

## News from the Haematology Clinical Research Unit (HCRU)

2023 is becoming a very productive and exciting year for the Haematology Clinical Research Unit at Concord Hospital, with our expanding team of haematologists and clinical research nurses reflecting the ongoing large number of trials in our portfolio. The unit currently has a total of 55 clinical trials open, of which 28 trials are currently recruiting, and the remainder have patients who are in ongoing follow-up.

### Some standout trials for 2023 have been:

- **COALITION**, an investigator- initiated Australian multicentre trial for young patients with aggressive B cell lymphoma. In this trial, patients with a high-risk form of this lymphoma receive a new standard therapy not yet reimbursed in Australia (polatumumab-RCHOP) or an investigational combination of a novel bispecific antibody with the standard chemotherapy (glofitamab-RCHP).
- **BelaCARD**, an investigator-initiated Australian multicentre trial for relapsed multiple myeloma using a novel antibody-drug conjugate combined with standard therapy.

**These trials are part of the Unit's commitment to deliver "World-class care, locally".**

At Concord Haematology, we are enabled by the Foundation for A Bloody Great Cause to conduct this independent investigator-initiated research, and we thank our amazing community, patients and families for the support they give the Foundation.

In our next newsletter, we look forward to introducing you to the HCRU's newest staff members.

**Thank you to all the donors who gave so generously to our End of Financial Year campaign.**

The funds raised will be used to recruit more clinical research staff and give many more patients access to these clinical trials.

**The Bloody Great Committee is also very grateful to the following community groups who have raised money for the Foundation recently.**



**Breakfast Point Rotary Club**

for donating the proceeds from their annual Art Show to the Foundation.



**The Breakfast Point Men's Shed**

for the proceeds of their recent Sausage Sizzle.



**Majors Bay Chamber of COMMERCE**

for donations from their Mother's Day stall.

## See you at Ferragosto Five Dock - Sunday 20th August

There are always more patients who need our help so the Bloody Great Committee will be at Ferragosto - Five Dock on Sunday 20th August, selling raffle tickets.

**a BLOODY great sports raffle!**



**Look for our stand and come and enter our raffle! GREAT PRIZES**

If you can't join us at Ferragosto, you can still support the team in our mission.



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