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Letter to the Editor

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### Ballarat Cancer Research Centre Open Day

I was privileged to accept an invitation recently to attend the open day held in conjunction with the formal opening of the Ballarat Cancer Research Centre and the naming dedication of the new Bruce Stafford Cancer Research Laboratory.

The Ballarat Cancer Research Centre, headed by Dr George Kannourakis and his team of four conscientious research scientists, is located in the grounds of Ballarat's St John of God Hospital.

Since the opening of the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Laboratory in 1998, generous community support has culminated in the official opening of the Ballarat Cancer Research Centre.

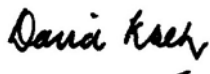
The Centre also incorporates the Ainsley Dansick Laboratory, the Jack and Millie Borbidge Laboratory, the Robert Clemence Laboratory along with the Bruce Stafford Cancer Research Laboratory, named in honour of Bruce's tremendous contribution in promoting local cancer research.

Although Bruce lost his battle with cancer, his wife Julie took up the challenge and it is through her fund raising efforts and ongoing community support that saw the Centre become a reality.

With one in three men and one in four women affected by cancer before age 75, and as a leading cause of death that costs the community far more than just dollars, research into understanding and finding better ways to treat cancer will benefit many in our community.

I wish Dr George Kannourakis and his team every success in their efforts to improve the lives of those affected by cancer.

Yours sincerely



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