



Supporting life changing research

5.00 - 7.00 pm
Thursday 31 May 2007
Customs House
399 Queen St, Brisbane

Refreshments served throughout
RSVP: 24 May, 2007 to Kathy Eadie 3346 4863

Brief presentations will be given by:

Cyndi Weickert
Professor of Schizophrenia Research
Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute

Stan Catts
Professor of Community Psychiatry
University of Queensland

Chair: Gavin Bird
Schizophrenia Fellowship of Queensland

Why is the QSRF being established?

Whilst the Queensland State Government contributes funding to basic research that will yield important discoveries in the future, there are major opportunities for clinical research to produce results much sooner, which will be missed if new funding is not found.

What kind of projects will it fund?

A research group at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital has recently developed new methods to measure treatment quality and monitor outcomes of patients with psychotic disorder. Funding for this project is likely to run out before it can be completed. Further funding will allow the group to be able to finalise their results and fully disseminate the information, allowing other health services to immediately impact on and improve their ability to meet the needs of patients with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

It is these kinds of research projects – ones that are likely to improve the lives of consumers in the medium term – that will be the primary focus of QSRF. The secondary focus will be to sponsor the identification of novel treatments.

How can you make a difference?

Although raising funds for research is very important for the QSRF, first and foremost we need your personal support. Perhaps you can offer a little of your time, maybe your advice, or simply your help in putting us in contact with other interested people who could help.

For those able to help financially, the QSRF will offer a personal relationship and considerable flexibility in regard to how donations are directed. Funds may be directed toward a particular disorder, research team, or project, based on the donor's wishes. Alternatively, donations may be directed towards a managed investment established by the QSRF and only profits dispersed.

Please contact Kathy Eadie (0402 267 139) or Stan Catts (0421 610 090) for further information.