

# MERRY CHRISTMAS & thank you



from childhood  
cancer charity



Expecting nothing hopeful and grateful  
of everything

Lighthouse Laboratories would like to extend best wishes and a big thank you to the public that have supported them during the year by way of donation at various shopping centres throughout the metro area. They would also like to extend a big thank you to shopping centre management staff that tirelessly support our presence at their centres at no or minimal cost to the charity.



## Comments from the Executive Chairman, Graeme Tucker:

Your money is supporting research into the most common solid tumour of infancy called neuroblastoma. A phenomenon associated with neuroblastoma is spontaneous regression, i.e. partial or complete regression of the disease without medical intervention (nature showcasing a cure for cancer). The developmental event responsible is intrinsic to us all. Understanding and exploiting this biological developmental process has enormous therapeutic benefits for neuroblastoma and many other forms of cancer.

Research is not a standalone effort. Our outreach extends interstate and internationally. Just recently one of our research staff Duncan Ayers has been on a working visit to Belgium in the laboratories of world renowned researcher Professor Jo Vandesompele at Gent University.

Since our relocation from Murdoch University to Midland, opposite the site of the new pending hospital and university in the region of the Midland Redevelopment Authority, Lighthouse has received much support from the local corporate community. Our new laboratories in Midland will be officially opened in the New Year after an extensive fit out and will be attended by government officials, corporate supporters, celebrities and our patron. It is hoped that close ties will be forged with Raffles University when it opens in Midland. Lighthouse is keen to support research scholarships and extend its research platform in collaboration. Communicating and showcasing science in WA will be promoted with continued plans to organise an inaugural Systems Biology Conference.



## Medical research to stop the human hurt without hurting animals

Lighthouse is making history as the first research institute with a constitutional policy not to harm animals for research purpose. What we are doing, for the first time, is giving the public and the researcher 'choice' with regard to the type of research they wish to support or participate in.

## Happy New Year

The New Year will see an expansion in research programs. To underpin this expansion we are organising a number of fundraising events and we welcome your involvement. The Navy will be helping out once again with our annual street collection in June. Prior to this we are having an inaugural golf tournament at the Vines in April. If you want to help with other ideas such as a river boat cruise, a bike ride, a fashion show, a ball, a sailing regatta, a quiz night or another idea that you would like to suggest please contact us via details on our website [www.lighthouselabs.org.au](http://www.lighthouselabs.org.au) To our government and local government, your assistance, guidance, support, funding and your seeding confidence is greatly appreciated.

To the staff and volunteers of Lighthouse, well done, I salute you

