



E: [info@cfa.org.au](mailto:info@cfa.org.au)

Rose Cottage

2 Richardson Place

North Ryde NSW 2113

(PO Box 268)

North Ryde NSW 1670

ACN 104 285 136 (DGR Endorsed)

9 November 2022

## JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Where has the year gone? I cannot believe we are almost at the end of 2022 and what a year it has been! However, the year is not yet over and there is still a lot that we are looking to achieve to ensure better outcomes for our cystic fibrosis community.

You are probably aware that there are two big events that are just around the corner.

Firstly, we are awaiting the outcome of the upcoming Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee Meeting, which will be taking place at the end of November. The decision from this meeting will be made publicly available in December, and will ultimately decide if our precious children, aged between 6 to 11 years will be given access to the life-changing medication Trikafta.

Watch this space for updates.

We are doing all that we can to ensure that everyone in the community gets access to the essential medicines that they need, and this includes our children. We are urging the PBAC to recommend the listing of Trikafta for this age group on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) urgently and speaking with our nation's leaders to ensure they are well aware of the importance of this decision.

Secondly, right around the corner is the Holiday season! For many of us we can look forward to spending time with loved ones, taking a well-deserved break, sharing the special moments of gift-giving, and receiving, and probably some overindulgence in festive treats! We recognise the Holiday period can be a time for love, joy, and thankfulness, but they can also be quite stressful for many people. It may be the first Christmas you are spending without someone, and not having people around can be extremely difficult, even if you have a lot of people around, it can still feel lonely. It isn't unusual to feel lonely from time to time, so be kind to yourself and reach out to someone you trust if you are struggling.

As we head into this holiday season, we want to remind everyone that sometimes the best gift is the gift of kindness. Cystic Fibrosis Australia relies on the kindness of support from the community to operate, and this includes advocating for critical, life changing medications like Trikafta, as well as other critical work for our community.

Over the coming weeks, you will meet Asher. Asher is a seven-year-old boy living with cystic fibrosis, who will benefit tremendously if he is granted access to Trikafta. With many countries already allowing Trikafta access to this younger age group, it is important our Australian children are not left behind.

We are grateful for the support that you have shown towards our work and right now, our work has never been more important. You are vital to our community and are the reason we can continue to advocate for our communities needs

Thank you.

Please continue to support our work by donating today.

Cystic Fibrosis Australia will continue to drive advocacy at a national level to ensure the right decisions are being for our community.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION](#)

All donations above \$2 are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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

Jo Armstrong  
CEO

**Cystic Fibrosis Australia**