

## Awareness Bulletin #12

December 2020

### Welcome

On behalf of the Geelong Region Cancerians (GRC) please enjoy our final Awareness Bulletin for 2020

### Message from our Founder – Phillipa Challis OAM

In acknowledging the contributions and work of the Geelong Region Cancerians Committee for their endeavours this past year, they are all to be commended for the outcomes of the fundraising efforts during 2020, given the constraints caused by COVID-19.

The support and sponsorship from Geelong Region Cancerians friends and supporters for the Pie Drive, Silver Circles, Silent Auction and Annual Giving Campaign events has been heartening.

We look forward to even greater opportunities during 2021 when life reverts to being able to meet face to face for fundraising events, information sessions and enjoying social contact again

Sincere thanks to everyone involved with the Geelong Region Cancerians for contributing to our aim - working together we can help beat cancer.

May the coming festive season be filled with joy and goodwill and herald a year full of good health and much happiness.

### Shop, Shop, Shop and support our supporters

In the lead up to Christmas please support the businesses that have supported us during the year. We have noted our sponsors, donors and in-kind supporters in our Awareness Bulletins and on our website during 2020. Shopping locally instore or online supports local jobs and businesses, the backbone of our economy.

### Geelong Region Cancerians 2020 donation to Australia Cancer Research Foundation

At the December 9, 2020 GRC committee meeting it was agreed to donate **\$16,000** to ACRF this financial year being January to December.

Since our launch April 2018 we have donated \$49,000 to ACRF for cancer research.



Geelong Region Cancerians 2020 committee:

Seated: Maureen O'Keeffe, Phillipa Challis OAM, Helene Bender OAM

Standing: Deb Fribbins, Tim Birchall, Michelle Challis and Mitchell Saffin

## Geelong Region Cancerians Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 27, 2021

Time: 8.30am

Venue: To be advised

Annual General Meeting agenda pack will be emailed to our e-database early January 2021.

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### Message and farewell from our Chair – Helene Bender OAM

To say 2020 has been a year of challenges is an understatement.

Rebuilding after drought, fires and floods takes a lot of courage, support and teamwork, other countries have experienced the same seasonal devastations.

Come March the whole world was connected and affected by COVID-19 like never before.

The year meant most of our 'normal' ways of fundraising and bringing awareness about the work undertaken by Geelong Region Cancerians (GRC) supporting the Australian Cancer Research Foundation was no longer possible due to lockdown and health regulations.

Challenges bring opportunities and the chances to be innovative. We knew how resilient our committee members were, this year has seen them step up even more and think how to turn face-to-face events into virtual fundraisers.

To our supporters thank you for sharing our Awareness Bulletins and virtual events with your networks this year.

When I accepted the role of inaugural Chair in January 2018 I did so on the understanding it would be a three year term finishing December 2020. I thank the committee members over the three years who have worked hard to ensure we have delivered on the mission and vision of the GRC.

As the year comes to a close, on behalf of everyone connected to Geelong Region Cancerians thank you all for your support, which is key to the success of Australian Cancer Research Foundation.



I wish you, your family and special friends a happy festive season and a safe, healthy and successful 2021.

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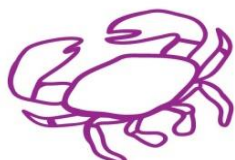
Keep updated by looking at our website [geelongregioncancerians.com.au](https://www.geelongregioncancerians.com.au)

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