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Wellard has donated a \$50,000 cheque to aid cancer research at the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation.

The funds were raised at the Wellard Christmas Party and Charity Auction late last year, and Wellard Rural Exports Managing Director Steve Meerwald thanked Wellard's clients and business associates for their contribution to such an important cause.

In the past three years the Wellard Christmas Charity Auction and Donation Drive has raised \$200,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation.

Wellard Rural Exports Managing Director Steve Meerwald said cancer affected not only the people who were diagnosed, but their families, friends and communities. And those effects were amplified when children were diagnosed with the disease, and when they were from close-knit rural communities.

"There are a lot of thoroughly deserving charities, and we thought long and hard before deciding to donate to Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation," he said.

"Our children are our future, so we take great pride in our contribution to help find a cure for cancer and leukaemia in children."

When the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation was first established in 1983 - seven out of ten children diagnosed with leukaemia died. Now eight out of ten children are cured and go on to lead normal lives.

"The dual roles of research carried out in the Research Laboratory and clinical services provided by the Hospital are essential for the maintenance of the high standard of patient care that these sick children need. Only in this way is it possible to apply new discoveries from research to the continual upgrading of leukaemia and cancer treatment," Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation chairman Geoff Cattach said.

Mr Cattach thanked Wellard for its donation to the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation.

"Only with generous donations from individuals and companies such as Wellard, can we continue to carry out this important research."

Picture A:

Wellard Rural Exports Managing Director Steve Meerwald hands a \$50,000 cheque to Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation Chairman Geoff Cattach as Research Officer Jette Ford works in the laboratory.

Picture B:

Looking at some of the research conducted by the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation are Wellard Rural Exports Executive Assistant Lisa MacLean, Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation Research Officer Jette Ford, Wellard Rural Exports Managing Director Steve Meerwald and Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Foundation Chairman Geoff Cattach.

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