



Media release

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Restaurants for Research

Throughout this month, diners eating out in restaurants across the Ballarat 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 Boatshed Table 48 and Pipers. Twenty restaurants are currently signed up to the initiative with the hope that more will join the campaign.

This is the second year of this campaign.

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.

FECRI currently has 9 PhD students from Federation University Australia and 11 senior scientific staff. Recent achievements of FECRI have included:

- Identification of potential new immunotherapy targets for ovarian cancer

- Discovered that immune cells in the walls of the bowel can misbehave and release chemical messengers promoting Bowel cancer.
- Identification of a new immune cell subset in histiocytic disorders.
- Further immune studies in various cancer and leukaemias.
- Identification of a new method for isolating new viruses.

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