“Without the Institute, I really believe my children would not have their mother today.

In 2011 I was diagnosed with an incurable form of leukaemia called chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) and given five years to live. By October 2015 I was declared terminally ill.

However, thanks to a discovery made at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute by Professor David Vaux, there is a new drug for this insidious disease. I was able to get onto an early trial of the drug and this saved my life.

If it weren’t for the research done at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, supported by donations and bequests from committed donors, my children would not have a mother today.

– Deborah Sims, pictured (right) with Professor David Vaux.

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