7f9PiI\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QsMEilCqnyVq6ysrYmA3cBZAk7f9PiI_/view?usp=sharing)

I hope you can all watch these presentations they give us an insight into what happens to the money we raise.

[Target of 3 grants is - \\$65,000 x 3 = \\$195,000](#)

[Current bank balance - \\$67,473.85.](#)

*The main period in which money is sent to IWA for Cord Blood Research tends to be in the second half of the financial year. This is how we raised money between July and September. Every Cent counts.....*

THE INNER WHEEL AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION TRUST  
For the period 28 June 2024 to 30 September 2024

Date	Description	Credit
<b>Donations: Annual Walk</b>		
26 Aug 2024	IWC Swan Hill - Club donation 2024	500.00
<b>Total Donations: Annual Walk</b>		<b>500.00</b>
<b>Donations: Cord Blood General</b>		
28 Jun 2024	IWC Wishart - Club donation	160.00
28 Jun 2024	IWC Scone - Club Cord Blood donation	500.00
28 Jun 2024	District A55 - District donation	50.00
01 Jul 2024	IWC Camden - Donation	700.00
02 Jul 2024	IWC Belrose - Donation - market day	250.00
16 Jul 2024	IWC Boronia - Club donation	1,000.00
24 Jul 2024	Sue Rossini - Donation paid to IWC Gosford North for Cord Blood Research	120.00
31 Jul 2024	IWC West Harbour - Donation	520.00
01 Aug 2024	via District A77	200.00
02 Aug 2024	Marlene Sullivan - Donation to CB in lieu of gifts to committee members	200.00
06 Aug 2024	District A61 - Donation - Trading table	236.00
12 Aug 2024	IWC Wandin - Club Donation	2,000.00
12 Aug 2024	District A61 - Chairman Margaret Ferguson's Choice raffle proceeds	331.00
03 Sep 2024	District A62 - Trading Table & serviette sale	287.80
06 Sep 2024	District A54 - Pen sales - donation	60.00
16 Sep 2024	IWC Northern Beaches - Final donations from Club at closure	1,000.00
24 Sep 2024	IWA Past Executive - Surplus funds from Past Exec function Conf 23	340.20
<b>Total Donations: Cord Blood General</b>		<b>7,955.00</b>
<b>Merchandise income</b>		
02 Jul 2024	IWC Yenda - Notebook sales - Yenda	60.00
08 Jul 2024	District A60 - Sale of 44 notebooks	440.00
09 Jul 2024	District A51 - Notebook sales	130.00
01 Aug 2024	IWC Sunshine Coast - IWC Sunshine Coast - Notebooks	230.00
06 Aug 2024	District A61 - Notebook sales	120.00
03 Sep 2024	District A62 - CB Notebook & pens	133.00
10 Sep 2024	District A60 - Sale of CB Notebooks	60.00
<b>Total Merchandise income</b>		<b>1,173.00</b>

*Sincere condolences to those who have lost friends and family.  
A lovely way to commemorate a life well lived...*

### **Donations in Memoriam**

02 Jul 2024	IWC Wendouree - Donation - dedicated in Memory of Adela Bartrop.	1,000.00
20 Aug 2024	Julie Brzozowski - Donation in Memory of Gavin Ralston	10.00
20 Aug 2024	Jenni Bennett - Donation in Memory of Gavin Ralston	10.00
23 Aug 2024	Marilyn Mercer - Donation in Memory of Gavin Ralston	50.00
26 Aug 2024	Robyn White - Donation in Memory of Gavin Ralston	100.00
26 Aug 2024	Lindsay May - Donation in Memory of Gavin Ralston	100.00
26 Aug 2024	Margaret Minton - Donation in Memory of Gavin Ralston	100.00
11 Sep 2024	Teresa Hooper - Donation on behalf of Pam Trefry, Member of IWC Sutherland	50.00
23 Sep 2024	IWC Bundaberg Sunset - Donation in Memory of Lee Fleming	100.00
<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>1,520.00</b>

### **My nervous jittery stomach..**

that was me as I travelled to the Conference, I was quite nervous as to how our Cord Blood table would be received. I should not have worried in the least. Waiting for me at our otherwise empty spot were two large boxes with very clear instructions on them that they were from Orange and were for me! Opening them I was absolutely delighted with the effort that the ladies of Orange had gone to, to prepare their offerings for our stall. They were really lovely. And the goods kept coming. I was humbled and excited.



Before long the table was full and as things were sold there was more to take its place. Then we needed an extra table, then another one!

I had intended to buy only one item for a sick friend, but by the end of the Conference my bag was full.

Setting up the table was Franca's forte. Her favourite saying was, "No, put that price UP, it's too cheap!"



From left to right; Franca Rodilosso (A51), Eluned Clark (National Project Coordinator), and Marlene Sullivan(A60).

Then there was the MONEY TREE. A dwarf lily pill covered in Scratchies. I wonder if the winner managed to get a pleasing sum of money after the task of scratching all of those Scratchies. Please contact me and let me know!

Thank you very much for the lily pill tree, Marilyn Armstrong. She not only had to find a tree that was "from the tip of my fingers to my elbow " in height It also needed enough branches to tie the Scratchies on. Thank you so much for your donation, Marilyn. Over \$600 was raised by the Money tree raffle alone.

# Total raised was \$ 2693.15

Can we fill the coffers to  
award three grants of \$65,000  
each this year?



*Are you still getting ready to walk Two  
For Ten in 2025, Make it a fun day!  
Any local celebrities you could  
persuade to walk with you?*

## Walk

## Two for Ten in

## March/April/May 2025

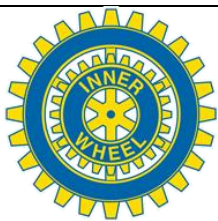
**Show the Conference videos**

**Don't leave it until the last minute;**

**Plan your walk**

**Get sponsorship forms out in  
your community**





**Walk with us  
or sponsor us.  
Two for Ten**



# The Inner Wheel Club of

**Date**

**Place**

**Time**

Sponsor's name	Phone number	Amount pledged

**Walk 2 kilometres for \$10. We fund Cord Blood Research Australia**

**wide as our National Project.**



My conference report was accompanied by slides throughout. If you would like a copy of the slides please advise me and I will see what I can do to get them to you.

*Before you begin, find a comfy chair, a cuppa, some cake, no, no, no some chocolate, then you can start it's long .... ish.*

National Project coordinator Report to Conference October 2024.  
Bathurst

**Slide 1** International Inner Wheel President, Mamta Gupta; Inner Wheel Australia president Julie, Members of Executive and all Inner Wheel members; so here I am again, not just in spirit but actually in body as well! Before I start on my report it would be remiss of me if I did not thank all the Districts and clubs who sent me messages of support after the trials and tribulations of trying to get here last year. It turned into a very strange day for me; lost a very dear friend in the morning;

**S2** wrote off our car and caravan after a tangle with a road train,

**S3** then unexpectedly had twin baby great grand daughters born 6 weeks early in the afternoon. Life certainly has its ups and downs doesn't it!

**S4** But like all things, we move on. This photo is for the District Coordinators who always ask how the girls are doing.

In the same vein our fundraising for Cord Blood Research grants has progressed.

Our Walk Two for Ten raised \$27 000 in the year 2022-2023. We certainly moved on from that to raise \$35,000 in 2023-2024, an increase of \$8,000 in one year. An impact on the 2 for 10 was the addition of the Sponsorship forms. A Coordinator's Zoom meeting

brought to light that some clubs were gathering sponsors for their Walk. Seemed like an excellent idea so current samples of their sponsorship forms were sent out and the best of each combined to make one sponsorship form which was sent out to every club as well as being published frequently in the Read The Red.

**S5** My 97 year old mother thought it was worth getting out of bed to walk. Originally the plan for her was to walk one km but when she saw every one else continue walking there was no stopping her from walking on to complete 2 km. And then, when everyone at her nursing home heard what she was doing she raised over \$200 in sponsorship. Can I do it? Can YOU do it? Can WE do it?

The challenge this year is to raise \$65,000, enough for one complete grant. What a great effort that would be. Not by asking our members to dip into their own pockets but by finding sponsors in our local Zonta, Rotary clubs, schools and community.

**S6** One club in A40 has formed a strong bond with one of their local high schools and is currently exploring ways to include them in their next walk. Do you have strong links with other groups in your community who may think this is something they would like to be a part of?

We are currently looking for a FACE for the walk, a nationally known personality who would help us to spread the word. Is there someone easily recognised in your community who could help spread the word and also walk with you? Don't leave it until March to start. Start the moment you get home. Get a sponsor form and start collecting names of those who will sponsor you.

But walking isn't everyone's cup of tea and I readily acknowledge the many activities and events which contribute to our grants funding. From

**\*7** morning teas

**\*8** to making jam

**\*9** to a fun Viking night.

The list is very long and full of diverse opportunities.

Let's hear from Jacqui Horn District **A40's CB Rep**

This past year was a successful fundraising year  
Many clubs held functions focusing on Cord blood fund raising  
Functions such as morning teas, market stalls, afternoon teas, as well as Two for ten.

Two for Ten benefited from the sponsorship forms allowing friends and families to sponsor the walk.

A40 fund raising increased by 1% over the previous year.

This gives us a goal for this year 24/25 with the sponsorship of the cord notebooks as well as other sponsorship deals in the pipeline

Thank you A40

**A51** As the age of our members goes up then the fund-raising decreases.

Having said that most of us do some sort of activity to be able to send money towards Cord Blood Research. One of our clubs doesn't fund raise, the other four all do the walk, last year the sponsorship I feel proved good, as more money was raised.

Sutherland club approached their Rotary club who gave them a substantial amount of money.

My club Balmain, make a big event of the walk. We walk the track then serve a morning tea. We have been getting a very generous donation of delicious goodies from our local Baker's Delight, which we sell with all money going to Cord Blood Research. One of our friends knits up little chicks, we fill with Easter eggs and then sell them too.

Franca Rodilosso

**\*10** Lets look at what District **A53** have been up to

All **A53** clubs have participated in a range of activities to help raise funds for Cord Blood in the 23/24 year.

Two for Ten Walk is still the most supported activity and this year raised approximately \$1585

IWC Gosford North made a day out of their walk by following at Crown Plaza for breakfast.

Some clubs held specific fundraisers such as High Teas, Fashion parades and craft stall which helped to raise \$2650.

The sale of the Cord Blood notebooks has been strong and hopefully by the target date of the end of 2024 all the NSW allocation will be sold. To date A53 have donated \$270 from the sales of Cord Blood notebooks. Members from Inner Wheel Tuggerah Lakes visited the Cord Blood Research Centre last October and found it very uplifting and informative.

Now let's turn to **A60** Cord Blood Conference Report, 2024  
Marlene Sullivan District CB Coordinator

I have been heartened by the support for IWA Cord Blood Project. Every club supports the continuation of the project and contributes financially.

The Two for Ten fund raiser is supported by all clubs and while it is generally a low key event, most clubs will have a show of red shirts and make it a social event by ending at a café or just coffee and cake.

Again, this year I recommended the use of sponsor sheets and their use is growing – slowly! Swan Hill raised \$500 from their walk.

I hope this year that clubs will increase their donations for special events, such as the birth of a new grand child or a wedding anniversary.

As our clubs are relatively small, I think small events are the most favoured, so fashion parades or morning tea at a member's home combine the social with the financial.

Members have commented that they like reading Read the Red and once the technical difficulties are overcome, seeing the videos.

Yours in Friendship Marlene Sullivan

### **District A55:**

This year some Clubs participated in the 2 for 10 Walk, while others held high teas, street stalls and other activities to raise funds.

There was a good response from members purchasing notebooks.

I have recently contacted all Clubs in the District and am pleased to report they are in favour of continuing with Cord Blood Research as our National Project.

In friendship

Betty Flood from District A55

Dianne Barlow **District 62**

This year I continue to hold Cord Blood Stalls at our A62 district Meetings but have been asked by our current Chairman Erica Peck to hold them at all District events. So in June I held one at our Welcome & Training Day and last week at our Craft & chatter day. They are another great way to raise money.

**S11** By far the most memorable occasion for me this year has been my two visits to the Hudson Institute/Ritchie Centre in Melbourne. We are so lucky, living in Victoria, being able to visit and update our knowledge. The last visit in August was attended by 22 members where we were all updated on the research they are doing **S12** and in particular the progress of the research grants given to them by Inner Wheel Australia. We were also given the opportunity to ask questions of the researchers and visit the laboratories. It was so exciting to hear that this research is now moving to clinical trials at Monash Children's Hospital. It was also so wonderful to see the enthusiasm of these researchers and their gratitude for our amazing support over the years.

I am so proud to be a part of such an organization that supports Cord Blood Research.

***Dianne Barlow***

A62 District Cord Blood Research Coordinator  
2024-2025

Marilyn Armstrong from District A70 reports;

On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 80 + members and friends attended a **s13** Fashion Parade to raise funds towards our National Cord Blood Research project. We chose to make it part of our Centenary functions, which gave us the opportunity to bring out the old silverware as our table decorations, also a small display of fashion from early last century borrowed from Lochend

House in north Adelaide. Our raffle prizes were gifted by each of the clubs, plus a quilt made by T.T.G late member Wendy Hodges. A very tidy sum raised of \$2000 raffles and ticket sales to add to the Foundation coffers.

Funds from **A50** to National project were over \$12000 July-June 2024. We lost one club, we're now 7 clubs

Blayney club (45 minutes from Bathurst ) Rosemary We do the walk, those that can't walk donate.

Cord blood pen and notebook...some have been bought and they are aware that more will be available at IWA Conference ...and encouraging members attending IWA conference to try on cord blood shirts. **S14**

Bathurst Gayle

Main funds are from the walk.

Items for table crochet hats and a plant hanger so far

Dubbo (Deirdre ) Members took the opportunity to join other Voluntary organisations to promote Inner Wheel and showcase the Club at the Volunteers Expo held in August 2024 at the Dubbo Regional Convention Centre.

**S15** The volunteer expo went very well. 2 ladies that were interested came to our September meeting and there's another 3 that couldn't make it. We're having the walk and a trading table to raise funds for cord blood.

IWC COWRA (Madeleine ) 17 members

MAIN FUNDRAISEWR LAST YEAR was the Walk. Previously it was a LUNCHEON in a private home. this year we are catering morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas for 3 days for 20 pilots updating their formation flying at Cowra airport. Funds from this event will be shared between our International Project and our National Project. there will be a Walk in April, and we are discussing who will be our "celebrities."

IWC Orange (Claudette )

**S16** Box of items for IWA Conference for our National Project trading table have been delivered already to Bathurst. For the National project IWC Orange will have a movie night with a raffle , a barbecue at Bunnings in March plus The Walk , an Italian Dinner in the new year.

IWC Lithgow and IWC Oberon have events to raise money – they are small clubs and have no designated cord blood coordinator- **S17** yet they are ‘bonded in friendship” with main officers just rotating.

Around the nation we hear of clubs really working diligently to raise funds for our research grants. And what information do we have in return? We know that the Ritchie centre in Melbourne who have received a lot of our grants have now moved to actual clinical trials, in other words using the results of their research with human babies.

We already know that many lives have been saved because of cord blood cell transplants, Information, from the USA **S22** shows us

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=cord%20blood%20clinical%20trials&mid=B6A357DCAF25F6B5E49DB6A357DCAF25F6B5E49D&ajaxhist=0>

Cutting-edge umbilical cord blood trial aims to heal brain damage in newborns

Our research grants are needed more than ever now as we see the implementation of the research into clinical work in the paediatric hospitals. Whether this is the last year of our cord blood research national project or the first year on the path to implementation of the research let’s make it an extra special year for all Inner Wheel members. I present my report for adoption.

Eluned Clark

