

GO would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in any way with any, or all, of the above. I have made a separate list and forgive me if I have neglected to mention you. We were so grateful for all contributions, be they time or money.

My list of Special People who have contributed so generously during 2007 include...

The Fair:

Kate Dowling and the members of the Double Bay Chamber of Commerce, with special mention to Diane Landes, Catherine Brown and Diana Stojanovich who sold raffle tickets by the hundreds, both day and night. We were indebted to American Express and the ANZ Private Bank for their most generous contributions. Thanks also to former Lady Mayoress Kerri Huxley, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, Indira Naidoo, Barry Crocker, Paula Duncan, Emma and Tom, Frank Mittiga, Simone Logue, Blake Kearney and the other musicians who provided us with the magic of music, and of course those who helped in blowing up the thousand balloons!

“Billy Elliot, The Musical”

The Producers and Executive Producers, Michele Bribosia, The Establishment Hotel, Bellachara in Gerrigong, Brunnings, Simon Pettit from Foster's Group, Souk in the City Restaurant for their Dinner Vouchers, Irene Heywood for the Teddy Bear and Stephane for the delicious wine tour from L'Art du Vin.

Kings Cross Artist's Walk:

John Morrissey, Rebecca Giglia, Stephen Carnell and the King's Cross Partnership, Gazebo Wine Garden, Graham Foreman and all who have joined the rehearsal tours.

Volunteers:

Most significantly all the wonderful volunteers who have been most supportive of the GO Research Fund and the list goes on.....



Professor Neville Hacker, Carmen Duncan, Indira Naidoo, Kate Dowling, Kerri Huxley and Barry Crocker at the Double Bay Spring Fair

*With thanks,
Every blessing and happiness
for the Holiday Season*

*Carmen, Jenny, Aleco and
the other Executives of*



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Remember you can always check into our web site to see what is happening.

And that we appreciate your feedback and as always, your support.

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GO Research Fund's stall and supporters at the Double Bay Spring Fair

It seems amazing that we are already on our way to the New Year 2008.

The last five months have been hectic with our September Fair, in conjunction with the Double Bay Chamber of Commerce, our Preview evening of “Billy Elliot The Musical” and the launching of our Artist's Walk in Kings Cross. Not to mention the stunning contribution from Saatchi and Saatchi in presenting us with our new logo.

We are absolutely delighted with our “new look” and hope you are too. There are three people from Saatchi's who have bent over backwards to provide us with copy for deadlines that anyone else would have choked on. Ed Stening, Elaine Purcell and Cherie Durnford have been inspirational and untiring in their enthusiasm for our cause. We love our “new look” and were so chuffed to see the beautiful banners flying high in Double Bay.

However the last months have been rather thin in the fundraising stakes. Many people have said that they would rather give a cheque than attend another event dinner with auction items. Although monotonous, these

auctions do raise money. So I wanted to concentrate on finding new ways to raise funds and to make the public more aware of GO Research Fund - who we are, what we do, and why we are worthy of your dollar. I value your opinion and would appreciate any feedback please.

Kate Dowling, who is the President of the Double Bay Chamber of Commerce, was a superb support to GO before and during the Fair and sensational in swinging her team and everyone else into action. The Fair was well-attended, great fun and has enormous possibilities. While we were delighted with the stall holders who took the risks involved by supporting our first effort, we hope to extend it next year with a wider variety of products and more home grown produce.

And of course we wouldn't have done so well at the Fair, without the valued backing of American Express, who donated \$10.00 with every purchase of \$50.00 or more going to GO Research Fund, which we gratefully accepted.

What a fantastic night “Billy Elliot The Musical” was! Such a superb production and surely one of the most impressive and enjoyable musicals that I have ever seen! Producer Michele Bribosia has been a constant supporter, since I came on board as fundraiser, and we were thrilled with the fabulous seats she organised for us at a great price. I would like our donors to have the opportunity to preview more theatre next year. Again let's have some feedback.

Get in early next time is the answer for those of you who missed out on purchasing tickets for “Billy Elliot The Musical”, or if you didn't receive an invitation, the reason is because it is simply too expensive to mail out invitations to everyone on our data base. If you have an email address, please send it to GO and we can contact you. Of course if you don't have email, but would still like to be included in our special theatre listings, just let us know.

Million \$ Major Fundraising Campaign

You will be hearing more shortly, about our very exciting Million Dollar Major Fundraising Campaign. Mundipharma and the Marcia Resch Estate have started the ball rolling for our project with two very generous donations. We are hoping to raise \$1,000,000 over a two-year period beginning in March 2008.

Karen Campaign

Kells the Lawyers, with inspiration and hard work from the amazing Chris Turrisi, were the winners of the Karen Campaign this year. Kris and her helpers organised one of the best luncheons ever to raise money for us. It was a superb effort and GO Research Fund is indebted to Kells for their truly amazing efforts. We hope to revitalize the campaign next year when Sparke Helmore and Baker & McKenzie are back on board.

Changes at Garvan

There are some staff changes at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. Dr Caroline Barton will be leaving us at the end of the year after two and a half years. She will be returning to England to further her research career. We wish her well and welcome a new member to the team, Dr Céline Montavon from Basel in Switzerland. Céline is training to be a gynaecologist and is here for 18 months as a Visiting Research Fellow to gain research experience. In the meantime, our vital involvement with the program and our attempts to find a diagnostic test for ovarian cancer continues.



Veronica after she had completed the recent City to Surf.

Delighted Lady

I want to tell you about another extraordinary woman, Veronica Mastellone. Veronica was fifty five and not aware of having any health problems when she was diagnosed with stage IV ovarian cancer on the 7th Feb, this year. Professor Hacker suggested that she have two rounds of chemotherapy before undergoing surgery on the 2nd May. This was followed by four more cycles of chemotherapy and twenty-five radiation sessions. Veronica is now in remission and we are as delighted as she looks here. She says "I love my life and treasure every precious day". Congratulations and well done to all the staff at the Gynaecological Cancer Centre at the RHW.



Artist's Walk meeting place.

Artist's Walk

Our Kings Cross Walk is such a pleasant way to exercise, while enjoying the latest art and innovations of Sydney. Our experienced tour guide Rebecca Giglia, meets you at the El Alamein Fountain and conducts the two hour walk, concluding with a free glass of wine at the Gazebo Wine Garden. We will be widening our walks to include Darlinghurst and Rushcutter's Bay in the New Year.

Research Update from Dr. Phillipa O'Brien

We are presently studying ovarian surface cells in women that have a strong family history of ovarian cancer. These cells are likely to show some of the earliest changes in their DNA associated with cancer development.

In particular, we are looking at what are called epigenetic changes in the DNA of these cells. Epigenetic changes are common in cancer, and occur very early in cancer development. Moreover, we and others have shown that epigenetic changes can be detected in the blood of women with ovarian cancer, including when the cancer is still confined to the ovary.

Our current research is focused on specifically identifying which genes these epigenetic changes affect. We then hope to use this information to design a blood-based diagnostic test that can be used to detect women with ovarian cancer, including those with early stage curable disease.

Marcia Resch

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of one of the eastern suburbs most loved leading ladies - Marcia Resch.

Marcia's enthusiasm for life was a tonic to all of those who knew her. Her door was always open for a casual chat or the cocktail hour, and her generosity, thoughtfulness and consideration were the reason her many friends will miss her greatly. Marcia's brave and determined fight against ovarian cancer was to her credit and she managed to conceal her anxiety and pain right up until the end. She never lapsed with her appearance, flair and style.

We were left in admiration of her courage, but with a vacancy in our hearts.



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At this time of the year we are reminded that many of us are missing our loved ones, daughters, sisters, mothers and friends who have not survived gynaecological cancer. Please help us beat this horrendous disease.