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Ulysses Club Arthritis Research Fund Charter

At the Wagga Wagga AGM in 1997 a proposal was put by the Ulysses Club founding member the late Stephen Dearnley OAM #1 that the club adopt rheumatoid arthritis research as the club's preferred charity. This was endorsed without hesitation by the national committee and the membership at that time.

The personal motivation for the proposal was the death a year earlier of Stephen's wife, Jo Dearnley, who at the age of 72 had lost a 20-year battle with rheumatoid arthritis.

In 1997 the Jo Dearnley Memorial Award was created in honour of Stephen's wife and to recognise the largest annual donation to rheumatoid arthritis research. In 2007 the Good Joint Award was created to recognise outstanding contributions from smaller branches that are unable to compete with larger branches for the top award.

Both awards are still current.

A specific UCARF bank account holds all funds raised. The UCARF Coordinator negotiates and manages research sponsorships directly with the relevant intuitions to guarantee 100% of all funds raised are spent directly on Rheumatoid Arthritis research. The co-ordinator liaises with the National Treasurer to determine possible funding availability before making a recommendation to The Ulysses Club Inc's National Committee seeking approval for the funding proposal.

As an organisation seeking donations from our members and the public, we the Ulysses Club Inc aim to comply with all applicable Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the public.

Our pledge is to treat all our donors with respect, honesty and openness.

We commit to being accountable and transparent so that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the Ulysses Club Inc.

We promise we will effectively apply your gifts to us for rheumatoid arthritis research.

We commit that you, our donors and prospective donors will:

- Be informed of the way the Ulysses Club Inc intends to use donated resources.
- Be informed of the identity of those serving on the Ulysses Club Inc's National Committee and that the National Committee will exercise prudent judgement in its stewardship responsibilities.
- Have access to the Ulysses Club Inc Arthritis Research Fund's most recent financial statements.
- Be assured your gifts will be used only for rheumatoid arthritis research and will receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- Be assured that information about your donation is handled with respect and, when requested, with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- Expect that all relationships with individuals representing the research facilities will be dealt with professionally.
- Have easily available the agreed procedures for making and responding to complaints.
- Have the opportunity for any names to be deleted from mailing lists and to be informed if the Ulysses Club Inc intends to share the mailing lists with third parties.
- Receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers to questions you might have of the Ulysses Club Inc.

What to do if you have feedback

If you do have a comment about the funding arrangements or the application of funds you can contact the Ulysses Club Inc in writing or by telephone. In the first instance, your comment will be dealt with by the UCARF Co-ordinator. The Ulysses Club Inc's National Committee will be advised of all comments and where necessary will work with the UCARF Co-ordinator to resolve the query. Please provide as much information as possible and advise how you would like us to respond, providing relevant contact details.

Write to:

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