

MEDIA RELEASE

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Online Wine Auction supports Cancer Research



The Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute (FECRI) is hosting an online wine auction this month with 100% of proceeds going directly to cancer research.

All of the wine from quality winemakers in renowned winemaking regions of Australia (Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and NSW) have been generously donated to make this online auction very special.

This is the second online auction for the Institute, after the event was held last year during the Coronavirus pandemic, as a way to boost much needed fundraising after all events were cancelled.

The non-Government funded Institute continue to navigate their way through uncharted territory whilst keeping focused on their important work.

Daniel Redman of Redman Wines in South Australia's Coonawarra region says "It's important to us here at Redman Wines to help FECRI continue their experiments during these unprecedented times. Given the success of the auction last year and the uncertainty Coronavirus brings with their fundraising, this is one way we can all get behind the Institute."

John Harris owner of Mitchell Harris Wines in Western and Central Victoria adds "We're happy to be able to contribute to this online event and support the great work being done by the Institute in regional Victoria."

Professor George Kannourakis, Institute Director goes on to say "After such a successful auction last year, we are thrilled to again host a second wine auction. We're grateful to these incredibly generous winemakers and collectors enabling us to raise money to keep our research program on track. Cancer is not elective and our research continues during this time with ongoing community support. We hope the community enjoys participating in something a bit different. We hope our supporters enjoy the impressive collection gathered together to make available to bid."

To support the online auction visit www.fecri.org.au now! Bidding is open until Monday 2 August.

At the conclusion of the auction, successful bidders will have their bottle(s) delivered free of charge within a 20km radius of central Ballarat with collection by appointment and postage options available for those further afield.

Liquor Licence 9016010118. Auction only available to bidders aged 18 years and older.

About

The Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute is a world class cancer research facility based in Ballarat. Australia's only regionally based cancer research facility, non-government funded and rely on the generous support of the community to continue research into more effective ways to diagnose and treat cancer. It Institute is a shining example that internationally recognised research can be done outside of metropolitan centres.

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 8 PhD students from Federation University and 14 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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