



# The Myocarditis Foundation Patient & Family Support Meeting

RACV City Club in Melbourne, Australia

501 Bourke Street

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00-8:00pm

**Myocarditis Foundation Patient and Family Support Meeting:** This meeting is for both survivors and families who have lost a loved one to come, learn about myocarditis, discover the most recent research, find tools and resources for their path or recovery and/or grief, and to make lasting friendships with those who truly understand the pain and difficulties myocarditis brings to individuals and families.

#### **Meeting Highlights Include:**

- Talks by myocarditis expert Dr. Leslie Cooper and myocarditis researcher Katelyn Stafford
- Patients and Families will have an opportunity to share their personal stories of myocarditis
- Learn about awareness ideas and tools for your community
- Discuss the details to establish a branch of the Myocarditis Foundation in Australia

#### **Schedule of Events**

**5:00-5:30 – Registration & Reception:** Come and join the Myocarditis Foundation for casual drinks prior to the start of the meeting.

**5:30-5:45 – Dr. Leslie Cooper’s Myocarditis Talk:** Dr. Leslie Cooper is the founder of the Myocarditis Foundation and one of the world’s leading experts on myocarditis. He will give an overview of the disease, update of ongoing research, and will answer questions regarding myocarditis.

**5:45-6:00 – Katelyn Stafford’s Myocarditis Foundation Talk:** Katelyn Stafford is a PhD student and works as research assistant in Dr. DeLisa Fairweather’s myocarditis research lab at Johns Hopkins University. Katelyn will give an overview of the Myocarditis Foundation, our major accomplishments, and our vision for the future.

**6:00-7:00 – Dinner & Myocarditis Stories:** A light diner will be served for all those in attendance at the meeting. During the dinner, several individuals will share their myocarditis story.

**7:00-8:00 – Australian Myocarditis Foundation Discussion:** Dr. Cooper will lead a discussion about establishing a branch of the Myocarditis Foundation in Australia. It is our goal to be able to serve those patients and families in Australia affected by myocarditis.

#### **General Information:**

- Dinner on Saturday evening will be provided for all attendees
- There is no cost for this meeting, but donations are greatly appreciated
- All Family members and friends are invited to join (meeting content may not be appropriate for children, but they are invited to attend)

RSVP by April 25<sup>th</sup>

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