

## **READ THE RED UPDATE DECEMBER 2011**

### **LIST OF DONATIONS AND BANK INTEREST NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

Balance as at 30th October 2011	CBR money raised	\$1 648 241.16
Donations from 1st November 2011	Glen Dixon	250.00
	November Interest	698.63
Donations from 1st December 2011	IWC of Strathpine	1 000.00
	December Interest	687.00
		<b>\$1 650 876.79</b>
	<b>READ THE RED GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1 650 876.79</b>
	<b>LESS 27 GRANTS AWARDED</b>	<b>\$1 433 462.00</b>
	<b>BALANCE IN ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 217 414.79</b>



Your District Coordinators will receive the stock for this year's **Coin for a Cord Day** in the next few weeks. The new items are bright and exciting. Please remember that stands should look colourful, attractive and well stocked – this makes it more inviting to visit. If FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY does not suit the Club members, please arrange another day in April to promote Inner Wheel and cord blood to the public. Please make sure you all wear the proper identification – your District Coordinator will advise you of these requirements.

Those Clubs that intend to have a function to raise funds, please think about setting up a display, show off our merchandise and you will be amazed at how much you will sell.

Cord blood research is certainly taking great leaps forward, let's step out in this New Year and give the researchers another big helping hand.

Just before Christmas I was invited to a Forum at Federation Square in Melbourne - Cerebral Palsy – Treatments for Tomorrow. Cerebral Palsy is one of the most common forms of disability with one in every 400 Australian babies born each year affected. While there is no known cure, research is yielding promising results. Hopefully some of the positive results will come from the use of cord blood stem cells. This research is being done at the Duke University in America in conjunction with the Monash Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne. Professor Alan Trounson, President of the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine advised that a huge sum of money had been invested in this project and great hope was held for positive results.

Enjoy friendship and lots of fun on Coin for a Cord Day this year.

**Best wishes to all**

**Anne McGill**

**National Coordinator, Cord Blood Project**