



Awareness Bulletin #8

March 2020

Welcome

On behalf of the Geelong Region Cancerians (GRC) welcome to the eighth edition of our Awareness Bulletin

Upcoming event cancelled

THE BENEFITS of CANCER RESEARCH HEALTH PANEL

Date: Wednesday March 25

Venue: Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, 51 Little Malop Street. Geelong

For a few reasons including the need for one of our panelists to cancel for medical reasons, Geelong Region Cancerians has reluctantly decided to cancel this event.

We thank event partner Geelong Regional Libraries and sponsor Mindwerx International for their support of the Health Panel.

Thank you to those who booked, trust we will see you at other GRC events during the year.

2020 Geelong Region Cancerians Committee

At the February 2020 Annual General Meeting the following Office Bearers were elected:

Chair: Helene Bender OAM

Treasurer: Tim Birchall

Secretary: Michelle Challis

Committee: Phillipa Challis OAM

Deb Fribbins

Maureen O'Keeffe

Mitchell Saffin

We are pleased to introduce Maureen O'Keeffe to our Readers: Maureen joined the committee in February 2020. Born in Geelong, Maureen brings to the committee her experience working in the media for more than 14 years, together with skills in proposal writing that she has developed over the last 20 years managing not for profit organisations. Most recently she held the position of General Manager for Community Programs at Diversitat.



Maureen also has a very personal reason for being involved with the committee. In 2018 she was diagnosed with endometrial cancer. At the time she had no clue what the cancer was, nor the signs and symptoms of the disease. In February 2018 she underwent a hysterectomy followed by Radiation and Chemo and is currently in remission. Maureen is keen to raise awareness of endometrial cancer among the broader community and Geelong Regional Cancerians is one avenue to do that.

Maureen is now working as a consultant part time enabling her to spend more time on her hobbies, volunteer work and cheering on the Mighty Cats.

Our summer sausage sizzle BBQ at Bunnings Waurn Ponds



The Geelong Region Cancerians thank Bunnings Waurn Ponds for the support we received with our summer BBQ.

We also thank the community for purchasing sausages with or without onion and drinks and the generous financial donations to our cause.

The photo is our morning team Deb Fribbins, Cr Ron Nelson, Ann Lloyd, Sue Burgesses and GRC Treasurer Tim Birchall.

The afternoon shift included Founder Phillipa Challis OAM, GRC Secretary Michelle Challis, Jill Lewis, Jen Kennedy, Bill Jarrard and Chair Helene Bender OAM.

It was a successful start to our fundraising for 2020.

ANNUAL GIVING month of June 2020

Working together we can help beat cancer

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday July 31 at the Geelong Bowls Club 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Booking details will be in next Awareness Bulletin

GRAND FINAL WEEK CELEBRATION



Sunday September 20 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm at Bell Park Sports Club

WINE DRIVE LAUNCH and ORDERS

Thursday October 8 @ CENTRA Hotel Yarra Street Geelong 5.30pm to 6.30pm, launch and tasting commentary – Wine orders from launch date to Friday November 13

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