

## Stillbirth Foundation Australia eNewsletter January 2012

### Latest News:



#### Almost \$260,000 gifted for Research funding in 2012

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia is thrilled to announce that it will be funding studies in 2012 totalling \$259,460! The quality of researchers and the design of these studies is truly excellent; data collection, parent's communication needs surrounding autopsy, maternal sleep practices and the best treatment during labour will be investigated. We are very excited about these projects and truly believe that the findings will be of great benefit to further uncovering the mysteries of stillbirth. Follow [this link](#) if you wish to read more about the studies.

#### Power and passion of Parents

At the time of announcing our 2012 funded research, it is important to remember that the majority of our funds have been raised in memory of beloved babies. Without wishing to be melodramatic, the power of the Stillbirth Foundation Australia is driven entirely by parents who wish to spare other families from living the tragedy that they have experienced and continue to live. We are incredibly grateful to our parents, family and friends for enabling this unique charity to make a significant difference in understanding stillbirth through research and for raising awareness about stillbirth. It is an honour to represent your babies and we sincerely thank each of our supporters.

#### Please vote for a dream to win \$5000!

Ben and Renee Maunder's son, Thomas Benjamin, was stillborn last year on 5<sup>th</sup> November. In honour of Thomas and in a positive step, Ben and Renee have posted a dream on Sunsuper Dreams that "through better research stillbirth can be prevented from happening to another family". But to win \$5000 for the Stillbirth Foundation Australia, they need lots of votes. Please help Ben and Renee realise this dream and [vote at this link](#) (and encourage friends and family to vote too!). Voting closes 31.1.12.



### Upcoming Events:

#### Sydney 2 CAMberra Ride

**Date:** March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 **Where:** 280km from Moorebank, Sydney to Canberra

The Sydney 2 CAMberra Charity Ride was created after a young Sydney couple lost their son Cameron through stillbirth. The tragic event heavily impacted their life and touched many of their family and friends. In recognition of Cameron, the Ride aims to raise significant funds, awareness and support of families affected by stillbirth and SIDS, with all funds raised being equally distributed between the Stillbirth Foundation Australia and SIDS and Kids NSW.

If you are a cyclist and would love to support a great cause, please consider participating in the inaugural Sydney 2 CAMberra ride cycling from Moorebank in Sydney to Canberra. The 280km ride will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Places in the exclusive ride are limited to 100 and with attractive packages including accommodation, meals, riding gear, access to support crew, etc, they are



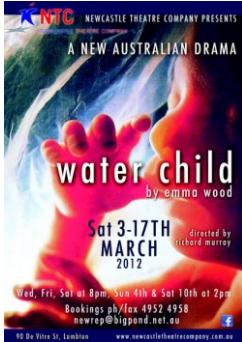
selling out quickly. [Click here](#) for further information and registration details.



### **Inaugural Stillbirth Foundation Australia Golf Day**

**Date:** Tuesday 8th May 2012 **Venue:** Pennant Hills Golf Club

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia is very excited to be hosting its' first Golf Day in an effort to raise funds for stillbirth research. Please join us at one of Sydney's premier private golf clubs for 18 holes of golf with fun on-course activities and fabulous prizes to be won, followed by a BBQ buffet dinner. For further information, including details about registering and corporate sponsorship, please [visit our website](#).



### **A new Australian play – “Water Child” by Emma Wood**

**Date:** 3-17 March, Wed, Fri & Sat nights at 8pm; matinees at 2pm on 4 & 10 March

**Venue:** Newcastle Theatre Company, 90 De Vitre Street, Lambton NSW 2299

Water Child, a new Australian play by award winning actress Emma Wood, chronicles the struggles of one couple's deepest desire to be parents. A drama with comic touches, the play examines issues surrounding this couple's journey, including miscarriage, relationship and wide family tensions. Whilst resonating with modern audiences, these issues are not often tackled on stage. Bookings at the Newcastle Theatre Company are essential, and further details can be found at [this link](#).

## **Get involved:**



### **Office Administrative Support**

The Stillbirth Foundation Australia office seeks a volunteer to assist with some basic but very important data entry tasks; which would greatly improve our efficiency and enable us to achieve some significant communication goals in 2012. The office is located in Willoughby and the team is fun and fabulous to work with! If you are willing to donate your time, have good typing skills, and could commit to 4 hours one day a week during school hours, please send [Emma](#) a brief description of your availability and skills.

### **Could you make a world of difference for the stillbirth cause?**

The Vodafone Foundation's World of Difference is an amazing program that enables people to take a year out and work full time with a charity that they are passionate about, such as the Stillbirth Foundation Australia. You could be paid to help us reduce the incidence of stillbirth in Australia! Applications close on 17th February 2012, and further information about the [program is available at this link](#).



**Vodafone Foundation**  
empowering individuals to make a lasting impact to our community

### **Please donate**

Having just committed to a large spend on stillbirth research projects in 2012, we need more funds to further our understanding about stillbirth. There are a variety of ways you can donate to the Stillbirth Foundation Australia, including regular monthly donations or through workplace giving programs. Please visit our [donation page](#) to see all the ways you can donate!



### **Join our Facebook Cause!**

If you are on Facebook but not yet a member of our cause, please [join us](#) to demonstrate your support and help us to raise awareness of stillbirth in Australia.



## **Thank You To:**

**Nadine Belfield** for riding for her son Cameron in the Spring Cycles and raising \$1,915 along the way.

**Carly Myer** for raising \$155 in memory of Harrison.

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