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WHO WE ARE

Cancer Council Victoria is a leading cancer charity, working with, and for the community across all cancers for all people.

OUR MISSION

Prevent cancer. Empower people. Save lives.

OUR VALUES

Excellence, integrity and compassion.

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This report provides an insight into the impact and diversity of the research, programs and services delivered by Cancer Council Victoria with their support.

To view our financial report visit our website at www.cancervic.org.au.

Cancer Council Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land and water ways on which we live and work and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Left: Daffodil Day volunteers sell flowers at Flinders Street Station.
Cover: Lung cancer researcher, Professor Kate Sutherland

Cassie's story

"This is what I went through and my story is truth. And truth be told, I'm just lucky to be here." - Cassie, melanoma survivor.

Dja Dja Wurrung and Waywarru woman, Cassie, wears many hats – teaching everything from music and traditional Aboriginal medicines, to weaving, dance, bush tucker and wildlife conservation. So, when cancer became part of her life, she naturally integrated her experience into her lessons – raising awareness of sun safety and the repercussions of sun exposure.

"My cancer journey began in 2016 when I was doing dance and ceremony, I found that I had four lumps in both breasts, which I had removed. But my hardest hit came when I got diagnosed with melanoma inside my right nostril that was spreading to my eye," she said.

Undergoing intense topical immunotherapy treatment, Cassie (pictured) says it was an horrific initial six months.

"Coming out of that I thought, 'geez I've got to get the word out that cancer doesn't discriminate against skin colour.'"

Through her outdoor educational programs, Cassie has interacted with thousands of children and while they learn about Country, they're also given a passionate message about sun safety.



"I say, 'before we go out on Country, we're going to put on sunscreen, we're going to put on insect repellent, we're going to put on hats,' she says. "So, making kids aware, but also showing them the visual scars that I still carry."

Cassie says the kids are naturally curious and open to talking about her scars and what it means to be treated for cancer.

"I've had to have blood transfusions. I've had to have iron infusions. They've poked basically every place they could poke a stick at. It's never ending, but if I can raise awareness of cancer and looking after your body and checking your skin, that's what I'm going to do," she said.

While Cassie wears many hats, the one she wears to shield her from the sun has become the most important. With more skin cancers and melanomas removed from her body, she knows a youth spent out in the sun unprotected has caught up with her, but her passion for protecting the next generation from the same fate is unwavering.



Chair's message

As a leading cancer charity, working with, and for, the community across all cancers and for all people, we are committed to tackling cancer from every angle and across every system.



Evidence and quality research underpins everything we do, enabling significant strides in our advocacy and prevention work. We achieved several important milestones in 2025, particularly in our work to reduce lung cancer incidence and mortality in Victoria – still the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the state.

The roll-out of the new Lung Cancer Screening Program will help people at greater risk of lung cancer to get the early warning they need. Complementing this, Quit – now 40 years strong – continues to set the benchmark in tobacco control. Four decades of work has helped create a generation that has never known smoking in workplaces and bars, a profound shift in public health culture.

This leadership continued in 2025 with the rollout of health promotion inserts placed in every cigarette pack, encouraging more people to take the critical step of quitting. Through innovative behavioural research, Quit remains at the forefront of supporting people to live smokefree lives.

I'm equally proud of our leadership to equitably eliminate cervical cancer. Through work at the grassroots level, we're engaging priority communities with lifesaving screening and immunisation messages. And our liver cancer micro-elimination program is helping

communities better manage hepatitis B and reduce liver cancer risk.

Our work took to the global stage when we hosted the World Cancer Leaders' Summit in November, welcoming international cancer experts to Melbourne to exchange transformative ideas on cancer control.

From local efforts to global collaboration, it takes all of us to reduce the impact of cancer on Victorian lives and communities. Across every effort, our progress is powered by partnership. I extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated sector partners – state and federal Departments of Health, VACCHO, VicHealth and many more – whose expertise and commitment enrich this vital work.

Every day, we're making efforts, progress and discoveries to give hope to the one in two of us who will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85. On behalf of our dedicated Board members, I thank the federation of Cancer Councils, along with our passionate employees, volunteers, and supporters. Your dedication continues to drive change that saves lives.

Michèle Williams
Chair, Cancer Council Victoria Board



GOAL ONE: PREVENT

REDUCE CANCER RISK
AND INEQUITIES
BY INFLUENCING
SYSTEMS, PRACTICES,
AND POLICIES.



Decades of SunSmart success, but still a long road ahead

For more than 30 years, SunSmart has been educating Victorians about the dangers of UV exposure.

Beginning with the iconic 1980s ‘Slip, Slop, Slap’ campaign which later expanded to include ‘Seek’ and ‘Slide’ the message has become part of our national identity, helping to shift attitudes toward sun exposure and tanning over time.

The latest data shows public health efforts are having a positive impact.

Results from the most recent Australian Secondary Students’ Alcohol and Drug (ASSAD) Survey¹, conducted by our Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer (CBRC), found that there’s been a significant decline in Victorian students’ attitudes towards tanning, with 85 per cent of Victorian high school students reporting liking a suntan in 1993 compared with 57 per cent in 2022-23.

Too many young people continue to chase a tan with one in three secondary school students attempting to get a tan in the summer before the survey,

and 42 per cent of women students surveyed agreeing “most of my friends think a suntan is a good thing.”

Head of SunSmart at Cancer Council Victoria, Emma Glassenbury, said the findings reflect both progress and areas for ongoing attention. “We’ve come a long way in educating young people about the dangers of tanning,” she said.

“But this new research shows many students, especially women students, are still seeking a tan despite the potentially dire health consequences.”

Emerging social media trends celebrating tan lines are amplifying the pressure to chase a tan, undermining efforts by the public health sector while increasing young people’s skin cancer risk.

“It’s dangerous for social media platforms to house this content,” Emma said.



Emma Glassenbury

Through communications and programs targeting young people, we’re working to bridge this gap and drive the public health message home.

“Skin damage during the first two decades has a powerful impact on lifetime skin cancer risk,” said Emma.

“Despite what you may see on social media or at the beach, a tan is a sign that your skin’s DNA has been damaged by UV. There’s no such thing as a safe tan.”

GOAL ONE: PREVENT



MORE THAN **230,000**
LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED
SINCE THE 1960s THANKS
TO INNOVATIVE CANCER
PREVENTION



OVER ONE MILLION
DOWNLOADS OF OUR
SUNSMART UV APP MEANS
MORE PEOPLE ARE MAKING
INFORMED CHOICES ABOUT
THEIR SUN SAFETY



THANKS TO **40 YEARS**
OF QUIT'S ANTI-TOBACCO
CAMPAIGNS, SMOKING
RATES ARE DOWN TO **10.9%**.

Research and advocacy shaping a healthier start for Australia's children

Victorian parents and caregivers are being misled by a “health halo” on packaged infant and toddler foods, influencing their ability to purchase healthy options for their children.



Maree Scully (left) and Prof. Helen Dixon (right) read misleading health claims

The poor nutritional profile of many packaged infant and toddler foods can undermine children's long-term eating habits and health, which can increase their risk of at least 13 types of cancer.

Research led by our Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer (CBRC) to support the advocacy

work of Food for Health Alliance (FHA)*, led by Cancer Council Victoria, is helping to drive change.

An audit led by CBRC researcher Maree Scully found that out of 330 products on supermarket shelves, fewer than one in three met World Health Organization nutritional standards.

Claims like “*made with real fruit*” and “*no artificial colours*” give the impression of being healthy, but many of these products were high in sugar and nearly a third contained added sugars.

Further behavioural research led by CBRC's Professor Helen Dixon and funded by VicHealth², showed how powerfully this marketing shapes parents' choices. When sugary toddler snacks make claims like “free from additives”, parents think these products are healthier and more suitable to feed their young children, boosting their intentions to buy them.

With the problems clearly exposed, our CBRC researchers led a series of studies testing front-of-pack sugar warning labels designed to cut through marketing noise. This research, supported by the Medical Research Future Fund³, found a simple teaspoon-style

warning helped parents better understand sugar content, prompting them to choose healthier options, regardless of what other claims appeared on the pack.

This comprehensive research by CBRC – spanning nine studies overall – has helped build a compelling case for national action. FHA is recommending that the government introduce mandatory nutrient standards; prohibit all health, nutrition and marketing claims; and improve labelling for infant and toddler foods.

As the FHA continues its advocacy efforts, our CBRC evidence is directly informing discussions on how best to protect young children and give them the healthiest possible start to life.

40 years of Quit's tussle with tobacco



Quit Directors past and present: (L-R) Sarah White, Rachael Andersen, Kate Joel, Dr Michelle Scollo AM, Todd Harper AM

When Quit first launched in July 1985, tobacco advertising was everywhere and smoke-free areas didn't exist. What we take for granted today is the result of decades chipping away at the power and influence of the tobacco industry – and every victory has been an uphill battle.

From banning smoking in the workplace to stripping tobacco companies of their identity with plain packaging laws, every effort to protect the public from the harms of tobacco smoke has been fiercely fought by the tobacco industry.

So, it's fitting that Quit's 40th anniversary in 2025 was marked in true Quit fashion – striking another blow to big tobacco. In July, new tobacco control laws came into effect, including updated graphic health warnings on packs, warnings on each individual cigarette, and a ban on menthol and other flavour additives. For the first time, all packets must also include inserts directing people to quit.org.au and Quitline 13 7848 for support to quit.

Quit's progress would not have been possible without the support of VicHealth. And thanks to these efforts over 40 years, smoking rates in Australia are now down to 10.9 per cent. But tobacco is still the leading cause of preventable deaths in Australia – killing 66 people every day.

We now face new challenges with vapes potentially unwinding many of the milestone achievements we've made.

Ruthless marketing to young people has attempted to recruit a new generation, and nicotine pouches may be the next big challenge.

Drawing on the lessons learned from decades of work and progress in tobacco control, health advocates have moved quickly to intercept these new threats. The sale of flavoured vapes is banned and tobacco retail licensing is now in effect in Victoria and NSW.

If the past 40 years has proven anything, it's that there is no line the tobacco industry won't cross to regain control. But organisations like Quit and Cancer Council Victoria won't stop pushing back even harder to protect public health and bring down tobacco-related disease and cancer deaths.

Daffodil Day plants seeds of hope

Whether in honour of loved ones lost or in support of someone going through treatment, Daffodil Day has always been a special day for so many Victorians.



Thanks to the enthusiasm, generosity and compassion of the many people who whole-heartedly embraced the day, together we raised over \$1 million towards cancer research, prevention and support services.



The Daffodil Day Dip boomed in popularity with more yellow capped supporters taking to freezing waters in 2025, raising close to \$500,000 in the process!



James Farnham



From Bunnings Warehouses across Victoria to Melbourne's CBD, Daffodil Day spread a vibrant message of hope as the community came together in support of people affected by cancer and to honour those no longer with us.

- A young architect bought 150 bunches of daffodils to fill his office and create the shape of breasts on his rooftop in honour of his mother who had breast cancer.
- A young woman bought 21 bunches in honour of her brother to deliver to 21 of their mutual friends.
- One of our lovely volunteers has been giving up her time to sell daffodils and speak with the public every year on Daffodil Day in honour of her father.
- John Farnham's son, James showed his support for Daffodil Day in recognition of his father's cancer diagnosis.



\$1.2M+
RAISED



\$100,000+
DAFFODILS SOLD



1782
DAFFODIL DAY
DIPPERS



GOAL TWO: DETECT

SAVE LIVES AND
EQUITABLY IMPROVE
CANCER OUTCOMES
THROUGH SCREENING,
EARLY DETECTION,
AND IMMUNISATION.



New lung cancer screening program already saving lives

After years of advocacy by Cancer Council Victoria and other health organisations, Australia's newest cancer screening initiative is set to save hundreds of lives each year by detecting lung cancer early, before symptoms appear.

Eligible Australians aged 50 to 70, with a history of smoking are now able to screen for signs of lung cancer through the National Lung Cancer Screening Program, the first screening program in almost 20 years.

Getting tested was an easy decision for Patrick (pictured) who learned about the screening program during a routine visit to his doctor.

"We went to see the GP about sleep apnoea," Patrick's wife Leanne recalled. "We were referred to a specialist, and during the consult he let

us know that Patrick was eligible for the new lung screening program."

"He asked us if we were interested and we said absolutely. It was a no-brainer." That same day, Patrick had a free low-dose CT-scan.

"This new screening program is a game changer," said Head of Screening and Early Detection Kate Broun. "Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in Australia, but if found early, more than 65 per cent of lung cancers can be treated successfully."

"I was completely surprised when the results came back saying I had stage 1 lung cancer," said Patrick after the screen found a tumour the size of a grape.

Had he waited until symptoms appeared, the outcome may have been very different.

"That was such a relief to be able to get the diagnosis early and know that he was going to be treated quickly," Leanne said.

Just days later, Patrick underwent surgery to remove the cancer.

"Because of this free scan, my lung cancer was found before it had a chance to spread," said Patrick who is now an advocate for early detection and urging others to participate even if they feel healthy. "This program saved my life."



GOAL TWO: DETECT



AFTER YEARS OF ADVOCACY, THE NATIONAL LUNG CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM WAS INTRODUCED



65% OF LUNG CANCERS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED IF DETECTED EARLY



WE'RE ON TRACK TO BE THE FIRST IN THE WORLD TO ELIMINATE CERVICAL CANCER BY 2035

Bridging worlds: From local action to global liver cancer prevention

Liver cancer is the sixth most common and fastest growing cause of cancer-related death in Victoria, but it's highly preventable.

More than half of all liver cancer cases are linked to viral hepatitis, which – like asbestos and tobacco – is a Group 1 carcinogen. Despite this, viral hepatitis has been largely overlooked in cancer control efforts.

Cancer Council Victoria is working to turn this around by building bridges – between the infectious diseases and cancer sectors, between communities, and between local and global action.

Thanks to the ERDI Foundation and another long-time Cancer Council Victoria supporter, we're leading a three-year micro-elimination project

in the City of Wyndham and Melton – two of the fastest-growing, most multicultural regions in the state, and home to more than 5,700 people living with chronic hepatitis B.

More than two-thirds of this group are not in regular clinical care and are missing out on detection, and treatment to prevent liver cancer.

Working hand-in-hand with health providers, multicultural community leaders and people with lived experience, the project aims to strengthen links to care and break down stigma.

"We're committed to co-designing solutions with local health and community organisations, building their capacity to support patients through regular hepatitis B monitoring," said Charissa Feng, Liver Cancer Program Senior Manager.

"This is cancer prevention in action, at the grassroots level."

On the global stage Cancer Council Victoria has worked hard to raise the profile of hepatitis elimination as a cancer control strategy. During the World Cancer Leaders' Summit in Melbourne, we delivered

a landmark session on liver cancer detection and prevention with global leaders discussing effective strategies for reducing the burden of liver cancer in their countries.

We're also advocating for more MPs, policy makers, and sector stakeholders to recognise liver cancer as one of our most preventable cancers and to take action now.

"Our message to them is clear," says Charissa. "Liver cancer prevention works. It's achievable, it's cost-effective, and it's urgent."



Charissa Feng



Bush Nursing Centre nurse, Cilla (left)

Progress towards equitable elimination of cervical cancer in Victoria

In the fourth year of our five-year Eliminating Cervical Cancer Strategy, we're working to ensure every Victorian – regardless of background or postcode – can get the information and services they need to protect themselves from this preventable disease.

From community-led action to healthcare partnerships and digital resources, we've worked to reach more people, break down barriers, and save lives.

Our Community Champions initiatives have allowed us to partner with community organisations and leaders to promote cervical screening among diverse populations, who – without targeted action to break down barriers – are at greater risk of developing this highly preventable cancer.

"Our priority communities face real challenges when it comes to accessing care," said Kate Broun, Head of Cancer Screening, Early Detection and Immunisation. "We're partnering with organisations on the ground to help overcome those barriers and make screening more accessible, more comfortable, and more culturally appropriate."

Enlisting Arabic and Punjabi Community Champions, these lifesaving messages have been delivered to women in a culturally sensitive and relevant way.

"We've seen a real shift," said Arabic Community Champion, Simar. "Women are talking about screening, supporting each other, and making informed choices about their health."

And to remove the barrier of distance for regional Victorians, our Bush Nursing Centre Grants have helped bring cervical screening services to some of Victoria's most isolated communities. Through this we saw a boost in screening tests – many for people who were long overdue, including some who hadn't been screened in over 20 years.

Along with public awareness campaigns of the new self-collection



Arabic Welfare Senior Community Development Officer, Simar

screening option and health resources and videos, we're ensuring women and people with a cervix have the knowledge they need to confidently make decisions about their health care.

Now in the final year of our five-year strategy, we're proud of what we've achieved with the support of our partners, including the Freemasons Foundation Victoria. But we're not slowing down. The work to eliminate cervical cancer is ongoing, and we're committed to keeping equity, innovation, and community at the heart of everything we do.

Turning passion into purpose

Dedicated family man and father of three, Zach is no stranger to a challenge. For him, participating in The Longest Day challenge is nothing compared to the challenges faced by people living with cancer.

The Bacchus Marsh West Golf Club golf coach has turned his passion for golf into purpose – raising more than \$5,000 for cancer research through The Longest Day challenge.

“This time around I committed to 100 holes on foot,” Zach explains. “My team (two others who I coach) joined me for the first 72 holes, and Josh from First National Real Estate in Bacchus Marsh walked the final 28 holes with me.”

No stranger to endurance challenges, Zach has tackled similar feats before. In 2024, he started before sunrise and finished after dark using glow-in-the-dark balls. But his 2025 attempt pushed him to his limits.

“This was one of the hardest physical challenges I’ve ever completed,” he says.

Carrying his golf clubs the entire day without assistance, Zach estimates he covered the equivalent ground of walking from Bacchus Marsh to Ballarat – around 60 kilometres.

Already planning for 2026, Zach says he’s keen to get even more people involved. “I’m thinking of leading off a regular 72-hole and finishing with a BBQ for everyone who participates,” he says.

And for his own personal challenge?

“There might be a sneaky idea to play two or three Longest Days at different clubs,” Zach admits. “The idea of completing at least 216 holes in one week is appealing.”



Zach talking with CEO, Todd Harper AM (above) and with a mate who joined him on the course (left)



82 GOLF CLUBS REGISTERED



\$1,046,982 RAISED



597 TEAMS, 1697 GOLFERS, AND 81 CLUBS



GOAL THREE: CARE

REDUCE THE BURDEN OF CANCER BY SUPPORTING, EDUCATING, AND EMPOWERING PEOPLE AND INFLUENCING POLICY CHANGE.



Advocating for fairer travel support for Regional Victorians

For many people living in regional and rural Victoria, accessing cancer treatment means travelling long distances. The financial burden of this travel is substantial, often involving significant fuel, accommodation and out-of-pocket costs, and is often unsustainable for those needing treatment, making it prohibitive to many needing treatment far from home.

Cancer Council Victoria is calling for improvements to the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS), which provides partial reimbursement for travel and accommodation for people who must travel more than 100km for specialist medical care. With no substantial updates since 2015, and reimbursement rates failing to keep pace with rising costs, improvements are needed to ensure the scheme meets the needs of the Victorian community.

In 2025, Cancer Council Victoria re-established the VPTAS Alliance, bringing together 15 cancer, chronic disease, patient and carer support organisations to advocate for urgent reform to the VPTAS. Together, we are calling for an increase to reimbursement rates and a public review of the scheme.

So that we could understand how people use VPTAS, we conducted a survey of 415 regional and rural Victorians affected by cancer about their experience. Ninety-one per cent of the people we heard from faced out-of-pocket costs when travelling for treatment. Nearly half said these costs significantly impacted their finances, sometimes causing them to miss treatment.

“People already dealing with the stress of a cancer diagnosis shouldn’t have to choose between treatment and everyday expenses,” said Amanda Piper, Head of Cancer Strategy.

“The current subsidy rates simply don’t reflect the real cost of travelling long distances for lifesaving treatment and care.”

Forty-four per cent of respondents had never heard of VPTAS. Key barriers for using VPTAS include the 100km travel threshold, limited treatment types covered, and burdensome application process. Updating the scheme’s eligibility criteria will help ensure all Victorians have equal access to treatment and support, regardless of where they live.

Regional Victorians are 10 per cent more likely to be diagnosed with, and 14 per cent more likely to die from cancer than those living in major Victorian cities,⁴ highlighting the urgent need to improve access to treatment.

Updating VPTAS is a practical, achievable step towards reducing the emotional, physical and financial burden of cancer for all Victorians.

GOAL THREE: CARE



368 PEOPLE ACCESSED
CANCER CONNECT FOR
PEER SUPPORT



OUR CANCER NURSES
RESPONDED TO
11,352 REQUESTS
FOR INFORMATION
AND SUPPORT



OUR FINANCIAL
COUNSELLORS HELPED
1,212 PEOPLE MANAGE
THE FINANCIAL BURDEN
OF CANCER.

Financial counselling gave David the freedom of adventure

For David, cancer was the furthest thing from his mind, however, his life changed dramatically, and his world was turned upside down when he was diagnosed with an aggressive, high-grade tumour with no known cure.

“I had to quit my job and change the lifestyle I’d become accustomed to,” David shared.

Unable to work and struggling financially, he was referred by a nurse at the Andrew Love Cancer Centre in Geelong to Cancer Council Victoria’s Financial Counselling Service.

After learning more about David’s situation, Financial Counsellor Siew was able to discuss income options that might support him.

“Siew was fantastic,” said David. “She’s a wealth of knowledge. You don’t know what’s available to you. I was unable to work anymore, and she helped me to understand what other options were out there.”

Siew connected David with additional services and helped him make informed decisions at a time when everything felt uncertain. During the process she referred him to a

lawyer who supported him in lodging a Temporary or Permanent Disability Insurance claim through his superannuation fund.

“It was magical when I got the call to say the claim was approved,” David said, sharing that he was able to purchase a caravan with some of his claim, giving him both comfort and freedom.

“I don’t have a lot of time left, so I just want to pack in as much as I can in the time that I have,” he shared.

David is currently spending his days travelling to local caravan parks around Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula, staying close to the hospital for treatment and finding joy in the small adventures and the people he is meeting along the way.

“I can’t speak highly enough of the support I’ve received from Cancer Council Victoria.”



Financial Counsellors, Graeme, Ben and Siew.



David’s new caravan



Peer support program volunteer, Kathy

Connected by experience – the power of peer support

Our peer support program is supporting families through their cancer diagnosis and treatment. Meaningful connections are being made to ensure families don’t have to face cancer alone.

For nearly 30 years, Kathy has lived with the ups and downs of skin cancer. Now, as a trained peer support volunteer, Kathy is using her own experience to provide peer support to people when they need it most.

“I feel privileged by the people that have reached out and shared with me their experience. It’s been deeply meaningful for me,” shared Kathy.

“Having a skin cancer diagnosis isn’t as simple as people think, because often it’s a complicated path that you’re embarking on, and it can affect your relationships because the people in your life might not get it.

“I feel like I’m getting more out of this than the people I speak with. I think it’s really lovely that they invite me into their lives and share their stories with me and I kind of really treasure it. I really, really do.”

The peer support program, made possible through generous donations, provides an opportunity to speak with someone who has been through a similar cancer experience in terms of cancer type, cancer treatment, age and family circumstances. Family and carers can also receive this valuable support.

“There’s a lady I’m speaking with from Queensland who... I feel like we could finish each other’s sentences because of what we’ve been through. I love speaking with her.

“I would encourage other people who are in my position or feel like they’ve got the opportunity to share their experience of cancer to do that because it’s just a wonderful thing to do.”

From supporter to survivor

For many who take part in Relay for Life, it's so much more than a fundraiser – it's a powerful movement and a community.

When cancer survivors, carers and loved ones gather under the Relay for Life banner, they bring passion, pride and a shared determination to support lifesaving cancer research.

Since 2011, Michael – along with his family and friends – has been a familiar face on the track each year, doing his bit to support the cause.

But what began as a tribute to his father-in-law took on a deeper meaning in 2023, when Michael himself was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

“Relay has always been really special with the fundraising and stuff. It's always been a big part of my year and my life,” he said. “You look at it differently after your own cancer diagnosis.”

For Michael, what started as a small team of six, has now grown to more than 50 people on track to help end cancer – including members of Michael's Pakenham running group. Their commitment is simple but profound.

“There's not much we can do, but we can get uncomfortable for a night, and it's okay to get uncomfortable for a night when you see what others have to go through. It's not really that hard when you think of the big picture of why we're doing it.”



CEO, Todd Harper AM with Michael at Casey Relay For Life



16 RELAY EVENTS



\$720,000 FUNDS RAISED



3,528 PEOPLE GOT ON TRACK!



GOAL FOUR: RESEARCH

DISCOVER AND
IMPROVE PREVENTION,
DETECTION,
TREATMENT AND
CARE OPPORTUNITIES
THROUGH GROUND-
BREAKING CANCER
RESEARCH.



Dr. Bonnita Werner

A new era for cancer research in Victoria

A new research grants program is nurturing the next generation of cancer researchers. In 2025, Cancer Council Victoria joined forces with the Victorian Government to fund the best and brightest cancer researchers in Victoria.

Each year, around \$40 million will be invested into early career and mid-career researchers, creating opportunities for them to pursue high quality studies that will advance cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, and care for people affected by cancer.

By combining resources and expertise, this partnership builds on Victoria's international reputation as a leader in cancer research and works to ensure groundbreaking ideas can flourish.

"What matters most to us is backing passionate researchers with the support they need to turn strong ideas into meaningful, real-world outcomes that can improve lives here in Victoria and beyond," said Amy Shelly, Head of Research Governance and Business Operations.

"This program ensures the next generation of cancer research leaders can thrive, and that their work reaches the people who need it most."

One of the inaugural Cancer Research Fellowships Victoria recipients was Dr Bonnita Werner from Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the University of Melbourne. Awarded a three-year \$450,000 fellowship, Bonnita's research is focussing on better understanding peoples' response to a new type of immunotherapy for ovarian cancer.

In recent years, immunotherapy has transformed cancer care by harnessing the body's own immune system to fight the disease – yet it's shown little success for ovarian cancer.



Instead, Dr Werner's research focuses on B-cells that produce cancer-targeting antibodies and are linked to long-term survival.

"Ovarian cancer has really poor survival rates, but some individuals manage to do well long-term," she said.

"Rather than focusing on those who sadly don't survive ovarian cancer, we're flipping the narrative and studying people who do well long-term to understand why and using that knowledge to improve outcomes for everyone.

"My colleagues have found long-term survivors often have antibody-producing immune cells at the cancer site.

"The research I've been funded to do aims to work out how we can leverage those antibodies to create a therapeutic tool in the future."

GOAL FOUR:
RESEARCH



WE AWARDED
35 NEW RESEARCH GRANTS



OUR GRANTS
SUPPORTED
57 RESEARCHERS
ACROSS **51 PROJECTS**



WE INVESTED MORE
THAN **\$26M** IN CANCER
RESEARCH

Turning research into policy – helping more Australians quit smoking

Quitting smoking is hard, and many people aren't aware of the support that's available or how much it helps. That's where our researchers from the Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer (CBRC) come in.



Dr. Emily Brennan

In July 2025, Australians began receiving a little extra in their tobacco packs – Health Promotion Inserts with positive messages and practical tips to help them quit smoking.

Backed by research from our Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer (CBRC), these small cards mark another important step forward in bringing down tobacco-related deaths.

Over two years, the research team worked closely with people who smoke to test which messages were most helpful, supportive and motivating. Through focus groups and large-scale message testing studies, they identified the 30 most effective messages across 10 key topics – from managing cravings to accessing free quit support.

These vital insights were then used by the Australian Government to create the new pack inserts, refining the final 10 messages through additional testing.

Every tobacco pack sold in Australia now includes these evidence-based inserts – providing encouragement

and resources to help people quit every time they open a pack.

Smoking is still Australia's leading cause of preventable death. By supporting more people to quit, these inserts can help lower smoking rates and potentially save thousands of lives in the years ahead.

We're extremely proud of the work done by our CBRC researchers who have been, once again, instrumental in driving meaningful policy change and reducing the harmful impact of tobacco in our community.

“Thanks to the generous support of our donors who provided the funding for this important research, we can be confident that these new Health Promotion Inserts are delivering effective evidence-based messages to encourage and support more people to try to quit,” says Dr Emily Brennan, who led the research at CBRC.

Commitment to cancer control saves 230,000 lives

We've known for years that cancer prevention and early detection can save lives, but now, through our Epidemiology Division's own research, we know how many lives have been saved thanks to cancer control measures.



A/Prof. Brigid Lynch and Prof. Roger Milne

The research, published in the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health, revealed that an estimated 230,000 lives have been saved since the 1960s. Importantly, 65 per cent of deaths avoided occurred in the last 10 years of the study (2009-2018), demonstrating accelerated progress in improving cancer outcomes.

Lead researcher, and Deputy Head of our Cancer Epidemiology Division, Associate Professor Brigid Lynch, said the study was about better understanding the real-world impacts of decades of Australian cancer-control methods.

“It's a snowball effect – we're now seeing the result of investments made in cancer control over many decades,” Brigid said.

The study showed a substantial decrease in lung cancer deaths, with rates dropping since the 1980s, a reflection of the Quit anti-smoking campaigns since that era.

Breast cancer deaths have also continued to decline. “While we know more women are diagnosed with breast cancer today, thanks to early detection and improved treatment options the mortality rate is falling,” revealed Brigid.

Not all cancers are following this downward trend. Deaths from liver and brain cancer are continuing to rise in Australia, and globally.

With more than half of liver cancer cases caused by hepatitis infections, Cancer Council Victoria is on the front foot when it comes to improving screening, community education and advocacy.

The Cancer Epidemiology Division is also leading the world's largest study of risk factors for glioma, an aggressive form of brain cancer.

Professor Roger Milne, Head of the Cancer Epidemiology Division and lead investigator in the glioma study said, “We will bring together the world's highest-quality data and expert researchers to generate the clear evidence required to inform the prevention of glioma.”



Emily (left) and Ruby (right)

Friends' loss inspires Run Fest

At 25, Emily and Ruby had already been deeply affected by cancer in ways they said they'll "never forget".

Emily lost her dad to brain cancer, and Ruby lost two close friends within months of each other. These experiences profoundly changed the two friends, inspiring them to create Friends Run Fest, one of the many ways passionate Victorians choose to raise funds for Cancer Council Victoria's lifesaving research, prevention programs and vital support services.

"Friends Run Fest is our way of honouring and celebrating the people we've lost, while creating something that feels hopeful and full of life," shared the two friends.

"It's a space where young people can come together to have open

conversations about cancer and reflect, but also celebrate movement, friendship and community. With live DJs, festival energy and like-minded people around you, it turns something heavy into connection, joy and collective action."

What started as a simple idea between the two friends has grown into something bigger than they ever imagined. In their first year, more than 150 people showed up and helped raise \$13,000. In 2025, that community grew to 220 runners and 30 volunteers – all gathering at the Pillars of Wisdom in Melbourne's Botanic Gardens. Together, Emily and Ruby's latest event raised \$24,025 for Cancer Council Victoria, bringing their two-year total to \$37,181.



The friends said the day felt exactly how they hoped it would – high energy, colourful, slightly chaotic and full of heart. It's a delightful mix of matching outfits, pre-race pep talks, pumping music, raffle prizes, finish-line hugs and meaningful conversations.

"Friends Run Fest proves that even from loss, something powerful and positive can grow, and that our friends and family truly are everything," said Emily and Ruby.



461 PASSIONATE FUNDRAISERS



\$843,069 FUNDS RAISED



TOP FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: SPIN BIKE CHALLENGE, FUN RUN, TRIVIA DAY, FOOTY MATCH, DANCING & SKY DIVING

Our people are the heartbeat of our organisation. Each employee brings their own talents and expertise to the work they do.

Throughout the year, we provide opportunities for staff to connect, learn and share with others.

Our internal committees bring staff together with social and educational events that are keeping our staff informed and connected.



Top: Sarah White, CEO of Jean Hailes for Women's Health presenting at our Women's Health Week event

Above: Speakers at our Prioritising Women's Health and Wellbeing panel discussion from Cancer Council Victoria, Breast Screen Victoria and Women's Health Victoria

FOCUS ON HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

We're committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all our staff. Throughout the year, we ran midday meditation sessions three times a week and shared regular newsletters featuring mental health information from our Employee Assistance Provider, Converge.

In addition, we created new training modules for all employees regarding psychosocial safety, with more detailed training modules for people managers.

We focussed on women's health, hosting in-person events and panel discussions with external guest speakers from Jean Hailes for Women's Health, Breast Screen Victoria and Women's Health Victoria.



Reconciliation events throughout the year

OUR COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION

We continued to work towards our commitment to reconciliation, consulting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and Cancer Council Victoria staff to develop our next Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan.

We held events for staff including a cultural education session, an art workshop, a documentary series, an Aboriginal art stall and an update from Treaty Victoria.

OUR VALUES IN ACTION

Every year we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our employees and their commitment and demonstration of our values. The winners for 2025 included Charissa Feng for excellence in her work in liver cancer prevention; Renee Clapham for demonstrating integrity in the research governance work that she does; and Cate Dellow and Jessica Freeman for the compassion they show and their genuine care for people.



Values Awards winners (L-R) – Jessica Freeman, Renee Clapham, Charissa Feng and Cate Dellow with Todd Harper AM behind

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Our SunSmart and Learning & Innovation Hub team were awarded a Platinum Award for "Best eLearning – eLearning Project" category and a Platinum Award for "Best eLearning Design – Free Learning Resource" category in the 2025 LearnX Awards. The online courses for teachers, educators and students were developed in collaboration with the Department of Education and are designed to build understanding of the dangers of UV overexposure.



SunSmart and Learning Innovation Hub team – Nicky Muir, Filly Potter, Mich Allan and Vikki Marmaras



Top: Employees celebrating diversity as they enjoy our Taste of Harmony morning tea

Above: Our Social Club and Rainbow Committee hosted a Wear it Purple Trivia Night

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

To celebrate the diversity of our employees we hosted a Harmony Day morning tea inviting staff to share their traditional dishes and recipes with others.

We also held our first online 'sign languages lunch and learn' session with Deaf Australia, hosted a 'Wear it Purple' Trivia Night in conjunction with our social club, and held educational sessions for Trans Awareness Day and IDAHOBIT.



From deep loss to deep impact

“Bob was the love of my life. Everyone used to say we were the perfect marriage.” – Kim.

In just four months, Kim’s husband Bob was gone. Diagnosed with an extremely rare cancer, they spent their last anniversary and last Christmas together, unable to get the medical answers and support they needed to come to terms with the shock.

“Both our daughters struggled with the shortness of time and then there were no answers after he died,” shared Kim (pictured) who described her grief as being in ‘a state of nothingness’.

Dealing with the loss of a loved one was one thing, dealing with it in a cloud of uncertainty added another layer of pain. It was this feeling of helplessness and the need for more research and support services that inevitably inspired Kim to leave a portion of her Will to Cancer Council Victoria.

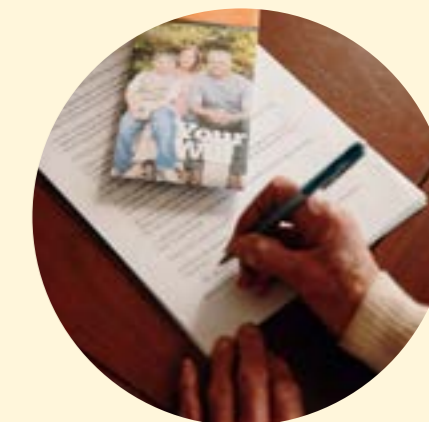
“I was determined I was going to give money to fund research in rare cancers.

[I know] Bob’s will probably never be researched because there’s not enough data, but there are other rare cancers that are now bordering on finding ways and means,” she shared.

Kim’s experience shows how vital answers are – not just in finding ways to treat rare cancers, but also in giving those affected much-needed information and support during such a difficult time.

“That’s why it’s so important my money goes towards rare cancers. I can imagine a future where there will more readily be answers to the previously unanswered,” said Kim.

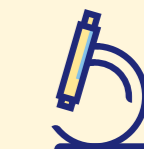
So much of the research we fund comes from the generosity of people like Kim who have left a gift in their Will.



1,197 GIFTS IN WILLS SUPPORTERS



\$19M+ IN GIFTS IN 2025



AROUND 40% FUNDING TOWARDS RESEARCH

Key financial results for 2025

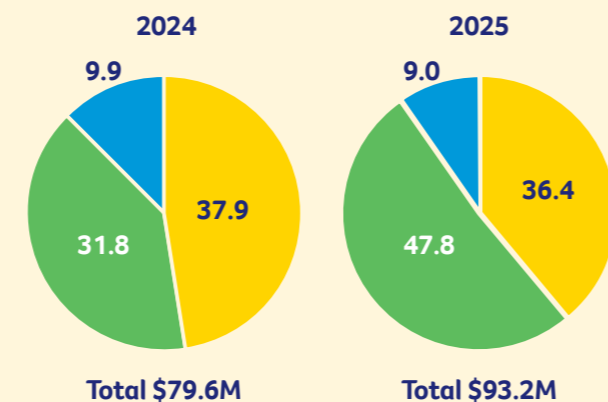
This financial year, Cancer Council Victoria recorded a net surplus of \$6.4m inclusive of other comprehensive income which is an improvement from the prior year (\$2.1m surplus in 2024). This was driven by an increase in revenue from external program funding for programs to be delivered over the coming years.

Cancer Council Victoria's financial position is strong – reflected in net assets of \$59.0m and an accumulated surplus of \$19.0m.

As at 31 December 2025, Cancer Council Victoria held \$15.0m in cash and cash equivalents and \$78.0m in financial investments to fund operating activities. The increase in the value of our investments includes \$1.6m in market gains for 2025 (\$3.1m in 2024), the remainder being additional funds added to the portfolio. Investment income comprising of interest, dividends and franking credits for 2025 declined by \$1.0m to \$2.9m from 2024. Our investment into diversified financial assets seeks to support the operations and maximise long-term financial sustainability.

\$M	2023	2024	2025
Revenue from transactions	60.7	79.6	93.2
Expenses from transactions	(87.1)	(80.6)	(88.4)
Other economic flows	2.9	3.1	1.6
Net result from continuing operations	(23.5)	2.1	6.4
Total assets	102.9	104.6	113.6
Net assets	50.6	52.7	59.0
Accumulated surplus	23.5	18.7	19.1
Reserves	27.1	34.0	39.9
Total equity	50.6	52.7	59.0
Cash flow (\$ movement)	(8.8)	2.0	2.5

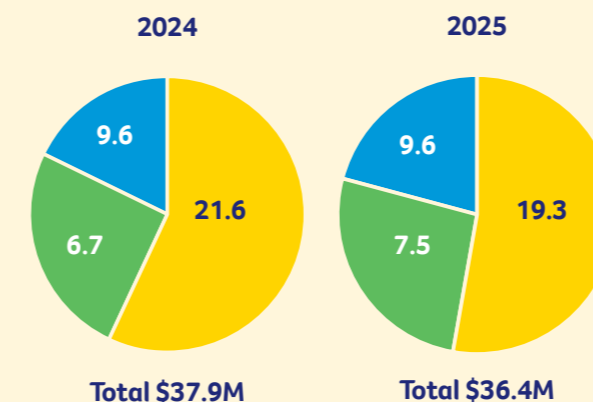
REVENUE



- Fundraising
- External funding (including government)
- Other (incl. retail, dividends) and royalties

Total revenue reached \$93.2m, an increase of \$13.6m (17%) from 2024, largely due to growth in external program funding.

FUNDRAISING REVENUE

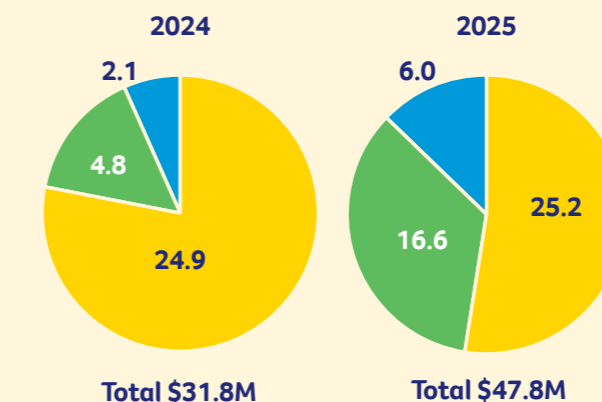


- Bequests
- Events
- Donations

Charitable support revenue totalled \$36.4m, a decrease of \$1.5m (4%) from 2024. This decline was driven by a \$2.3m (11%) reduction in bequest income, partially offset by a \$0.8m (11%) increase in donations and philanthropic gifts from our generous supporters. Community and fundraising campaigns were consistent with 2024 levels despite ongoing cost of living pressures.

Although bequest revenue can fluctuate from year to year, this revenue stream has followed an upward growth trend over time. Despite a small decline from 2024, the bequest revenue received of \$19.3m in 2025 is in line with average growth trends.

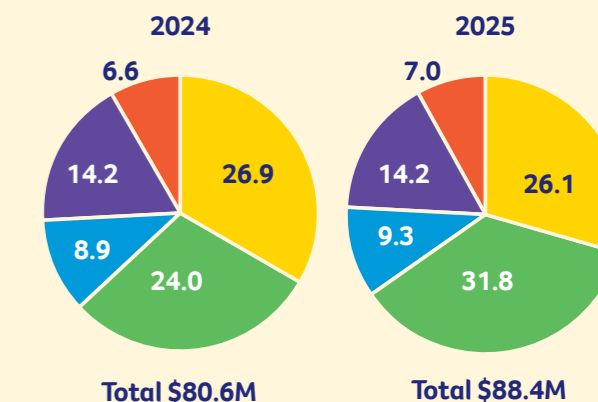
EXTERNAL FUNDING REVENUE



- State (incl. VicHealth)
- Federal
- Other

External program funding increased to \$47.8m in 2025, up \$16.0m (50%) from 2024. This growth includes \$12.1m for the National Lung Cancer Screening Program and a further \$3.8m supporting initiatives such as the Cancer Navigation Service and the expansion of Quitline services to support new tobacco control legislation.

EXPENDITURE



- Cancer research
- Cancer prevention
- Cancer support
- Fundraising
- Other (incl. cost of retail)

Total expenditure rose to \$88.4m, up \$7.8m from 2024, reflecting additional investment in cancer prevention and cancer support, including new national programs such as the National Lung Cancer Screening Program, Quitline expansion and National Navigation program.

A message from Finance Risk and Audit Committee Chair

In 2025, Cancer Council Victoria delivered a stronger financial result, achieving a net surplus of \$6.4m – an improvement on the \$2.1m surplus recorded in 2024.



This positive performance was underpinned by higher revenue, particularly from increased external program funding. After fundraising income, the State Government remained a significant funding source in 2025, while considerable growth in Federal funding enabled Cancer Council Victoria to advance key national initiatives, including the National Lung Cancer Screening Program and National Navigation.

Total fundraising revenue declined slightly from 2024, driven primarily by a small decline in bequest income which can fluctuate from year to year. Despite this decline, bequest revenue of \$19.3m in 2025 has followed an upward growth trend over time. We are pleased that gifts and donations from our generous supporters increased by 11 per cent in 2025, despite ongoing cost of living challenges. Thank you to all the Victorians who continue to show their support for people affected by cancer.

2025 saw the transition of our investment portfolio to a new Investment Adviser and gains on our investment portfolio totalled \$1.6m (2024: \$3.1m), reflecting market conditions.

Cancer Council Victoria looks ahead with a commitment to directing funds toward high-quality research – including through new initiatives such as the Cancer Research Fellowships Victoria grants program delivered in partnership with the State Government.

Increased external program support in 2025 has strengthened the organisation's investment in cancer prevention and screening, work which will continue into coming years.

Cancer Council Victoria expects fundraising conditions to remain challenging, particularly with the high cost of living pressures many of our supporters are experiencing. Cancer Council Victoria's strong financial performance together with disciplined cost management, enables continued protection of core mission activities and investment in strategic initiatives. This includes innovative fundraising initiatives, our new Customer Relationship Management system, new technology and artificial intelligence.

We invite you to access the full set of audited financial statements on our website at <https://www.cancervic.org.au/about/what-we-do/annual-report/financials>.

Kathryn Bellion
Chair, Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

CEO's message

As we reflect on the past year, it's clear that our mission remains as urgent and relevant as ever: to prevent cancer, empower people, and save lives.



Each year, we build on the legacy of those who came before us – leaders, researchers, advocates, and volunteers whose relentless drive has shaped Cancer Council Victoria into the organisation it is today.

Since the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria was established in 1936, research has been central to our purpose. As we head into our 90th year, that commitment has deepened through new investments in world-leading research that drives breakthroughs, transforms prevention and early detection, and offers hope to Victorians affected by cancer.

Our new partnership with the Victorian Government, through the Department of Health, saw the launch of the Cancer Research Fellowships Victoria program, allowing us to expand our support for pioneering scientists at every stage of their career. This long-term investment in talent and discovery will shape the next generation of cancer breakthroughs.

We are accelerating progress in several key areas that will define the future of cancer control in Victoria.

We're on track to become one of the first jurisdictions in the world to eliminate cervical cancer by 2035 – a milestone once thought impossible but now within reach thanks to screening, vaccination, and research innovation.

Our work to reduce liver cancer through micro-elimination efforts in Melbourne's western suburbs, shows early promise. This model has the potential to be scaled nationally, advancing our goal of reducing preventable cancers across Australia.

Through the development of the National Cancer Navigation Service, we're rebuilding a future where no one faces cancer alone. Once launched, this service will expand support so all Australians can access trusted guidance at every stage of their cancer experience.

None of this progress would be possible without the generosity of our supporters, the expertise and passion of our staff and volunteers, and the leadership of our Board.

Together, we are shaping a future where more cancers are prevented, more cancers are found early, and every person receives the care and support they need.

Thank you for being part of this vital work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Harper'.

Todd Harper AM
CEO, Cancer Council Victoria

Thank you to our valued supporters

We would like to thank the many individuals and organisations who have generously donated, left a gift in their Will, fundraised or volunteered their time to support Cancer Council Victoria. Our work would not be possible without our supporters. The following pages include some of the many Victorians who have made significant contributions to cancer research, prevention and support.

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Special Funds

John Bartlett Memorial Research Award - Established in 1993 by Margaret Rafferty in memory of her brother, to support research related to cancer prevention.

John Richard Beckingsale Fund - Established in 1983 under the terms of the Will of the late Alice Hill, to support cancer research workers.

Charles Campbell Coghlan OAM Breakthrough Research Fund - Established in 2022 by the late Charles Campbell Coghlan OAM, the fund will invest in breakthroughs in cancer prevention, detection, treatment and care.

Queenie and Edgar Gatt Special Fund - Established in 2013 by the late Dr Edgar Gatt in memory of his dearly beloved wife Queenie Gatt to support our Grants-in-Aid program, funding new cancer research around Victoria.

Barbara Mavis Hynam Fund - Established in 2016 by the late Barbara Hynam to support research into the causes and cures of cancer of the bowel.

Helen Macpherson Smith Endowment - Established in 1991 to support the provision of cancer support and information services.

Howard Paul Fund - Established in 2017 by the late Howard Paul for research into cancer.

James L Rafferty Memorial Research Award - Established in 1993 by Margaret Rafferty, in memory of her husband, to support research related to cancer prevention.

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Pauline Speedy Grants-in-Aid Award - Established by the late Pauline Speedy and Jenny Tatchell in 2017 to fund research into women's cancers.

Val Straker Fellowship - Established in 1998 from the estate of the late Valerie Straker, to support breast cancer research.

Janetta and Derek Thompson Memorial Fund - Established in 1994 in memory of Janetta Thompson to support cancer research.

Sandra Lianne Vegting Fund - Established in 2016 by the late Sandra Vegting to support research into lymphoma cancer.

The Lyall Watts Mesothelioma Research Fund - Established in 2016 in memory of the late Lyall Watts. The fund supports research into the development, detection and treatment of mesothelioma. Thank you to Gary Kenny, Marjory Watts and Sandra Harbison for continuing this vital funding.

Research Awards

Alamanda College Research Award
Alive Alive O Research Award
Andrea's Circle of Hope Research Award
Ankle Biters/Glenelg Shire Council/Sharon Bridgewater Research Award
Bairnsdale & District Regional Volunteer Group Research Award
Change Support Research Award
Clarkefield and Friends Research Award
Cranbourne Daycare and Kindergarten Community Research Award
Crazy Feet Dance Studio Research Award
Doyles Clan Research Award
Family Ties Research Award
FCO - Red Hot Chilli Steppers Research Award
Fiona Styles Research Award
Flactem Research Award
Hodgkin's Hero Research Award
Jessica Garratt Research Award
Kel's Army Research Award

Lions Club of Werribee Research Award
Louise Thompson Research Award
Magical Memories Research Award
Moe & District Regional Volunteer Group Research Award
Mr Floyd Allen in Memorial Research Award
Mrs Melva Barton in Memorial Research Award
Never Never Land Research Award
Our Pink Circle Research Award
Palcarers Research Award
Portland Primary School Research Award
Ride For Reason Research Award - In memory of Wayne Simmons
Rodney's Baggers Research Award
Sale Regional Volunteer Group Research Award
Seymour Volunteer Group Research Award
Shaz & Co Research Award
Stuart and Wayne Charge Research Award
Team Aquatap Research Award

Team Justice Research Award
The Borgy Bunch Research Award
The Kaitzak Research Award
The Kaye Hannan Research Award
The Sikh Community Research Award
Traralgon Regional Volunteer Group Research Award
Walking On The Wild Side Research Award
Wetland's Warriors Ballarat Research Award
Wild & Woolly Research Award

Lasting Legacies

Cancer Council Victoria is honoured to recognise the incredible donors who had the foresight, vision and passion to include a gift in their Will. We would like to extend our sympathies to their family and friends, and our sincere gratitude to these individuals. With their gift, they leave a legacy of hope for generations to come.

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Footnotes:

- 1 The Australian Secondary Students' Alcohol and Drug (ASSAD) Survey is a triennial national survey of secondary school students that has been conducted by Cancer Council Victoria since 1993. In 2022-23 (n=1,392) Victorian students aged 12-17 completed the survey online.
- 2 VicHealth Impact Research Grant (OPP-25175).
- 3 MRFF Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles, Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF: 2022166)
- 4 Cancer in Victoria 2024, the Victorian Cancer Registry.

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