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Tea Lovers Sip and Slurp their way to Record Result !

From Currie on King Island to Casey Station in Antarctica, over 40,000 Tasmanians who participated in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (ABMT) in May have raised more than **\$196,000** for Tasmanian cancer research projects, the highest figure yet raised from this event.

One of the Cancer Council Tasmania's most popular fundraisers since it began in 1995, ABMT has raised \$1.3 million during that period, making a significant contribution to the \$2.5 million allocated to cancer research in the same period by The Cancer Council Tasmania.

Over 1,000 hosts signed up to participate with the top five hosts raising \$24,500 between them.

The state's top host was Romilda Amorosa from West Hobart whose home based event raised \$7,600. Not far behind was Janet Beams from Flowery Gully whose community event raised over \$6,000.

Top Five Hosts

Name	Suburb/Region	Funds Raised
Romilda Amorosa & Friends	West Hobart	\$7,600
Janet Beams & Friends	Flowery Gully	\$6,173
Chris Haig & Friends	Orford	\$4,753
Suzanne MacDonald	Beaconsfield	\$3,121
Mick Essam, Penguin Veterans Golf Club	Penguin	\$2,930

Cancer Council Director, Fundraising & Communication, Cathie Shirley said the new record income figure reflected the event's popularity as a fun sociable occasion that gave people a good excuse to take time out of their busy day to stop and chat, knowing that funds raised would boost funds for Tasmanian cancer research projects.

In the meantime, The Cancer Council must wait until September to know whether its attempt on a world record for the "biggest simultaneous tea party" will be ratified by the Guinness Book of World Records. Only host events held between 8am – 2pm on Thursday 26 May for which accurate attendance records were kept by hosts will count for world record consideration.

For more information on The Cancer Council Tasmania's services and programs, contact the Cancer Helpline on 13 11 20.

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