



The Butterfly Effect

November 2011

Danielle's Story



'Foundations such as Hannah's Chance play an integral role in providing funds for much needed Sarcoma research as well as raise awareness in the community and provide support for individuals diagnosed with Sarcoma.'



Danielle Corbett, Sarcoma survivor

After a string of misdiagnoses, at 14 years of age I was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in my right, lower femur. At that point the tumor had fractured my femur and began growing outside of the bone and was the size of a grapefruit. I started aggressive chemotherapy straight away to reduce the tumor as much as possible before surgery to increase the chances of saving my leg. I was very lucky that the chemotherapy was successful and was able to have a ¾ femur, full knee and partial tibia replacement.

Being diagnosed with Osteosarcoma has had a profound impact on my life.

It provided me with greater insight into who I am, which has helped me to surround myself with and prioritise things that make me happy. Having sarcoma helped me to see the world from a different perspective and as a result I feel that I live my life more wholly than I would have otherwise.

I am now 20 years old and in remission. I am excited to be graduating from university this year and plan to pursue a master's degree. Surviving cancer was like starting a new life for me and I am really looking forward to pursuing all of my goals for the future.

'Like' us on facebook

With now over 1200 users, our Facebook page is full of information on upcoming events and news. If you would like to help join the fight against sarcoma and receive the latest information, please 'like' our page and invite your friends as well.



In Hannah's words

"We all know it's hard to live like a butterfly with no wings or yourself with no smile, but when it's your time to look back on the hardest challenge you conquered with a smirk on your face, you know that anything impossible is possible for you."

Hannah Ciobo-O'Driscoll, July 2005

Introducing Aideen Quigley



Hannah's Chance Foundation Board
Member Aideen Quigley

Aideen Quigley has been a valuable member of the Hannah's Chance Foundation Board of Directors since 2009, supporting us with her wealth of experience gained from being in the banking and finance industry for 31 years.

She is a self-employed owner manager of Bank of Queensland at Elanora, Gold Coast and last year won a Silver Award through Bank of Queensland's Managing Directors Awards for Community Service, kindly donating the \$5,000 prize money to Hannah's Chance Foundation.

Aideen is passionate about raising funds for research and has been involved in various fundraising events for Hannah's Chance Foundation. She was introduced to the foundation through Leigh Webb, also on the Board of Directors, whose husband currently is undergoing treatment for Liposarcoma and whose son has also undergone treatment for Sarcoma last year.

"I can only hope that my involvement with Hannah's Chance Foundation helps to make even a small difference in the fight against Sarcoma".



Celebratory giving



Do you know what you're going to buy your family member, friend or work colleague for their next birthday?

Why not donate to Hannah's Chance Foundation on their behalf? You can do this all year round for any special occasion including birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and Christmas. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and Hannah's Chance will send a thank you letter to the recipient. **It's a great gift idea for people of all ages!**

DID YOU
KNOW?



Angiosarcomas are malignant sarcomas of the vascular endothelial cell origin. Endothelial cells make up the lining of vessels. Angiosarcomas can occur in any region of the body, although they are most commonly located in the skin, breast, liver and deep tissue.



Hannah's Helper

Hannah's helper is a regular giving program specially designed for our frequent donors. A nominated amount is deducted monthly from your account. Donations are tax deductible and donors are provided with a tax receipt and the end of each financial year. Why don't you join us in fighting sarcoma and become a Hannah's helper today!

To find more about how you can support Hannah's Chance Foundation, please refer to the donation slip on the last page of the newsletter or visit the Foundation's website at www.hannahschancefoundation.org.au

I Love Spooning

Tappa Productions

Tappa is a popular and well known Gold Coast local who is a Surf Reporter, MC, Event Commentator, Presenter and Media Liaison. Hannah's Chance Foundation would like to thank him for his continued support at our major events. For more information on Tappa Productions please go to website www.tappaproductions.com

GC Surf Magazine

GCSurf is a local free surfing publication based on the Gold Coast. We focus on local surfing events, up & coming hot young surfers, micro groms, travel, skate music & support charity events such as Hannah's Chance, Camp Quality & Surf Aid on our website.

This summer's edition celebrates our ninth year of publication. If you miss out on picking up a copy of the mag you can always checkout & read the latest issue online @ www.goldcoastsurf.com.au

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Surfin Snapps

Surfin Snapps Photography has been proud and privileged to support the Hannah's Chance Foundation for the past 3 years. Darren has taken the surfing photos of the Teams Event in previous years but this year due to him working away, his wife Lynn stepped in to take photos of both the surfing competition and the Sarcoma Ball.

"Although I am not a "real photographer" like my husband it was such an honour to be able to photograph both events this year. The ball was such a wonderful affair, the colours of the dresses, the entertainment and the fantastic amount of money raised was very humbling and we will continue to support this very worthy cause in every way we can."

Photos can be viewed and purchased at www.surfinSnapps.com.au



I am Carmen Thompson and am an avid supporter of Hannah's Chance Foundation.

This year I had a new jewellery making venture and wanted to combine doing something I enjoy with making a contribution to the foundation.

We are called I Love Spooning and as you may have guessed we make things from spoons and cutlery. I created a four piece set for the Butterfly Ball and made some special butterfly stamped pieces for another function we attend. There are rings, necklaces, earrings and keyrings which are still available for purchase and 100% of the proceeds of these pieces goes to Hannah's Chance. Making the jewellery started as a hobby that has turned into a passion for me, I just love the creative process that it takes me on, and I get to use power tools.

You can view the pieces on the Facebook page I Love Spooning, Gold Coast.



A touch of colour

Hannah's Chance Foundation believes having an optimistic outlook on life is very important. This 'A Touch of Colour' section is a new regular feature designed to encourage, inspire and support.

Each upcoming edition of the Butterfly Effect will feature an inspiring affirmation or quote, enjoy!

"Recognise that every day won't be sunny and when you find yourself lost in the darkness of despair, remember it's only in the black of night that you can see the stars and those stars will lead you back home."

Rory Mulligan 5th November, 2010 aged 19 years

Rory Mulligan, Osteosarcoma — 1991-2010





Study Update

PROJECT

Identifying the molecular basis for osteosarcoma metastasis

CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

Dr Scott Sommerville



The Wesley Research Institute and Hannah's Chance Foundation are funding a project to identify the molecular basis for osteosarcoma metastasis with the aim of preventing the spread of bone cancer to other organs.

The research team is led by renowned Wesley Hospital Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Scott Sommerville.



Osteosarcoma is the most common primary cancer of bone. The majority of patients afflicted by this disease are only in their teens and approximately 30% of these patients will die. The primary cause of death is metastasis (spread of the cancer), most commonly to the lung.

Treatment for osteosarcoma has not changed significantly in the past 20 years and patients who do not respond to the traditional drug therapy have no curative options open to them.

The researchers have performed a comprehensive analysis of a number of patient tumours and shown that the bone microenvironment contributes to the metastatic potential of the osteosarcoma. They have published two important papers in prestigious medical/scientific journals (British Journal of Cancer (2010) vol 103, pages 73-81 and Cancer Research (2010) vol 70, pages 7063-7072. Specifically, they found that the loss of osteoclasts (the cells that develop into healthy bone cells) *increases* the metastatic potential of the osteosarcoma.

The researchers are now conducting studies to determine the molecules and signalling pathways involved in mediating the cross-talk between the osteosarcoma and its bone microenvironment. This may lead to regulation of metastatic potential and identify new potential therapeutic targets. They are also testing currently available therapeutics (eg fulvestrant – an oestrogen receptor inhibitor already used in the clinic and known to increase osteoclast numbers. The researchers are optimising dosage, route and frequency of administration of this drug in an animal model of the disease, both alone and in combination with chemotherapy. If successful, they will proceed to clinical trials in human patients.

It is also known that one of the major obstacles to effective treatment of osteosarcoma patients is intrinsic or acquired resistance to the cytotoxic effects of anti-cancer agents. The mechanism dictating this resistance is unknown. The researchers have recently found that inhibitor of DNA binding (ID1) is the most highly differentially expressed gene in osteosarcoma patient biopsies compared to non-malignant bone. Preliminary results have shown that silencing the ID1 gene increases the sensitivity of the osteosarcoma cells to certain anti-cancer drugs and reduces their capacity for metastasis.

If confirmed, this work will have identified ID1 inhibition as a potential therapeutic target for osteosarcoma.

(Written by Julie Campbell, July 14, 2011).



What's on?



Annual Butterfly Morning Tea

The Butterfly Morning Tea is an annual event held in Spring each year and celebrates the Foundations achievements over the past year. This event is a thank you to all our corporate supporters and major donors and is held at the Wesley Research Institute. This year we will be holding the morning tea on the 1st December with guest speaker Dr Peter Steadman to update us on the latest research on Sarcoma cancer.

Rhythm Kirra Teams Challenge

This year the Kirra Teams Challenge surf event will be held on Friday 17th February to Sunday 19th February 2012 at Duranbah Beach. Once again Hannah's Chance Foundation will be present at the event to raffle off some major prizes as well as sell merchandise to raise money for the fight against sarcoma cancer. Further information will be available on our Facebook page and website closer to the time.



Kristy Keech 10th Anniversary Charity Ball — Kristy Keech

Kristy Keech 10th Anniversary Charity Ball

Lisa Pollock is the event organiser for this fantastic ball which is to be held on her property, "Currabubula Station", 40kms outside Tamworth, NSW, to be held on the 3rd March 2012. The ball is in memory of her sister Kristy who died from Rhabdomyosarcoma, muscle cancer, 10 years ago when she was 23. Lisa has organised many events in previous years and has raised considerable funds from them and is hoping to raise \$40,000 at the next ball. All money raised will be going to Hannah's Chance Foundation. Further information will be made available on our website and also through our Facebook page.

Yes, I wish to support Hannah's Chance Foundation

I would like to support Hannah's Chance Foundation
by making a donation of \$ _____

I would like my donation to be directed towards:

- The area with the most urgent need OR
- Sarcoma research
- Friendly Wards program

BECOME A HANNAH'S HELPER

I would like to become a 'Hannah's Helper'

by donating \$ _____ every month to
Hannah's Chance Foundation until otherwise advised

- I have provided my credit card details to the right

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Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

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Please charge my credit card: Visa Mastercard Diners Amex

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Your gift will be acknowledged by an official receipt and is tax deductible



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What's been happening?



2011 Butterfly Dinner Dance

An amazing event once again organised by board members Leigh Webb and Aideen Quigley with the Gold Coast Fundraising Committee on Saturday 16th July at Twin Towns Showroom. Around 300 guests attended the annual ball with close to \$30,000 raised from the evening. Guest speaker David Thomas spoke about the importance of funding for research and HOCA Nurse, Sue Fleay, who has looked after many sarcoma patients, including Leigh Webb's son Corey, Tom O'Driscoll and Hannah Ciobo-O'Driscoll, won the beautiful Butterfly Pendant created by jeweller Rex Horsely. "Having looked after Hannah and Tom, it was wonderful to win the pendant. I wear it everyday" said Sue.



"Reach Out For Rory" Afternoon Tea

Sadly on the 22nd of December, 2010, courageous Rory Mulligan passed away from an Osteosarcoma. He was just 19 years old. On the 20th August this year, 100 people came together for afternoon tea at the Star Cafe in Toowoomba to celebrate what would have been Rory's 20th birthday. That night more of Rory's friends attended a 'glow party' held at the Cube nightclub, where Rory used to work while he attended university. As a result of these events, \$3700 was donated to Hannah's Chance Foundation to aid in the fight against sarcoma. Rory's mother, Debbie, would like to thank everyone who opened their hearts in memory of her courageous son and his battle against this heartbreaking disease.



Butterfly Effect Luncheon

Another successful ladies luncheon was held on 22nd July at the Terrabora Room, Dune, at Palm Beach. 40 guests attended the lunch and silent auctions, lucky door prizes and raffles raised a total of \$975. Guest speaker Jess Ainscough, The Wellness Warrior, spoke about her journey with the fight against Sarcoma. Thank you again to Leigh and team for a successful luncheon.



Wahu Sarcoma Surf Team Challenge 2011

The 3rd Annual Sarcoma Surf Teams Challenge sponsored by "Wahu" was held on the 24th July with 5 local boardriding teams participating in the competition. \$3,500 was raised at the event and a big thank you to Surfin Snaps and Gold Coast Surf Magazine for your ongoing support. Once again a great effort from Leigh Webb and the Gold Coast team for organising this event.



Melbourne Cup Butterfly Luncheon

Judy Phillips and Caroline Steadman wives of Chairman Tony Phillips and board member Dr Peter Steadman, along with a dedicated committee organised a fantastic Melbourne Cup Event held at Moda Portside on Tuesday 1 November 2011. 210 guests attended the event along with the amazing auction prizes and donations, over \$22,000 was raised for Hannah's Chance Foundation. A wonderful achievement by our Brisbane fundraising committee at our first Melbourne Cup Event.

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