

Dear Cancer Voices SA members

We bring to your notice some activities, publications and events that may be of interest:

**Ashleigh Moore's Order of Australia Medal (OAM)**

Ashleigh Moore received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for service to community health through Cancer Voices South Australia, announced on Australia Day, 26th January. Congratulations to Ashleigh have flowed in from local, interstate and international friends and cancer advocates. We are pleased to see his outstanding tireless efforts while twice fighting and recovering from cancer, his leadership and innovation rewarded by this award. Well done Ashleigh.

**Cancer Myths Quiz**

Test your knowledge of cancer in the global context with 5 questions at the [LIVESTRONG Cancer Myths Quiz](#). Informative answers are provided. See how you score and you might also learn something interesting!

**Towards a national Cancer Research Plan**

A 'white paper' titled '[Towards a national cancer research plan](#)' has been released for public comment (due by 1 May 2012). Are these the questions and actions that are required to improve cancer research planning and coordination of funding in Australia?

Check out '[Oncology Update](#)' for more Australian news headlines about cancer.

**SEEKING CONSUMER ADVOCATES**

**CANCER STATEWIDE CLINICAL NETWORK**

**CONSUMERS (TWO POSITIONS)**

**Two health consumers who have either been diagnosed with cancer or cared for someone with cancer are sought to join the Steering Committee of the Statewide Cancer Clinical Network. For more information please go to the Health Consumer Alliance [HCA Website](#).**

**SARCOMA (CANCER) CARE PATHWAY DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY**

**CONSUMER (ONE OR TWO POSITIONS)** For more information please go to the Health Consumer Alliance [HCA Website](#).

**Focus Group re: 'Know your risk' of Bowel Cancer.**

Cancer Council SA has been working with the Jodi Lee Foundation, CSIRO Preventative Health Research Flagship and Flinders University, to develop an online family history / bowel cancer risk assessment tool entitled 'know your risk'.

The tool is now ready for testing and seeking people who may be interested in providing feedback about the ease of use, content and navigation of the website.

There will be a series of community based focus group sessions held around Adelaide and regional areas.

Sessions will be approximately 2 hours long.

Each session will have 6 participants only.

Interested people are asked to call Cancer Council SA to book in (**Helen Barnard - 8291 4265 or email [hbarnard@cancersa.org.au](mailto:hbarnard@cancersa.org.au)**)

Email participation can be arranged if people are interested but are unable to get to a face

to face session.

Focus group session details:

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| Adelaide<br>SA Greenhill Lodge, Greenhill Road | Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb  | 10am – 12noon   | Cancer Council |
| Murray Bridge<br>Community Centre              | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 10am – 12noon   | Murray Bridge  |
| Taperoo<br>Community Centre                    | Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 10am – 12noon   | Taperoo        |
| Jamestown<br>Community Library                 | Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>      | 5.30pm – 7.30pm | Jamestown      |
| Playford<br>Library                            | Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | 1pm – 3.30pm    | Playford       |
| Woodcroft<br>Community Centre                  | Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 10am – 12noon   | Woodcroft      |
| Adelaide<br>SA Greenhill Lodge, Greenhill Road | Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 5.30pm – 7.30pm | Cancer Council |

**Volunteers for Research Study on: “Perceived supportive care needs of women with early stage breast cancer and their key support people.”**

This study is being conducted by the Medical Oncology department at Flinders Medical Centre and involves completion of a questionnaire on one occasion only (to be returned by reply paid envelope).

To be eligible for this study women need to have been diagnosed with early stage breast cancer and either:

- (i) **be currently receiving chemotherapy** [click on this underlined text to access a copy of the ‘acute’ Participant Info Sheet] (although not for cancer recurrence) **or**
- (ii) **have completed acute treatment** [click on underlined text to access the ‘chronic’ version of Participant Info Sheet] (i.e., **surgery, chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy**) **in the last 2 years**. The study is also interested in the experiences of a key support person (e.g., partner, adult child, friend, neighbour).

Ethics approval has been granted by the Southern Adelaide Clinical Human Research Ethics Committee. For further information **please contact Kirsty Prior at [kirsty.prior@flinders.edu.au](mailto:kirsty.prior@flinders.edu.au) or by calling 7221 8504**

**SA CANCER CLINICAL NETWORK – LUNG CANCER CARE PATHWAY KEY STAKEHOLDER**

**CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP** Date: Tuesday 28 February 2012 Time: 6pm-9pm Venue: Old Lion North Adelaide South Australian Lung Cancer Pathway: Optimising outcomes for South Australians diagnosed with lung cancer

For more information please go to the Health Consumers Alliance [HCA Website](#).

**Senate Inquiry into Palliative Care in Australia**

Feedback is sought on issues related to Palliative Care. Are there issues or gaps around access to services, choices of appropriate palliative care for particular groups, coordination, information ... or other problems? Find information at '[Senate Inquiry into Palliative Care in Australia](#)'. Submissions are due by 2 March 2012.

**CARESEARCH SEEKS CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT IN A NATIONAL TELECONFERENCE FORUM about Palliative Care Information.**

CareSearch ([www.caresearch.com.au](http://www.caresearch.com.au)) is an online resource designed to help those needing relevant and trustworthy information and resources about palliative care.

CareSearch are keen to enhance and expand the consumer sections of their website, to learn how they can best address consumer needs and the best ways to assist consumers to access information.

As part of this process, CareSearch are conducting a national teleconference forum with consumers who want to help ensure that those needing palliative care, and their family and friends, have access to relevant, easy-to-understand information in their time of need.

The teleconference is planned for **Thursday, 1 March 2012**.

Email: [erin.koop@flinders.edu.au](mailto:erin.koop@flinders.edu.au) or Ph: 08 7221 8227

Click [here](#) for more information.

On all the items in this Bulletin, or other issues, we welcome your comments, observations, ideas and feedback. Contact us by email: [info@cancervoicessa.org.au](mailto:info@cancervoicessa.org.au), phone: 8291 4343, join our online community at [www.cancervoicessa.org.au](http://www.cancervoicessa.org.au) to post your comments.

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Best wishes to all, and especially those who are currently undergoing cancer treatment. Perhaps you, your family or friends have suggestion that would help others have a better experience?

From Ashleigh Moore and the Cancer Voices SA Executive Team

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