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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends

What an eventful start Queenslanders have had to 2011! A number of our extended Huntington's families have been severely affected by the floods in Queensland and we send them our heartfelt sympathies and our best wishes for their rebuilding and recovery.

This is proving to be a year of staff changes for Huntingtons Queensland. I'm happy to welcome our new Operations Manager, Michael McLean, who comes to us with a wealth of experience as a residential carer, foster carer and youth worker. He'll spend a week or two working in conjunction with Barb to help him settle in. We'll be farewelling Barb with a BBQ at our Annerley centre on Thursday 24th March 2011 at 5:30pm. So it will also be a good opportunity for you meet Michael. Please call the office on 3391 8833 if you wish to attend.

I'm also delighted to welcome one of our family members from Kingaroy, Robert Westley, as a new Management Committee Member. The Committee looks forward to a long and fruitful working relationship with Robert.

Congratulations to Christine and Murray on the birth of their little daughter, Lauren Adell, born Wednesday 9th February. We are looking forward to Christine's return in the next few months.

I'm anticipating a productive year as part of the Management Committee and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our families and members a great 2011.

Gerry Doyle, President

DIARY DATES

March 2011

7 th March	Brisbane Carers' Support Group
10 th March	Sunshine Coast Family Support Group
16 th March	Eastern Suburbs Satellite Respite
25 th March	Toowoomba Family Support Group

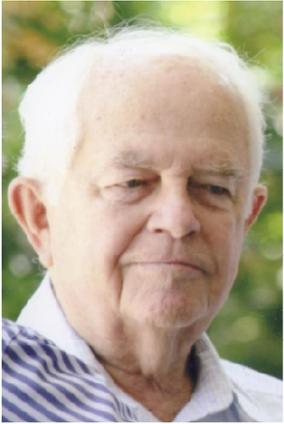
April 2011

4 th April	Gold Coast Family Support Group
13 th April	Eastern Suburbs Satellite Respite
15 th April	Toowoomba family bowling day
20 th April	School Holiday Activity (<i>details to be advised</i>)
21 st April	Toowoomba Kids Group school holiday activity

May 2011

9 th May	Burnett Region day trip
18 th May	Eastern Suburbs Satellite Respite
19 th May	Caboolture Family Support Group
23 rd -27 th May	Cairns Region trip
27 th May	Region overnight trip

FROM BARB GRAY



We remember a remarkable man and supporter of Huntingtons Queensland – Rob Farmer who passed away on Thursday the 3rd of February 2011.

Rob was a founding member of Huntingtons Queensland when it was formed in 1976 and a continuous and active supporting member since that time.

On his retirement in 1993 Rob adopted the Association as one of his areas of active community service. In those early days he acted as a driver providing transport to family members attending Day Respite and later took up kitchen duties. Rob volunteered on a weekly basis, only to take time off once a month to assist with Meals on Wheels in his area.

His support was never taken for granted, however when he was no longer able to commit to his regular volunteering we really began to appreciate his contribution.

Rob's consistent and reliable support certainly made a difference, not only in the smooth running of the Day Respite programme, but to the lives of the many family members who attended. We will all miss him and fondly remember him.

Deservedly, Rob was honoured with Life Membership in September 2004 in recognition of his services to Huntingtons Queensland.

On behalf of our families, volunteers and staff, I extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Jean, and their family in their sad loss.

Farewell - I was given the opportunity some 27 years ago to become involved with this inspirational organisation. Initially I came on board as a Committee Member, Treasurer and Volunteer knowing nothing about the operational procedures for not-for-profits and even less about Huntington's Disease except what I had witnessed through my friendship with Gwen and Roger Pratten. In 1995 I was offered the position of Administration Officer and in 2007 took on the role as Operations Manager.

During my time with Huntingtons Queensland I have worked with a wonderful team of people – the Staff, Committee Members and Volunteers. To the three Presidents I've worked closely with during this time – Cliff Farmer, Ray Bellert and Gerry Doyle – thank you for your friendship, leadership and unrelenting determination to provide a better life for Queensland families. Our Committees have been small in numbers, nonetheless hard working and with an eye to the future needs of the Association and ultimately our families. I remember you all and thank you.

I think many of you know that our Volunteers are 'up there with the best' and to my mind a tremendous force in the success of Huntingtons Queensland. During my involvement I have met and formed friendships with some very special people who have taken on the Huntington's cause.

Huntingtons Queensland has been fortunate in the calibre of Staff it has employed over the years. I have worked with them all with the exception of Fran Conway who was our original Welfare Officer. Thanks to you all for your friendship, efficiency and team work.

Of particular mention is Alison Hopgood our initial Administration Officer who handed over the reins to me having set up a very efficient administration base. Then of course there is Gwen Pratten – we worked side by side over many years, drew on each others' strengths, learnt from each other and shared in the richness and achievements that came about through our involvement with Huntingtons.

Two current staff members have been working alongside me since the early days of my employment with Huntingtons. Helen Johnston in administration has worked behind the scenes and is the sort of person every office needs. She has



been my right hand and willingly and happily offers support in whatever way she can. Helen has earned the respect of all who come into contact with her within the Huntington's community. My heartfelt and sincere thanks Helen. And there is Theresa Byrne who I feel fortunate to have had as a work mate for such a long period of time. Theresa gives her all in the interest of assisting families – her compassion and sensitivity shine through. To these four special women and to all the other girls and just one male staff member, thank you, I have so enjoyed our working life together.

My best wishes to the current Staff who I believe will carry on the tradition of providing a supportive and efficient service to Huntington's families. Also welcome to Mike McLean our new Operations Manager. I wish him all the best in his role and invite readers to make themselves known to him as the opportunity arises.

I'd also like to farewell Lydia Hudson who worked as our Day Respite Assistant. We miss her smiling face and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

Our families are Huntingtons Queensland. I hope one day we won't need this organisation. You are what drive the committee, volunteers, staff and health professionals in their quest to offer support in the hope of giving you strength to meet the many challenges you face. I have met many of you, others chatted to on the phone. Your courage and ability to 'get on with life' will stay with me and remind me of the resilience and acceptance you display.

So thank you for the part you have played in my life over all these years. You have made my life more meaningful and given me the opportunity to stretch myself to a place where I never imagined I would venture.

Kindest regards, *Barb Gray*

FROM OUR NEW OPERATIONS MANAGER



I am very happy to have joined Huntingtons Queensland, and I look forward to being able to contribute to such a worthwhile endeavour.

I have previous experience in the not-for-profit area as a residential carer, a foster carer, and as a youth worker. In addition to this, I've an interest in developing software apps for mobile phones. I enjoy various sports and currently run around on the rugby field playing Golden Oldies Rugby for the Sunnybank Puffin Dragons. I have an interest in reading and discussing philosophy, particularly Plato (which is by the way very readable and funny at times) and I have been known in the past to dabble in singing and acting in regional theatre.

It has been a pleasure getting to know the staff and some of the family members and I look forward to extending and deepening these relationships into the future. Please do not hesitate to say hi to me or call me if I can be of help in any way.

Mike McLean, Operations Manager

CAN YOU HELP US REDUCE OUR RUNNING COSTS?

At Huntingtons Queensland we are constantly seeking ways to keep our costs down so that we can put more money into providing assistance to our families. You can help us by opting to receive your Huntington's Newsletter by email rather than by post.

If you wish to help us, please send an email to admin@huntingtonsqld.com with your name and contact details. If you are a health professional, please include the name of your organisation.

Alternatively, please let us know if you DO NOT wish to receive our Newsletter.



TWO RESEARCH UPDATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

1) EXPLORING AN LDH NANOPARTICLE-BASED DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR THE TREATMENT OF NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASE

Neurodegenerative diseases, such as Huntington's, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease represent a major portion of the burden of disease in our community. Presently there are no therapies which are effective in ameliorating these conditions, and, although agents like small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) have shown great promise, failure to deliver these novel drugs to the affected brain region has severely limited their clinical development in the context of neurodegeneration. One major hurdle is the failure of bioactive compounds to penetrate cell membranes and the blood-brain barrier in order to specifically target damaged or susceptible neuronal populations. To overcome this roadblock, the NanoNeuro team at The University of Queensland is developing a more efficient and reliable drug delivery system based on a novel class of nanoparticles, the layered double hydroxides (LDHs). These special nanoparticles have unique properties that make them particularly adept at penetrating cell membranes.

Our studies to date provide good evidence that LDH nanoparticles may be an effective and efficient drug delivery system for the transport of bioactive molecules such as siRNAs into diseased brains.

Our progress to date:

We have characterized our first generation nanoparticles with respect to their neuronal uptake and release and have demonstrated effective knockdown of neuronal genes.

We have now clearly demonstrated for the first time that:

(i) LDH nanoparticles can efficiently deliver siRNAs to the neuronal cell body. We have shown that internalization by neurons is rapid and markedly more efficient than uptake by other non-neural cell types.

(ii) siRNA-LDHs are internalized by a specialized uptake/transport pathway (clathrin-dependent endocytosis) active at the cell body and in nerve terminals. This pathway transports the siRNA-LDH complexes along the nerve processes into the cell body where they are efficiently released. This is an important finding since it raises the possibility of initiating LDH-mediated siRNA delivery in the peripheral nervous system via loading at the nerve terminals.

(iii) LDH-mediated siRNA delivery effectively silences neuronal gene expression. Therefore, this experiment confirms the potential of LDHs as a drug delivery system for patients suffering from neurodegenerative disease.

Our work has now been published in the international journal, *Biomaterials*.

Wong Y, Markham K, Xu ZP, Chen M, Lu GQ, Bartlett PF, Cooper HM. Efficient delivery of siRNA to cortical neurons using layered double hydroxide nanoparticles. *Biomaterials* 31:8770-8779, 2010.

We are now initiating experiments to test the efficacy of our nanoparticles in the adult mouse brain.

The Neuro Team: Dr Min Chen, Prof Perry Bartlett, Assoc Prof Helen Cooper, The Queensland Brain Institute

The Nano Team: Dr Zhi Ping (Gordon), Prof Max Lu

The Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, The University of Queensland

Funding Sources

We would like to acknowledge the Australian Research Council (ARC) for funding through the Centre of Functional Nanomaterials and the ARC Discovery Project Scheme. Profs Bartlett and Lu acknowledge the support from the ARC Federation Fellowship Scheme. Dr Xu was supported by an ARC Postdoctoral Fellowship, and A/Prof Cooper by the Queensland Government's Smart Futures Fellowship Program.



2) EXAMINING THE ROLE OF THE INFLAMMATORY COMPLEMENT SYSTEM IN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE

Overview: Our Group from the School of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Queensland is researching the role of inflammation in the development of disease symptoms and pathology in rodent models of Huntington's Disease. Specifically we are focusing on a major component of our immune system called the complement system. Our group has developed a potent and orally active drug which inhibits complement, and we are testing this therapeutic in established animal models of Huntington's disease, to see if it may be a useful future therapeutic to treat this disease.

Research Update: We have recently been successful in our bid for a major National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Project Grant Application (total value \$452,319). This grant is funded to support a post-doctoral researcher who will assist in our experiments over the next 3 years. Furthermore, we received funding to assist in the collection and analysis of blood samples from Huntington's patients, from the clinic run by Dr John O'Sullivan. We will examine immune factors such as complement, in these blood samples and determine if there is link between complement and disease progression in these patients.

Current Work: We have established the R6/1 transgenic mouse Huntington's line in our animal facilities at the University of Queensland. We have recently received a large shipment of our anti-complement drug from our suppliers, thanks to funding from the Huntington's Queensland Association, and are beginning testing of this drug in these mice in the coming weeks. This drug trial will be run over this year, with results expected at the end of 2011. Mr John Lee, who has been awarded The Huntington's Queensland Scholarship, will be carrying out these drug-treatment experiments in the Huntington's mice. We are also cross breeding these R6/1 transgenic mice with mice deficient in various complement factors in order to understand the role of that specific complement factor in the progression of disease. John Lee has recently returned from the University of Auckland, where he spent 3 weeks in the laboratories of Prof Richard Faull and Dr Henry Waldvogel at the Neurological Foundation Human Brain Bank. There, he was performing preliminary experiments examining the expression of complement in human Huntington's post-mortem tissue. John intends to return to Auckland later in the year to complete these studies. Evidence of complement expression in human Huntington's patients, is essential to provide additional supporting data to the drug studies.

Summary: We are continuing our research into the role of complement in Huntington's disease and are beginning animal trials with our complement inhibitor. The funding provided by the Australian Huntington's Disease Association (Qld) Inc, has allowed us to gather important preliminary data, which was essential for the success of our NHMRC grant. We are sincerely thankful for this funding, and aim to increase the knowledge of the causes and progression of this disease, in the hope that future therapies can be identified to treat this devastating disease.

The Group: Dr Min Dr Trent Woodruff, Prof Steve Taylor, A/Prof Peter Noakes, Mr John Lee (PhD student) and Ms Peppermint Lee (PhD student), School of Biomedical Sciences, The University of Queensland.

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Christine and Murray and a warm welcome to Lauren Adell! Lauren came to visit us recently – what a cute little angel.



World Congress on Huntington's Disease



Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
Australia
11-14 September 2011

To register go to www.worldcongress-hd2011.org

The Congress will include the Marjorie Guthrie Day – an IHA Family Day on Sunday 11th September (12 noon till 5pm). Attendance will be free of charge to delegates representing IHA organisations and anyone associated with an HD organisation.

Join others from around the world to share and learn more about youth needs, helping families stay strong through HD, coping strategies, starting a family, IVF, support groups, residential care facilities and caring – share the care!

You may like to organise a group of family and friends to attend the World Congress in Melbourne. A list of nearby accommodation suggestions should be available soon, please email Anne on anne@huntingtonsqld.com or phone **07 3391 8833** or if you are interested.



Are you **READY** for digital TV?

You may be thinking about converting to digital television in the near future. It is exciting to know that digital television will offer you more channels, better quality sound and clearer pictures.

All Australians will need to have made the switch to digital television by the end of 2013. The switchover is being progressively rolled out around the country.

To help you make the switch, the **Household Assistance Scheme** will be available during each region's switchover period to provide eligible customers with a high-definition set-top box. An experienced government-contracted installer will install and demonstrate high definition (HD) set-top boxes and will also provide any necessary antenna and cabling work in eligible customers' homes.

You may be eligible for the scheme if you do not already have access to digital television on any of the televisions that you own and are receiving the maximum rate of one of the following payments during the rollout period for your region:

- Age pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Service Pension or
- DVA Income Support Supplement



Regional Queensland areas are due to switch over in 2011. You may receive a letter inviting you to test your eligibility for the scheme at the start of the switchover period. The letter will provide you with information on how to access the scheme via Centrelink. *Refunds for previously bought digital TV equipment will not be made.*

For more information about the **Household Assistance Scheme**, or to find out when your area is switching to digital television, visit www.digitalready.gov.au or phone the Digital Ready Information Line on **1800 201 013**.





HDBuzz is now live! Your source for Huntington's Disease research news, in plain language, written by scientists, for the global HD community. Reliable, impartial and free to share, HDBuzz will bring you solid reasons to have hope, by explaining latest news from the worldwide effort to find effective treatments for HD.

It's well worth taking a look at this great new website on <http://en.hdbuzz.net/>

Following is an article from the HDBuzz website which explains the site's rationale.

Getting the data out – a new scientific journal just for HD

New scientific journal PLoS Currents HD promises rapid publication & open access, improving scientific communication

By Dr Michael Orth on January 04, 2011 Edited by Dr Ed Wild

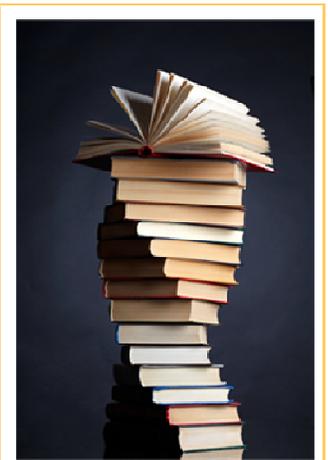
The search for better treatments for HD requires a lot of effort by researchers across the globe. Time is of the essence: the ideal time for a treatment for HD is yesterday. Scientific findings need to be made available sooner rather than later, so that others can build on what is already known. PLoS Currents HD is a new journal launched to speed up the process of scientific discovery in HD.

Why is a new journal needed?

The traditional way to publish new findings is for researchers to send data with a 'story' to a scientific journal. A panel of experts then reviews that story, to judge whether the data and story are solid, and also whether the story is important enough to be interesting to the journal's audience. This process is known as 'peer review'.

This approach has advantages: it ensures that what is published is scientifically sound. Once published, articles can be retrieved via the internet through sites like PubMed, and used by other scientists to guide and advance their own research.

However, there are several drawbacks, too. Firstly, the time between doing the research and the story being published can be very long. Sometimes the story has to be offered to several journals, one after the other, before it is eventually published. Several years can pass like this.



Open access enables anyone to read and benefit from new scientific findings



Secondly, most journals survive by selling copies, so they have to rate the importance of each story. Anything that might not be interesting to that journal's audience is likely to be rejected, even if the story is scientifically sound.

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That introduces bias to what's available in the scientific literature. It favours exciting stories, but makes it difficult publish solid, well-conducted scientific research if the results are less glamorous — for instance, if they show that a particular approach, idea or experiment has not helped. These are known as ‘negative results’.

Another problem is that a complete scientific ‘story’ might take five or ten years to research from start to finish. Along the way, interesting data might be produced, but because they don't tell a complete story, they are unlikely to be published and seen by other researchers.

‘Negative data’, or data that don't make a complete story, can still be really useful to other researchers. For science to make progress, knowing what doesn't work can be as useful as knowing what does.

Imagine ten researchers in different places, working on similar scientific projects, that could have been shown to be pointless already, if someone had published a single negative result. All that effort, time and money could have been put to much better use.

How will PLoS Currents HD help?

A new platform for publishing was launched in September 2010, aiming to make HD research more efficient by encouraging the publication of results that would otherwise never be seen, and shortening the time it takes to get data published.

This platform is called **Public Library of Science (PLOS) Currents Huntington Disease** and is supported by the CHDI foundation.

PLoS Currents HD aims to keep what's good about conventional publishing: peer review, crediting researchers for their work, and making the research available online.

Its emphasis, though, is on getting scientific data into the public domain for everyone to access, not within years but within **days**. As a bonus, this way of publishing is cheap for researchers and offers **free open-access** for everyone wanting to use it — whether they're scientists or not.

PLoS Currents Huntington Disease is edited by eminent HD researcher Gillian Bates. A board of expert moderators reviews new submissions, just like a conventional journal would. However, the reviewers make a decision based purely on whether the science is sound, and not whether the story is ‘important’ or ‘exciting’. After this quick check, the research is published immediately online. Because the process is so quick, findings may be available a few days after submission.

To improve interaction between researchers, readers can post comments, and the authors of articles can update their publications with new findings, so that various versions are available. Repeat submissions go through a review process to check that they are sound.

Hopefully, all this will make PLoS Currents HD a dynamic way to get good-quality data out into the public domain.

Here at HDBuzz, we believe that making scientific research available to everyone, quickly and reliably, is crucial to making progress. We're confident that PLoS Currents will be a major step forward in the global search for treatments for HD.



Rapid publication of new results will enable HD research to move forward more quickly



Following is another article from the HDBuzz website to whet your appetite.

Is Huntington's Disease twice as common as we thought?

New data suggest there may be twice as many people with HD symptoms as previously thought – and even more at risk

By **Dr Ed Wild** on November 27, 2010 Edited by **Dr Jeff Carroll**

In an article in the medical journal *The Lancet*, Sir Michael Rawlins claims that traditional estimates of how common Huntington's disease is, might be dramatic underestimates. Why might this be, and what does it mean for the HD community and the search for effective treatments?

Twice as common?

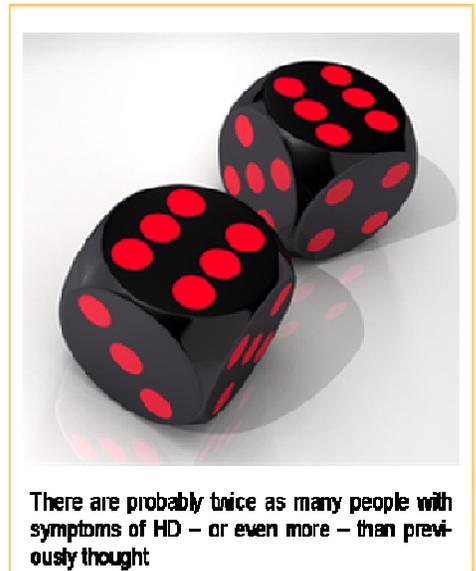
Scientists and statisticians use the word '*prevalence*' to describe how many people there are with a particular disease at a given time.

For a long time, the *prevalence* of 'symptomatic' HD has been quoted as 4 -10 per 100,000. That means that in England and Wales, for example, where the combined population is 53 million, there should be between 2,120 and 5,300 people with HD.

But Rawlins reveals figures from the Huntington's Disease Association of England and Wales (HDA) showing that they provide care for precisely 6,702 people with symptoms of HD. Even if that were all the patients in England and Wales, it still translates to a *prevalence* of 12.4 per 100,000 — higher than the upper limit of the previously accepted range.

In reality, it's likely that even this new, higher figure is an underestimate. There are areas that aren't covered by the HDA's services, and lots of people with HD who have never been referred to the HDA.

What's more, there is every reason to believe that these underestimates have occurred throughout the world, not just in the United Kingdom.



Hundreds of HD family members attended a rally in London in June 2010, to highlight the needs of HD patients and the likely increased prevalence figures

Why are the old figures wrong?

The traditional *prevalence* figures are wrong, Rawlins suggests, for a number of reasons.

First, most of the studies that led to the figures were done a long time ago, most before the genetic test for HD became available in 1993. In those days there was often uncertainty or a delay in reaching a definite diagnosis. Nowadays the genetic test often enables doctors to make a diagnosis of HD earlier, and in people with unusual forms of the disease that would previously have been missed.

Second, and perhaps more importantly, is the stigma that has long surrounded Huntington's disease. Many HD family members will be



familiar with stories of relatives whose illness was not to be discussed, or who were sent to psychiatric institutions and never spoken of again. Many patients receiving a diagnosis of HD have kept it secret from relatives, doctors and insurers, or prevented HD from being mentioned as an official cause of death.

There are many reasons, of course, why such secrecy surrounded HD, but over the years it has contributed to a stigma that has prevented one of the most important basic tasks facing HD researchers — counting the number of people affected by HD — from being possible.

If accurate figures are to be reached, urgent new research is needed with new methods capable of overcoming some of these problems. This won't be easy but Rawlins is working with expert statisticians and HD clinicians to set up such a study.

Rawlins' article triggered a number of responses in the scientific literature. A group of Australian researchers led by Clement Loy, pointed out another possible reason for the underestimate: the 'baby boomer' population surge, means that right now there are more people than before in their 50s and 60s, a time of life HD often becomes apparent.

Patrick Morrison from Belfast, who helped to produce some of the original *prevalence* figures, pointed out that, thanks to improvements in symptom control and clinical care, HD patients are living longer than they used to, which has probably contributed to the increase in *prevalence*. His analysis of more recent data suggests a *prevalence* in the UK of 14-16 per 100,000 — about twice the current figures, as Rawlins suspected.

Why does *prevalence* matter?

This article, and the more accurate numbers that will hopefully stem from it, matters because *prevalence* figures are among the things used by governments, health care organisations, and research funding bodies, in deciding how much to spend on different conditions. If the *prevalence* of HD is much higher than previously thought, it is likely that these organisations have been devoting less money to HD than ought to have received.

But as Rawlins points out, HD does not just affect those with symptoms. It's estimated that for every person with symptoms of HD, there are 5 more at risk — not to mention all those with no genetic risk — friends, partners, wives, husbands and those who've had a negative genetic test. If the *prevalence* of HD is higher than thought, there are a lot more of those people, too.

A call to action

The timing of the article coincided with the launch of an All-Party Parliamentary Group on HD — a group of UK politicians, advised by HD experts, who are pledged to eradicate stigma and promote HD research and care. The launch was accompanied by a mass-rally at the Houses of Parliament of HD family members under the banner ““Hidden no more””:<http://hiddenmore.co.uk> — reflecting a new desire in the HD community to work together to remove the stigma of HD — beginning with being accurately counted.

So remember, for great HD research articles, check out <http://en.hdbuzz.net/>



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Trish & Terry Dart

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Mr GM Spencer

BEECHAM HOLDEN CONTINUES TO SUPPORT

HUNTINGTONS QUEENSLAND

Our continued thanks go to **Beecham Holden Caboolture** who has kindly nominated Huntingtons Queensland as the beneficiary for a charitable donation by way of CTP on first time registered vehicles sold through them.

You can contact them on:

Ph: 1300 154 876
29 Bribie Island Road
Caboolture



WHAT A GREAT IDEA.....

Recently one of our family members, Peter O'Leary, celebrated a special birthday and he asked his friends to make a donation to Huntingtons Queensland instead of bringing him presents.

Well, they certainly did – and they raised \$860. Thank you Peter and please say thanks to your very generous friends.

We all wish Peter a belated birthday – it must have been a great party!

ROTARY CLUB RAFFLE PROCEEDS

Our big-hearted friends at the Rotary Club of Acacia Ridge continue to support Huntingtons Queensland. They recently donated \$500 as part of the proceeds from their Christmas 2010 art union. We really do appreciate their ongoing support.

Thanks also to our families and friends who bought tickets in the art union.

HUNTINGTONS QUEENSLAND – GOLF DAY

Here's a golf date to look forward to.....13th March 2011.
 Pop it in your diary and invite your friends along!



Howeston Golf Club
 Creek Road Birkdale
 8am tee off

Sunday 13th March 2011

Cost \$50 including lunch

Carts available

Contact Jan for further details on 3824 6693

POTENTIAL SUPPORT FROM MACQUARIE & THEIR STAFF

The Macquarie Group Foundation, one of Australia's oldest and largest corporate benefactors, supports Macquarie staff personal donations and fundraising activities by matching staff contributions to community organisations. Huntingtons Queensland is registered with the Foundation so if you know anyone who works for Macquarie please request and / or encourage them to nominate Huntingtons Queensland as their chosen community organisation.



OUR WARM THANKS TO CITEC CONFIRM

Our sincere thanks to Wendy Edwards and the kindly chocolate-loving staff at CITEC Confirm for buying so many chocolates to raise funds for Huntingtons Queensland. Every dollar is appreciated and it all helps to support our families and carers.



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If you would like to donate to Huntingtons Queensland and have internet access – just go to our website www.huntingtonsgld.com and scroll down to the 'Please Make a Donation' section on the bottom left and click on the button <CLICK HERE> and follow the instructions. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and we will send you a receipt for taxation purposes.



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Huntingtons Queensland
is a not-for-profit service organisation.
Established in 1976.

Our Mission is:

To provide professional support and advocacy for all persons affected by Huntington's Disease in Queensland.

Our Services Include:

- Providing individual and family support
- Facilitating the HD Day Respite Program
- Facilitating support group meetings
- Recreational activities for families with young children
- Organising respite holidays
- Providing information to families and health professionals
- Distributing a regular Newsletter
- Co-ordinating the annual HD Awareness activities
- Fundraising activities

Management Committee 2010/11:

President	Gerry Doyle
Vice President	Position Vacant
Secretary	Pam Cummings
Treasurer	Darren Careless
Committee Members	Jan Szlapak
	Trish Flitcroft
	Alan McKinless
	Robert Westley

Staff Members:

Operations Manager	Mike Mclean
Senior Welfare Officer	On maternity leave
Welfare Officer	Lesley Frazer
Welfare Officer	Theressa Byrne
Telemarketing Officer	Helen Johnston
Administration Officer	Anne Stanfield

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