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# Tonkinson Foundation

FOR COLORECTAL CANCER RESEARCH

Bowel cancer is the second most deadly cancer in Australia.... Research is the key to saving lives



The Tonkinson Foundation for Colorectal Cancer Research was founded in 2009, with the guiding aim of enhancing the treatment and improving the lives of people with colorectal cancer.

Each year across Australia, over 13,000 new cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed, more than one third of whom will ultimately succumb to the disease. Established from the estate of two generous Western Australian's; Jean and John Tonkinson, the Foundation aims to;

- 1 Better understand the nature of this deadly disease and find ways to treat it more effectively through ethical, cutting edge research.
- 2 Engage and support Australia's leading researchers into colorectal cancer by providing appropriate funds for further research.
- 3 Raise awareness of the impact of this disease amongst the Western Australian community.

Developments in the area of tumour genetics, in particular, offer tantalising hopes of breakthroughs even in the short term.

Western Australia is home to some of Australia's leading researchers into colorectal cancer.

By fostering the talent and enthusiasm of local researchers and by enhancing their links to other centres of excellence interstate and overseas, the Foundation is confident that real progress can be made.

The wonderful generosity of Jean and John Tonkinson has established a new platform in Western Australia from which further outstanding research can be launched.

Their example will hopefully inspire others to support this important and worthy endeavour.

With the added support and generosity of the Western Australian community, the Tonkinson Foundation for Colorectal Cancer Research can make a significant difference to the lives of people suffering from colorectal cancer.

The Foundation is led by an Advisory Committee and has the full support and commitment of St John of God Hospital Subiaco.

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## About Jean and John Tonkinson

Jean and John Tonkinson were a unique couple agreeing decades before their passing that they would commit their entire estate to establish a foundation for medical research for the benefit of Western Australians.

John Tonkinson was 66 when he died of abdominal sarcoma in 2000. Seven years later, Jean was diagnosed with advanced colon cancer and sadly passed away in 2009 at the age of 66.

Their decision to make such a substantial gift to establish a research foundation is a measure of their belief in the importance of medical research and ongoing medical education. It reflects a deep generosity of spirit, a love of learning and academic pursuit and a great care for the world in which they lived.

John was born in Perth and was a greatly admired and much loved school teacher. He was a scholar, a talented sportsman, a true lover of nature, a generous and gentle man.

*"The Foundation will combine John's love of education and teaching and my love of medicine."*

Jean was born in Wales, trained as a registered nurse at the University College Hospital, London and came to Perth as part of a working holiday that turned into an enduring and loving marriage to John. She was a dedicated and skilful nurse and shared John's passion for nature.

The Foundation celebrates two good lives, well lived, by two people who cared deeply about the world around them.

*(Abridged with permission of Peta O'Sullivan, Journalist)*



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# Thank You

Thank you for your generosity in support of the Tonkinson Foundation for Colorectal Cancer Research.

Every cent will be used to enhance the lives of those with colorectal cancer through original research.

Donations can be forwarded by mail to:

St John of God Hospital Subiaco  
 Tonkinson Foundation for  
 Colorectal Cancer Research.

Finance Department  
 Level 2, SJOG House  
 12 Salvado Road  
 SUBIACO WA 6008

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