

Stillbirth Foundation Australia eNewsletter October 2011

Latest News:



“Stillbirth in Australia” Brochure

At the time of a baby’s death, amidst the complex emotions that parents and friends are experiencing, families often wish to learn more about stillbirth, why it happens and how often. “Stillbirth in Australia” is a beautiful brochure created by the Stillbirth Foundation Australia to inform families and friends about stillbirth, its causes, possible preventative measures, current research initiatives and what is hoped to be learnt or achieved in the future. We plan to have it available in all maternity hospitals throughout Australia.

The brochure can be [viewed online](#) and copies may be ordered from our [website](#).

2011 Little Feet Taking Big Steps Ball

Another fabulous, fun-filled Stillbirth Foundation Australia event was held on 17th September at the Hilton Sydney raising almost \$50,000. Our exuberant hosts, Rachel Friend and Stuart MacGill (pictured at left with Kristina and Ben Keneally), headed the Alice in Wonderland themed event which was full of games like croquet and characterised by appearances from the Red Queen, the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit and, of course, Alice herself. The event also marked the introduction of the much anticipated “Stillbirth in Australia” brochure by our enthusiastic supporter and Patron, the Hon. Kristina Keneally MP. [To read more...](#)



Closing date for research applications

Australia has a remarkable history in medical breakthroughs and the Stillbirth Foundation Australia believes that our researchers are in a prime position to uncover the mysteries of stillbirth. It is wonderful to therefore once again offer research funds to Australian researchers, and for this purpose the Stillbirth Foundation Australia’s closing date for 2012 funded research applications is Friday 26th November. For those interested, please complete the [Research Grant Application Form](#).



Upcoming Events:



2011 Spring Cycle

Date: Sunday 16th October 2011 **Venue:** North Sydney to Sydney Olympic Park, NSW

Are you a keen cyclist or simply looking for an energetic way to support the Stillbirth Foundation Australia? Please join our team headed by our Patron, the Hon. Kristina Keneally MP, for the 2011 Spring Cycle to help [raise funds](#) and awareness for stillbirth. Contact [Aaron David](#) for more details.



Attention all charitably minded people residing in Melbourne!

Date: September or October 2012 **Venue:** Melbourne

In light of our past successes with Stillbirth Foundation Australia charity events, we are gearing up to hold our 2012 Little Feet Taking Big Steps Ball in Melbourne, but we need your help! We are currently putting together a fundraising committee for this grand Melbourne Ball, which would be supported by our Sydney-based team, and your role would be to source prizes, organise venue, decorations and other event details.

If you feel that you possess skills in organising events, think you might be able to assist in sourcing some prizes and sponsors and would like to be involved in creating a fabulous Melbourne event, please register your interest by emailing [Melinda Hickin](mailto:Melinda.Hickin).



Service of Remembrance, Consolation and Hope

Date: Friday 2nd December @ 7.30pm **Venue:** St Mary's Catholic Church, North Sydney

The annual service of *Remembrance, Consolation and Hope* will be held on Friday 2nd December in North Sydney. If you would like your baby's photo to be projected onto the screens within the church during the service (even if you cannot attend) please email a digital image and the name of your baby to [Deb de Wilde](mailto:Deb.de.Wilde) as soon as possible.

Get involved:



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:

Cathie Papallo and Rotary District 9680

As wife of District Governor of Northern Sydney Rotary District 9860, Cathie Papallo's chosen charity to support was the Stillbirth Foundation Australia. During the last financial year, Cathie helped to raise over \$20,000 for the Stillbirth Foundation Australia and we are truly grateful for her willingness to support the stillbirth cause.

Matt Silvester

for completing the Sydney Marathon on the hottest day in Sydney in 6 months (!) and raising a huge \$7,672 along the way, in loving memory of his son Samuel.

Claire Jones and the whole "Bring it On Baby" team

Claire, in memory of her son Benjamin, did a stellar job in coordinating and encouraging nearly 100 people to walk/run in the recent Sydney Marathon. The group also smashed their original fundraising target of \$5,000 and raised a massive \$13,165! Thank you Claire and everyone else who participated and fundraised for this very grateful charity!

Emma Wotherspoon

who took part in the Sunday Mail City-Bay Fun Run 2011 and raised a whopping \$7,485 in memory of her daughter Molly Lola.

Andrew Weatherall and Ian Sherratt (Team Ouch!)

for taking part in the amazing 3 Ring Circus mountain bike race in the NSW Southern Highlands and raising a wonderful \$4,100 in loving memory of Andrew's son Alexander.

Carli Odgers

who, in loving memory of her son Sam, raised \$3,315 and awareness of stillbirth by creating a fundraising page around the time of Sam's original due date.

Susan Gerahty and Amanda Locke

for completing the 2011 Sun Herald City2Surf and raising \$2,300 and \$215 respectively, for the Stillbirth Foundation Australia along the way.

Lauren Casey

who took part in the 2011 Canberra Times Family Fun Run and Walk and raised \$600 for the Stillbirth Foundation Australia.

Elizabeth McKinnon

who completed the 19th Annual PUB2PUB Charity Fun Run & Walk and raised \$560 in memory of her niece Victoria.

Katherine Sheridan for taking part in the Chevron City to Surf for Activ and raising \$500, in memory of her baby boy.

Janelle Durward, James Ling and Georgina Ker who also raised funds for the Stillbirth Foundation Australia by completing the Chevron City to Surf for Activ.

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