



JFHS NEWSLETTER #2

May 2006

Welcome to our second newsletter! We are delighted to share the latest news and events with the Joondalup community, in particular the launch of our Schools Based Education Program. Support for the proposed Study has been very high from all sectors, including Government, Researchers and the Community. As such, we are currently in the process of seeking funding and planning the Study structure in more detail.

The team values your feedback and welcomes any questions, suggestions or comments about the Joondalup Family Health Study.

With Best Wishes,

The Joondalup Family Study Team

EVENTS

SCHOOLS BASED EDUCATION LAUNCH

24 March 2006



L- R:

Kenneth Young (ORSHS Head Boy); Prof Lyle Palmer (Study Director); John Quigley MLA (Member for Mindarie); Hon Ljiljana Ravlich (Minister for Education); Assoc Prof Grady Venville (ECU Joondalup); Emma Payne (ORSHS Head Girl).

Over 100 high school science students and teachers came to Ocean Reef Senior High School for the launch of the JFHS Schools Outreach Program. The program aims to improve teaching and learning of science and health in Joondalup schools. Program initiatives include professional development and curriculum support for teachers, in collaboration with education professionals at Edith Cowan University.

We are also exploring ways of working with local scientists, doctors, researchers and organisations such as SciTech to make science fun and interesting for Joondalup students. We aim to help our kids become informed decision makers about health research and the role of biotechnology in the community. The day was an opportunity to learn more about biotechnology and students participated in a hypothetical discussion focusing on medicine, health and genomics.

COLES FREEWAY BIKE HIKE

19 March 2006



Representatives from the Laboratory for Genetic Epidemiology (“GenEpi Riders”) raised money for asthma by completing the 30km Coles Freeway Bike Hike.

STUDY STRUCTURE

The Joondalup Family Health Study Foundation will operate as a charitable trust with 3 key governing bodies. Details of the following governance structure are currently being planned:

1. Scientific Oversight Committee
2. Ethics Oversight Committee
3. JFHS Board

The JFHS Board of Trustees will be an independent body of prominent leaders from within the WA business, academic, health and medical research communities. The Board will authorise overall decision-making regarding access to and use of the JFHS resource and will be fully committed to the advancement of medical research and better health for all West Australians.

FUNDING

We have submitted two \$2.5 million grant applications (one each for adults and children), to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), We should find out in late 2006 if we are successful in obtaining this federal funding for the Joondalup Family Health Study.

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