



About us

The Leukaemia Foundation is the only national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the care and cure of patients and families living with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders.

We invest millions of dollars in the work of Australia's leading researchers to develop better treatments and cures and provide free services to support patients and their families.

We receive no ongoing government funding. We rely on the generosity of the community and corporate sector to further our Vision to Cure and Mission to Care.

We can help you

Our range of free services supports thousands of Australians, from diagnosis, through treatment and beyond. To learn more, please call 1800 620 420 to speak with one of our Support Services team.

You can help us

There are many ways that you can help us to improve the quality of life for people with blood cancer. From making a donation, to signing up for an event; from volunteering, or joining us as a corporate sponsor - please call 1800 500 088 or go to www.leukaemia.org.au to learn more.

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More than 11,500* Australians are expected to be diagnosed with blood cancer or related blood disorders this year. We're ready.

In the 1970s, life for people with leukaemia and their families was very different. Patients were isolated from their families from fear of infection and parents were not allowed to comfort and care for their children. Families were left to combat the psychological challenges of treatment on their own and health professionals did their best to deliver quality care with limited resources.

In 1975, Brisbane haematologist, Dr Trevor Olsen, enlisted the support of Holland Park Lions Club in Brisbane to take on the challenge of improving support to patients, families and nursing staff and the Leukaemia Foundation was formed.

Today, the Leukaemia Foundation reduces the impact of all blood cancers—leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma—and related blood disorders for people throughout Australia. We receive no ongoing government funding and rely on the ongoing generosity of businesses and the community to fund our important work.

- **Our Vision to Cure**—Decades of research have improved blood cancer survival, however it is the second biggest cause of cancer death in Australia, claiming more lives each year than better known cancers, like breast cancer and melanoma*. Clearly, the need for ongoing blood cancer research is great.

The Leukaemia Foundation's National Research Program funds cutting-edge research to improve treatments and find cures. An independent panel of leading haematologists and scientists help us to ensure that the best projects, in the areas of greatest need receive the financial support they need. In 2011, our research commitment program reached a milestone of \$20 million, just seven years after our nationally integrated research program began.

- **Our Mission to Care**—Blood cancer and related blood disorders change lives forever. Many need to leave work for treatment or to care for a loved one, and coupled with costly medical bills, families can suddenly find themselves in financially crippling circumstances whilst coping with the shock and emotional turmoil. For those in regional areas, a diagnosis can be a double blow as acute cases often means relocating to a capital city to start treatment, sometimes within 24 hours. Sadly, not everyone survives and those who do recover, often find experience of life and relationships with others have changed.

The Leukaemia Foundation provides personalised support for the person and their loved ones, **all free of charge**. Provided by our team of cancer nurses and allied health professions, our services include:

- Information, emotional support and advocacy
- Educational programs to help people to live with their disease
- Safe transport to and from hospital treatment
- Access to fully furnished, 'home away from home' accommodation for regional families required to relocate to the city for as long as it's needed.

*Projections sourced from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). Estimates are calculated using actual diagnoses data collected from 2007 and annually prior to this year.

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