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IMPACT

CFA strives to make an impact. As the peak body for CF groups in Australia we are charged with tackling the big issues and steering a course for CF Research and Advocacy.

Over the years, CFA has staged and refined a number of high impact advocacy and educational events to keep CF on the forefront of people's minds. It is a very busy and exciting time for us!

I am sure you are equally excited to know that next week is the budget and we have been campaigning hard to ensure that your voices are heard, especially regarding our urgent need for Trikafta. I have been working with Dr Mike Freeland, an MP and long-time friend of CFA, has stepped up to present our petition to Parliament House at the next sitting session. Many of you will know that this petition has accrued over 58,000 signatures, making it the most popular petition on the current roster. A delegation of this calibre cannot and will not be ignored. Because of support from our active and generous community, we are finally nearing our goal. We can have absolute assurance that our voices will be heard by the leaders of our country.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who has made a donation to support the critical advocacy work that we have been carrying out. Thank you!

CFA relies on your support to keep making a big impact on the national stage. Government funding would compromise our fierce independence, so we rely on your donations to go out and chase the amazing future that is possible for our community. If you would like to support our work in fighting for Trikafta please click [HERE](#)

I have more good news for you!

I am pleased to announce that the Cystic Fibrosis Australia Medical Conference will go ahead this August, from the 13-14th. The conference will be online and international in scale, not just because we have a stellar line-up of national and international speakers, but because we have a record number of attendees from outside the Australasian area.

The benefit of the conference has always been that it is an educational forum, but also a place for networking with speakers and other attendees. We are putting the CF world right at your fingertips, and [Registration is open now](#) for attendees.

It is important to mention that those already Registered for the postponed 2021 Medical Conference are automatically granted access to this one and do not need to re-register. The Cystic Fibrosis Australia Medical Conference is open to anyone working in the healthcare sector who works or aspires to work with CF patients. It is also open to researchers in the CF space and to registered Lay Observers who want to see how cutting-edge research is

discussed and planned. It is going to be a fabulous event and I would encourage you all to consider attending.

I hope this update encourages you, whatever you may be experiencing this week, there are some good things ahead of us.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Jo Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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