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Going barefoot to help find cures for genetic diseases

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IT'S all for a worthy cause when the ball starts rolling at this barefoot event.

The fun and games behind the barefoot bowls event all contribute to raising funds and awareness for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

It is hosted by Castle Hill Bowling Club on Saturday, March 17, and is run by Children's Medical Research Institute's Hills fundraising committee to support vital research into childhood genetic diseases.

Last year, at the inaugural barefoot bowls event, \$2500 was raised and event co-organiser, Natasha Doughty — whose daughter Elizabeth had cancer — hopes this year will be even better.



Mrs Doughty became involved with the Hills Committee for Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) three years ago, and is determined to help researchers at CMRI find a cure for cancer.

In 2012, her daughter Elizabeth, 5, was diagnosed with a highly-aggressive tumour growing just under her eye.

Elizabeth underwent a year of chemotherapy and a month of radiotherapy and lost vision in one eye.

“After that, I decided that I wanted to help cure cancer in any way I could,” Mrs Doughty said.

The Hills Committee of CMRI has been operating since 1991., raising money for research through a variety of different fundraising initiatives such as their Springtime Luncheon in September and the Mother’s Day Luncheon at the Hilton hotel.



Mrs Doughty, Elizabeth, and the rest of the family will be out on the greens at Castle Hill on March 17, selling raffle tickets and joining in the fun.

The day features two hours of barefoot bowls, entry into the lucky door prize and a sausage sizzle. There is a lot of entertainment planned for the evening.

For those who are new to the sport, club members will be around to provide guidance and encouragement.

**Tickets: \$30 for adults/\$15 for children. Time: 5pm Bookings:
bit.ly/2ERDRRT**

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