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*Hi everyone and welcome to the first newsletter!*

In this newsletter we'll cover the **launch**, the **survivors and carers function**, the changes to **team registration**, the **new website** and how you can **make a noise** and help save **30 lives a week!**

Thanks to those that attended the **launch**, it was great to see some familiar faces and also some new ones! **Thank you** to the **nine teams** that registered on the night, and for those who haven't registered yet, now is the time to register and receive your blue t-shirt for 2010!

Speaking of **registering**, the process has changed slightly. Previously, team captains have been able to register a number of team members by paying up-front. **The week leading up to the event has been a little bit crazy with waiver forms being signed and last minute shirts being ordered, not to mention team captains wondering who was on their team!** From now on, **each team member's** details are needed to register.

### So here's how to register:

- You can register yourself to receive your fundraising kit, and add others once you know their details.
- Register online (see article on page 4) and email the link out so team members can join your team online.
- Fill out the form sent with this email, copy it and get all your team members to fill it in, and send them in all together with payment to the Cancer Council. *You will be individually emailed a user name and password so you can access your account online.*

Some exciting news also. This year at the Relay For Life Summit (State Conference) Geelong received a Milestone award **exceeding \$2.5 million** in fundraising. So, a big congratulations and thankyou to those who have taken part in any of our events over 10 years.

*Anne Miller & Christopher McAvaney*

*Co-Chairmanagers - Geelong Relay For Life Committee*

# Wrap up of the Launch

Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> saw the launch of the 2010 Event at the Deakin Lakehouse. And what a great night it was. Approximately 50 enthusiastic Relayers attended the night representing both existing and new teams.

Dr Anne Thompson – the Executive Officer of The Victorian Cancer Biobank ([www.viccancerbiobank.org.au](http://www.viccancerbiobank.org.au)) – continued the story of the amazing story of the Biobank that she introduced to us last year also expanding on the progress of the Biobank in Geelong.

There were two new Committee members - Sue Wood: Vendors Coordinator and Trish Strickland: Team Liaison - there to meet as well. **There are still a couple of vacancies if anyone would like to jump on board.**

Entertainment was supplied by committee member Sam Santospirito and his musical partner Frank. A special thank you to Simone Hall and her staff at the Deakin Lakehouse for the ongoing support of the event.

Thank you to those who came along and helped make the night such a great event.



# Survivors and Carers lap

The change this year to a 10.30am morning tea was well received, with lots of feedback that has been noted. And plus, the weather didn't help.

**We have decided to try again with a 10.30am start,** and spread the word even further through the Relay networks the change in time. The most important feedback we received was that some teams were made up predominantly of survivors and carers, and no one could attend the function, or no one could set up their site.

**We are investigating the prospect of having groups of volunteers assist these teams in setting up their tent site so they can attend the function. Please stay tuned.**

If you know of any groups who may volunteer their time for community service work – Scouts, Guides etc, please contact us.



Brand new website!

[www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au)

If you have logged onto the Relay for Life website recently, you will have seen that there is a brand new system of registering!

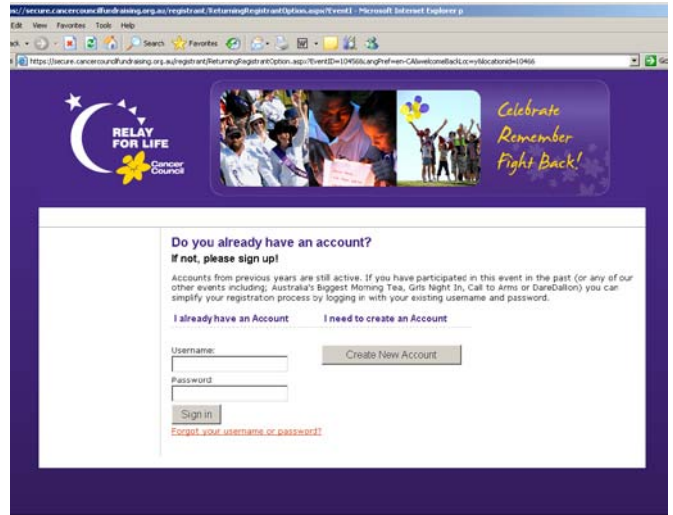
**The advantages of the new web page include:**

- Your team can have your own page – upload it with events, news and photos
- Team captains can easily keep track of who has registered on your team and who has made donations to you!

To log on, you will need to create a **new username** and password – *as per screen on right* – **it won't recognise anything from previous years.**

Once you log in with your details, you can choose to register just yourself, or if you have your family and friends' details, you can add them at the same time.

**Another advantage is that you can accept the waiver online** – so you will **not** have to hand write your details and collect participation forms and bring to the event as other years!



This website allows Relay For Life to compete with other fundraising events web pages – the CCV had been lagging behind with technology for a few years, now it is more user-friendly and makes the team captains job a little easier!

**You will be able to see who has donated to you, and who has joined your team!**

You can add photos, email everyone a direct link to your page – even set your fundraising target and watch it grow!

**Frequently asked question: What does the online thermometer tally include?**

Only fundraising that is donated *online* – *via credit card* shows up on your online tally. We don't have the ability to correlate between the deposit book (funds banked directly at the bank) or via direct deposit.

**Frequently asked question: Why are team members showing up as anonymous?**

When team captains register 'others' (multiple team members), it defaults to keeping their name anonymous – **due to privacy reasons as each person hasn't agreed to having their name published on the website yet.** Each 'other' team member will receive an email with a user name and password, they can then log in and tick the box to allow the Cancer Council to display their name and have donations made in their name. Otherwise, the Relay team can update this for you, so please flick an email with the participant details, team name and venue to [relayforlife@cancervic.org.au](mailto:relayforlife@cancervic.org.au) and we can update this.

If you have any questions, please contact [relayforlife@cancervic.org.au](mailto:relayforlife@cancervic.org.au) or call our Relay For Life team on **1300 65 65 85**

## Team Information Meeting

Just a reminder and/or prompter about the Team Information Meeting (TIM) on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at the Deakin University, Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds. This will be a chance to meet new teams, share ideas about fundraising and a chance to ask the committee questions about the 2010 Geelong Relay for Life event. Details are:

**Where:** Room ib3.232

**When:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 7pm to 8pm.

Please note that this is NOT "LT1 - Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre", the one we used last year and has been advertised recently. It is advised that you park in car park number 3 and walk down towards the room. There will be signs up to direct you.

## Fundraising ideas

### **Rotary Club of Highton and Rotary Club of Ballarat community raffle**

These two Rotary clubs have come together again to organise a great raffle for your team to participate in and collect all the money raised. The committee has agreed to subsidise the balance you would normally have to return to Rotary so that you can keep the whole \$2 per ticket.

Contact Trish for more information at [geelongrelay@gmail.com](mailto:geelongrelay@gmail.com)

### **A couple of coffees a week**

An idea has been floated around the table about extra ways to raise money. One was coffee! By not buying coffee for a week you could put that money towards relay. Just think, one coffee bought a day at \$3.50 per week is \$17.50!

### **Relay For Life/Cancer Council Victoria Christmas cards**

We also have some Christmas cards available for sale at the Team Information Meeting. They are in packs of 10 and we suggest that you sell them for \$10 per pack. All money goes to your team.

## Team member request

### **Roads to Recovery show participation**

Greg McHenry is keen to promote the Geelong Relay For Life by putting a radio program together. Greg runs a show on 94.7 Pulse FM every Tuesday called Roads to Recovery. What we are looking for is team captains **and** members that have a story to tell and would be available for interview (either live or pre-recorded). The committee will be providing details of the event, but we really need the stories of why you "relay". Please contact Christopher at [geelongrelay@gmail.com](mailto:geelongrelay@gmail.com) for more details.

## *Get Behind Bowel Screening!*

If you think:

- 80 Australian's dying from bowel cancer every week is too many
- All Australians over 50 should have the right to free screening for Australia's second biggest cancer killer
- It's time bowel cancer got the attention it deserves

# MAKE A NOISE!

**Get Behind Bowel Screening**

## **Tell the Government to get behind bowel screening!**

**Make a noise and make it happen!**

Use your voice to help save 30 lives a week from Australia's second biggest cancer killer.

By filling in your details on [www.getbehindbowelscreening.com.au](http://www.getbehindbowelscreening.com.au) you can send an automated email to your local Member of Parliament urging them to put pressure on the Government to get behind bowel screening.

