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Restaurants for Research

Throughout the month of October, diners eating out in restaurants across the Ballarat and Hepburn regions will come together to support the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute.

Restaurants for Research will run during the month of October with diners donating \$2 to the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute as part of their bill at participating restaurants. This donation will go directly to the Ballarat based cancer research program.

Restaurateurs have come out in force to support this campaign. Restaurants taking part include; Underbar, Pub with Two Names, Mitchell Harris, The Forge, Lake House, Daylesford, The Boatshed and Pipers. Twenty restaurants are currently signed up to the initiative with the hope that more will join the campaign.

Alicia Mitchell, Owner of Mitchell Harris said “We have chosen to participate in the Restaurants for Research initiative because it's important for us to support to local charities.”

Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute receives no government funding and relies on the generosity of the community to continue their internationally recognised research.

Institute Director, Professor George Kannourakis said that the hope was that this campaign would engage with the broad community and raise vital funds for the Ballarat based research program.

“Our every step towards beating cancer through research is made possible by the generous support of our community. We hope the community will support this campaign while eating out in October and are incredibly grateful to all participating restaurants and our partners for their support” said Professor Kannourakis.

If your restaurant would be interested in taking part, please email events@fecri.org.au.

About the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute

The Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute is a world class cancer research facility based in Ballarat, Victoria. As Australia's only regionally based cancer research centre, we are non-government, and rely on the generous support of the community to continue research into more effective ways to diagnose and treat cancer.

Opened in 1998, the Institute was inspired by Ballarat teenager, Fiona Elsey who lost her fight with cancer in 1991. Today, led by Professor George Kannourakis, the Institute is making a world class contribution to cancer research, with recent recognition for achievements into immunotherapy targets for ovarian cancer and histiocytic disorders.

The Institute currently has 9 PhD students from Federation University and 10 senior scientific staff. Recent achievements include:

- Identification of potential immunotherapy targets for ovarian cancer
- Identification of new immune cell subset in histiocytic disorders.
- Immune studies in various cancer and leukaemia.
- Identification of new method for isolating viruses.

Photo opportunities and interviews available.

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