Light the Night A GLOWING SUCCESS

Thank you to over 10,000 people who attended Light the Night walks across Queensland on 10 October. Held at 12 locations across the state, walkers created a beautiful sea of lights by carrying coloured lanterns, each containing a tiny light and each colour with its own special meaning:

• White for blood cancer patients and survivors
• Gold for those remembering a loved one lost
• Blue for supporters

As one participant said, “Creating the Goldfield Bridge in Brisbane, I looked back and saw a sea of coloured lanterns and discovered that something beautiful had come from my ugly disease.”

Special thanks go to the sponsors, 7 News, Bridgestone, Toll and Seeley International.

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At a glance...
How the Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland helped patients and families in 2011/2012

• Almost 41,000 nights of accommodation were provided free of charge to patients and their families.
• Due to the overwhelming demand for village accommodation, 14,500 of the total number of nights of free accommodation were provided in motels at a cost of nearly $1.1 million to the Leukaemia Foundation.
• The average stay in the Foundation’s accommodation facilities is four to five months, with some patients staying up to two years.
• The Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland provides more than $170,753 in financial assistance to patients and families across Queensland.
• In the past year the Leukaemia Foundation had more than 20,466 contacts and requests for our available support services and ways to donate.

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**OPENING OF TRANSPLANT UNIT - A MILESTONE**

The Bone Marrow Transplant Unit was opened in 1987 which was funded by the Leukaemia Foundation. The establishment of the unit was a significant achievement in the history of the Foundation as well as the treatment of Queensland blood cancer patients.

Some bone marrow transplantation became the new cutting edge treatment for people diagnosed with acute leukaemia and other blood diseases in the early 1970s and was a major catalyst in the advancement of patient survival rates for both children and adults.

At the time, Queenslanders were faced with the significant challenge of receiving bone marrow transplants far from home. It was expensive and often impossible for families to travel out of state to access the Foundation’s support services. A bone marrow transplant unit would also allow on-the-spot investigations into leukaemia through bone marrow core biopsies.

In February 1983 the Leukaemia Foundation announced that a new $1.7 million Bone Marrow Transplant Unit had been established in Brisbane. It was the first in the southern hemisphere and the first to be built specifically for bone marrow transplant research.