



# Kawasaki Disease Foundation Aust.

**Support Awareness Research**

## **Kawasaki Disease Foundation Aust. News December 2014**

Dear KD Friends and Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. As 2014 comes to an end it is time to reflect on the past year and to plan for the year ahead.

We are pleased to announce we are now registered to fundraise in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and Queensland. Your efforts in helping us with fundraising and awareness are greatly appreciated. Every little bit helps in our mission to educate the general community about Kawasaki Disease.

Warm Regards,  
Shirley Mates and Aylee Sunstrom  
National Co-ordinators

### *11<sup>th</sup> International Kawasaki Disease Symposium*

*Feb. 3-6, 2015 Hilton Hawaiian Village,  
Honolulu, Hawaii, US*

An afternoon of parents' association activity has been scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> February

Please let us know of any KD matters you would like discussed as we will have some representatives attending.

## **Interested in helping with Australian Kawasaki Disease research?**

**You may be able to help if you or your child:**

- **Have had Kawasaki disease**
- **Are they aged between 6 to 30 years**
- **Are able to attend the Murdoch Children's Research Institution for a one off study visit (travel costs\* will be reimbursed)**
- **The study visit will involve an ultrasound, blood pressure measurement, eye photographs and a single blood test (with Angel cream to numb the skin)**
- **Please contact Dr Katherine Chen for more information on 9936 6553 or email [katherine.chen@mcri.edu.au](mailto:katherine.chen@mcri.edu.au)**

**\*Parking costs at the Royal Children's Hospital and public transport within Victoria**

### **Latest Australia KD paper:**

Our medical advisor Prof. David Burgner has recently had a paper published in the British Medical Journal.

To Read this paper – [Click Here](#)

### **Current research study**

We are currently looking for participants for a study based at the Royal Children's Hospital and the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute in Melbourne, looking in detail at the immune responses and cardiovascular systems of children who have had KD.

The study will explore why some children develop the illness by looking at the response of immune cells (that fight infection), their longer term cardiovascular (heart and circulation) health, and factors in the blood that may suggest ongoing inflammation and cardiovascular abnormalities of these children.

So if you or your child has had KD (with or without coronary artery changes), is aged 6-30 years and are able to visit the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne for about 2 hours, we'd love to hear from you. For details please contact the study coordinator, Dr Katherine Chen (T (03) 9936 6553 or [katherine.chen@mcri.edu.au](mailto:katherine.chen@mcri.edu.au))

### **New State Coordinator**

We are pleased to announce that Alison Jinks has taken on the role of our Tasmanian Coordinator. She can be contacted at - [Alyson.Everett@dpipwe.tas.gov.au](mailto:Alyson.Everett@dpipwe.tas.gov.au)

In July we had the opportunity to meet with some families in Newcastle, Gosford and Sydney.

If you would like to liaise with other KD families in your State/area please contact our state Coordinators or email us [info@kdfoundation.org.au](mailto:info@kdfoundation.org.au) Subject "Catch-up"

### **Website**

We regularly update our website with the latest in research and upcoming events. If you haven't visited it for a while you can do so at [www.kdfoundation.org.au](http://www.kdfoundation.org.au).

We are always keen to have more family stories.

If you haven't already filled in our questionnaire we would appreciate if you could help us in this way. Your experiences give us valuable information about this disease plus help us establish a database.

## Facebook

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Check out our Facebook page to see the latest updates on KD events, view photos and more! Click on the button about to go directly to the page (you must be a Facebook member to view). Please like our page and share it with your family.

## GoFundraise

Just a reminder that we are registered with GoFundraise which allows supporters an increased range of ways to fundraise. These can be direct donations, a personal challenge (last year we had supporters compete in marathons/half marathons) special occasions etc. A link to our page is available on our website and we are more than happy to assist you with setting up your own page. We have a list of Fun runs and marathons.

While there are a few different groups like GoFundraise that collect donations on behalf of various charities you do not have to go through the particular one that is coordinating the event you are taking part in. GoFundraise coordinate events like the Melbourne Marathon. If you are taking part in an event which is under another group you can still raise funds for Kawasaki Disease Foundation by creating a page on the Foundation's GoFundraise page. Please contact us if you have any questions about how this works.

In our last newsletter we wrote about Brooke Dean and how she sent her KD story around her work colleagues. As a result they organised a team to take part in the MCG Stomp. Brooke has just advised us of another Fundraiser to be held in Warrnambool (Vic) in March. If you are nearby (especially all car lovers) please keep this date free so you can join us. See Flyer for information on the All Holden Day.

## Quickbeds

We have recently signed up to this program. Quickbeds is an accommodation search and booking website owned by Flight Centre Travel Group. They have 5500+ properties listed in Australia and New Zealand.

Next time you are booking accommodation go to [www.quickbeds.com](http://www.quickbeds.com)

Enter our unique Grassroots ID: 1195  
And you'll be helping our Foundation.

If you are interested in fundraising for the Foundation please contact us so we can assist you with making sure it is conducted in accordance with State Legislation. Alternatively you may wish to donate stationery, goods for raffles etc. All donations will greatly assist us.

# Western Victoria Holden Car Club



## 4th Holden Show 'n' Shine

Lake Pertobe Warrnambool

21/03/2015

10am-2pm



Sausage Sizzle Peoples Choice Award

Entry: Gold Coin Donation

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