

WMozzies support for WM Strategic Research

Congratulations and thanks to all in the WM community who have generously contributed to the successful WMozzies/Leukaemia Foundation WM research fundraising campaigns.

The funds contributed to the IWMF-LLS (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society) Strategic Research Roadmap initiative by Australia along with those from the US, Canada and France are going to the best and most promising research from the best minds across the globe. Following aggressive competition from WM Researchers the successful research projects were selected by an esteemed international panel of leading WM clinicians. It was a coordinated global effort to maximise the use of scarce resources in the search for a cure.

Over \$64,000 has been raised from the two WMozzies campaigns with the Leukaemia Foundation led by:

- Peter Carr - \$53,000+
- Michael van Ewijk \$11,000+

Peter's funds raised included a personal donation matching the total amount of all other donors.

Michael beat his goal of \$10,000. It was a mighty effort considering he rode 702 km from Balranald to Wagga Wagga to celebrate his 70th birthday.



First Australian and New Zealand WM community Webinar

Australia's leading WM Physicians and WM community members are being invited to the first ANZ WM community Webinar being organised jointly by the Leukaemia Foundation and WMozzies. There is to be a good balance of sessions to appeal to newly diagnosed patients seeking basic WM knowledge and to those interested in the best treatment options available in Australia. Full details of the Webinar will be announced shortly.

Volunteers are welcome to join in WMozzies support activities

Support for WM patients is available from the Leukaemia Foundation and from the International Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia Foundation.

However, WMozzies with no staff is reliant of volunteers to do essential membership support work including:

- Supporting applications for government funding for the new WM treatments
- Responding to enquiries from potential members and the WM community
- Providing communications to members
- Maintaining membership records
- Updating the WMozzies website
- Liaising with key WM stakeholders
- Overseeing member meeting arrangements
- Raising funds for research and key projects

We are particularly keen to hear from any who may be interested to join the team of WMozzies volunteers in a management, support or advisory capacity. Please call Andrew Warden on his mobile 0408 303 718 to discuss your interest and possible roles. A prompt response would be appreciated as WMozzies seeks to resume normal activities post the worst COVID-19 period and with the WMozzies changing of the guard. Andrew Warden is retiring later this year and is passing over his role to a new leadership team.