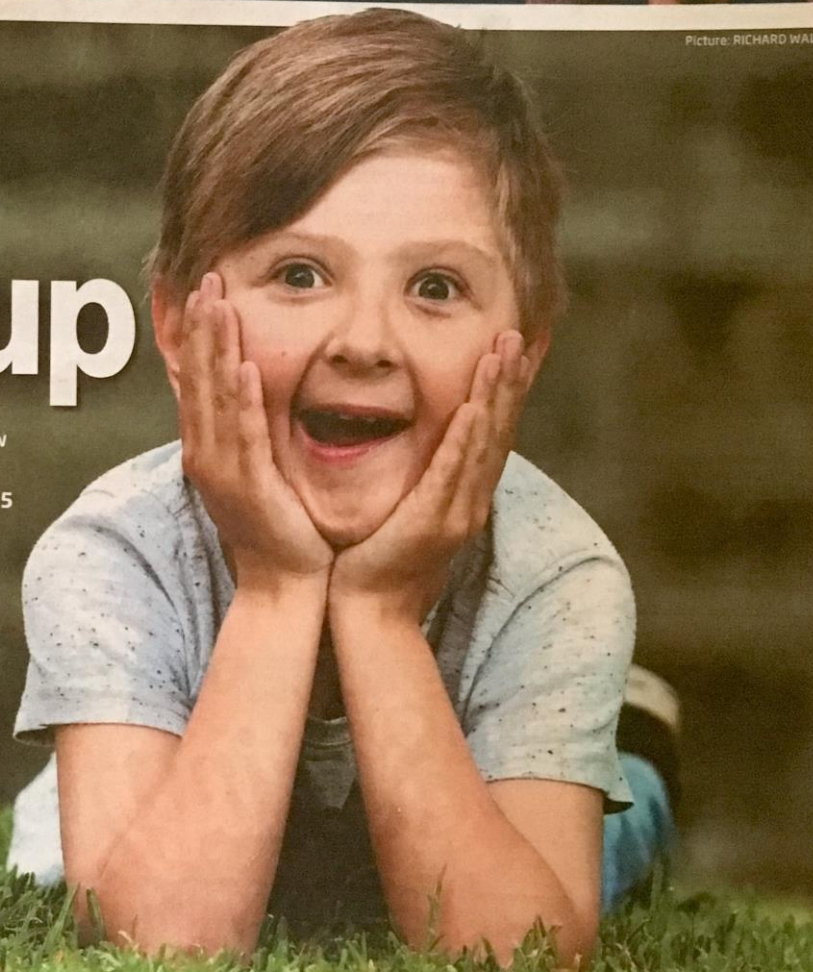




# What a quack up

HE has overcome heart issues and kidney cancer, and now seven-year-old Windsor boy Arlo Beale is leading the charge to raise funds for cancer research at Australia's biggest duck race. **PAGE 5**



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## Arlo's sights on fundraiser

Alan Welburn

WINDSOR'S Arlo Beale is shaping as one of Queensland's youngest cancer crusaders despite private agony and it's all because of a chance outing.

Arlo is seven and has already defied cardiac issues as well as Wilms Tumour, a cancer of the kidney which typically strikes children, and almost a year of hospitalisations for chemotherapy and radiation

treatment. But he rates neither as his biggest challenge, according to a proud dad Jesse Beale.

"Today he is thriving and living a normal life and he likes to support causes close to his heart and beating cancer is one of them," Mr Beale said.

"Arlo was a cardiac baby, so when he was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 we were

absolutely devastated. He had overcome the heart condition only to be dealt another health battle.

"We've had a lot of ups and downs and we are truly grateful to all the doctors and the nurses who held our hands, wiped our tears and saved Arlo's life.

"One of the rare occasions we ventured out for the day we took him to see the PA

Research Foundation's annual duck race for cancer research and it was the happiest we had seen him in a long time.

"We promised him when he was well enough we would put a team in the duck race, which we are doing."

PA Research Foundation chief operating officer Simone Plunkett said support of ventures such as the duck

race gave rise to research projects with wide-ranging benefits.

The duck race venture raised more than \$400,000 in 2015 with more than 40,000 sponsored ducks involved. Organisers hope to raise \$500,000 this year.

The event gets under way along the West End reach of the Brisbane River on October 15.

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## [Arlo reunites with Australia Zoo tiger cubs outside Children's Hospital](#)

15 July 2014

Five year-old Arlo is almost unrecognizable from the little boy in the Brisbane Royal Children's Hospital six months ago, yet Australia Zoo's tiger cubs remembered him.

Now in remission, Arlo and his family came to Australia Zoo last week to once again meet the tiger cubs that had brought so much joy to him in hospital. While Arlo was all smiles and now walking around, as he was previously wheelchair-bound - tiger cubs Hunter and Clarence had also changed significantly. Weighing in at around 60 KGs, they have grown substantially from the little guys that had visited Arlo in hospital.

When asked how big Arlo thought the cubs would be this time around, he stretched his hands about 20 cm apart and smiled "this big!" You can imagine the surprise he received when Tigers and Conservation Manager Giles Clark re-introduced Arlo to Hunter and Clarence.

The Australia Zoo tiger cubs joined the Irwin family and Australia Zoo keepers on a road trip to Brisbane's Royal Children's Hospital in December 2013. Arlo was one of the many patients that was thrilled to have an array of wildlife visit his room! Australia Zoo keepers regularly give up their time to visit patients at the Children's Hospital, bringing their favourite animals with them.

Arlo had a Wilms Tumour, a cancer of the kidneys that typically occurs in children. Now considered "happy and healthy" according to his father Jesse Beale, Arlo was so excited to visit the zoo today.

"When Arlo met the tiger cubs in hospital, we thought 'wow - this is the type of thing that only happens once in your lifetime'," Mr. Beale said.

"He was originally asked if he liked snakes but replied that he likes tigers more, so we just couldn't believe our eyes when they came through the doors," he added.

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## Brave little duck gives cancer the quack

Arlo Beale looks and acts like any other 7 year old; he's a ball of energy, he loves animals, having fun with his sister, and at times can be quite mischievous, but not that long ago he was fighting for his life.

Arlo was diagnosed with Wilms Tumour, a cancer of the kidney that typically occurs in children, one week before his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The diagnosis left his family in shock and asking why, as this was the second battle Arlo had to face in his short life - the other being a heart condition when he was a baby.

Dad Jesse said it was heartbreaking to watch Arlo go through numerous rounds of chemotherapy and radiation, which saw him in and out of hospital for almost a year.

"Arlo was a cardiac baby, so when he was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 we were absolutely devastated. He had overcome the heart condition only to be dealt another health battle. His little body had already gone through so much," says Jesse.

"We've had a lot of ups and downs and we are truly grateful to all the doctors and nurses who held our hands, wiped our tears and saved Arlo's life.

"On one of the rare occasion's we ventured out for the day we took him to see the PA Research Foundation's annual duck race for cancer research and he was so excited to be there and see the ducks on the water; it was the happiest we had seen him in a long time.

"We promised him that when he was well enough we would support the Duck Race and put a team in the Team Duck Race challenge, which we are doing this year."

Arlo is now in remission and looking forward to getting his duck quacking along to raise funds for cancer projects and join in the fun and frivolity of the Summertime Riverfest featuring Australia's Biggest Duck Race.

"Today he is thriving and living a normal life and he likes to support causes close to his heart, and beating cancer is one of them," says Jesse.

"We feel 110% lucky that Arlo received the care and treatment he did, he is truly one of the lucky ones, and this is our way of making a difference, because there is still a lot to be discovered when it comes to cancer and a lot of lives to be saved."

PA Research Foundation Chief Operating Officer Simone Plunkett says the PA Hospital Campus is the site of the world's first cancer vaccine, Gardasil, and with the wonderful support from the community and businesses alike we know it won't be the only one to be discovered here.