



Help A Kid Make It

In Australia over six hundred children are treated each year for leukaemia and cancer ... Sadly two Apexians had children who suffered from leukaemia, Life Member Jack Kasses of Childers Club and John Lough of Wollongong.

This close involvement with a tragic problem caused the two fathers to question the amount of knowledge available dealing with the cause, prevention, treatment and cure of leukaemia in children. The need for research into the disease was painfully apparent. In 1976 they decided to establish a Foundation which would fill this gap in medical research. The first objective was to provide a Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Unit at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney. Subsequently the funds of the Foundation are to be made available wherever in Australia a breakthrough is made in any aspect of the prevention and treatment of leukaemia and cancer.

Apex adopted the Foundation as the Association Scheme for 1977-78 using the slogan "Some Kids Make It – Some Kids Don't – Help a Kid Make It". The committee produced a kit containing T-shirts, brochures and stickers and set clubs the task of raising \$1,345.67 each to achieve the goal of one million dollars. Wollongong proposed the project and worked prodigiously for its success.

On Thursday 5 October 1978 National President Graham Sampson presented to Jack Kasses, chairman of Leukaemia Foundation, a cheque for \$1,000,000!