



Cancer  
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Victoria

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2018



Our Daffodil Day volunteers  
Tevist, Amber and Rohini.



## Victorians out in force for Daffodil Day

The sun was shining on Daffodil Day as thousands of Victorians showed their support for those affected by cancer.

Regional Victoria was busy with local volunteers behind stalls in main streets and in shopping centres. In Melbourne we had street corners covered with fundraisers and some new cutting edge sites, which performed extremely well, with most doubling their fundraising efforts.

Daffodil Day wouldn't have been the success it was without the more

than 1600 volunteers who took part – a wonderful effort.

Our corporate partners, including Rialto and Collins Square were enthusiastic participants, installing eye-catching activations and encouraging staff to take part as volunteers.

Community Manager at Rialto, Sarah Balzer (featured on the front cover),

helped with Rialto Melbourne's display in their Piazza, where thousands of single daffodils were placed into vases.

Funds raised from Daffodil Day went to vital cancer research to find out more about what causes cancer, to find better ways of detecting cancer earlier, and new treatments that will provide patients with better outcomes.



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# Message from the CEO

With your help we made some significant progress towards our goals in cancer research, prevention and support in 2018.



Following the success of our first bowel cancer screening campaign, we aired another campaign to encourage more Victorians to screen for bowel cancer to detect it early. We also had a positive reaction to our healthy weight campaign, *13 Types of Cancer*, which showed the link between sugary drinks and unhealthy weight, and its risk to cancer.

Campaigns like this are instrumental in educating the community about what causes cancer and how to reduce that risk. These campaigns are supported by our behavioural scientists who continue to evaluate campaigns and policy to determine the most effective ways to change behaviour.

Our epidemiologists work nationally and internationally to discover more risk factors for cancers like breast, kidney and prostate. And we were also able to fund more research into low-survival cancers and demonstrated to the Victorian government the importance of investing in this area. They have come on board, contributing \$1.5 million in funding for further projects.

Part of our mission is to empower patients by providing trusted information and support services to them and their families. Our services include providing free wigs state-wide, holiday breaks for families, free legal and financial advice, and peer support - to name just a few. All these can be accessed by calling our compassionate nurses on 13 11 20.

These services, along with our other work, require the support of the Victorian community. We are a not-for-profit organisation that is independent of government and relies on charitable support. I thank all our supporters who have given so generously through a donation, fundraising event, have promised a bequest, or who have volunteered their time and services to ensure we can continue to make progress towards a cancer free future.

Lastly, I would like to thank our dedicated staff and Board for their tireless efforts – we couldn't succeed without you.

**Todd Harper**  
CEO, Cancer Council Victoria

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### Who we are

Cancer Council Victoria is a non-profit organisation that relies on the support of the Victorian community.

### Our mission

Prevent Cancer. Empower Patients. Save Lives.

### Our values

Excellence, integrity and compassion.

### About this report

This report is designed to give our supporters an insight into the diversity of the services delivered by Cancer Council Victoria.

For a more comprehensive report into our work, view our digital Annual Review and financial report on our website [cancervic.org.au/annual-report](http://cancervic.org.au/annual-report).

## GOAL ONE:

# Implement powerful cancer prevention programs for major cancer risk factors: tobacco, UV, diet, obesity and alcohol

We prevented 4,700 cancers in 2018 through the work of our prevention programs including Quit Victoria, SunSmart, and healthy lifestyle campaigns.



Dr Ahmad Aly in the campaign, *13 Types of Cancer*.

## Sugary drinks linked to unhealthy weight in new campaign

**One of our biggest campaigns of the year focused on showing the link between sugary drinks and unhealthy weight, and that being above a healthy weight is a risk factor for 13 types of cancer.**

The campaign, *13 Types of Cancer* featured cancer surgeon Ahmad Aly and was shown across TV, radio, online and out of home in October and November.

It generated substantial media coverage and the campaign was seen by 65-70% of Victorians aged 35-49 years at least once, with 46,000 users

(96% new users) coming to the healthy weight website.

Research by our own epidemiologists has found that drinking sugary drinks could increase cancer risk.

According to their study published in the *Public Health Nutrition* journal, people who regularly drank sugary soft drinks were found to be more at risk of several types of cancer than those who didn't.

"These particular cancers are commonly associated with obesity, however our research found this risk existed for all participants, no matter

their size," Associate Professor Allison Hodge said.

"Our study found that the more sugary soft drinks participants drank, the higher their risk of cancer. This was not the case with those who drank diet soft drinks, suggesting sugar is a key contributor. Even people who were not overweight had an increased cancer risk if they regularly drank sugary soft drinks."

Our aim is to prevent more cancers by reducing the amount of sugary drink consumption, and to decrease the levels of unhealthy weight in the community.

Our UV. It All Adds Up campaign and below, Belinda and her daughter Ebony.



## Belinda's story a stark reminder of the cost of skin cancer

**A powerful new SunSmart campaign highlighting the personal cost of skin cancer was aired to get parents to protect themselves and their children from the dangers of UV.**

The campaign provided an insight into the devastating impact skin cancer can have through the true story of Belinda Karlos. Belinda, a Melbourne mum who died in 2016 aged just 42, left behind her young daughter Ebony.

The campaign features Belinda speaking candidly about having end-stage melanoma, and her heartbreak knowing she won't be able to see Ebony grow up. The campaign encourages parents to be SunSmart for the benefit of their children and their own health.

Leading into summer, SunSmart's *UV. It All Adds Up* campaign went to air for the fourth year in a row, educating Victorians about the cumulative effect of UV damage.

The latest statistics from the Victorian Cancer Registry show melanoma rates

have stabilised or declined in all age groups under the age of 60, reflecting their exposure to the SunSmart message. Mortality rates have also decreased in both men and women.

These statistics highlight the importance of continuing mass media campaigns to keep the SunSmart message front of mind.

Our behavioural scientists looked at sun protection behaviours in Melbourne parks, streets and swimming areas and found an abysmally low use of clothing, hats and shade over summer weekends.

The Sun Observation Study monitored teenagers' and adults' use of covering clothing, hats, sunglasses and shade in public outdoor settings. Observations took place over six summer weekends in Melbourne, from January to February 2018 and found low protection from clothing in outdoor spaces like pools and in outdoor streets and cafes.



## Defending Australia's plain packaging legislation

**Cancer Council researchers have continued to help Australia defend its tobacco plain packaging laws against Big Tobacco with a win through the World Trade Organisation (WTO).**

For more than five years, Australia had been in a battle against the tobacco industry to defend the laws which began in 2012 – laws that protect and promote the health of Australians.

Cancer Council Victoria was involved in the policy, evaluation and research work that was behind the implementation and evaluation of the laws.

In its decision, the WTO found that “the evidence before us makes clear that new smokers must continuously be recruited to maintain the primary demand for tobacco products at a level that will sustain the industry and ‘replace’ those who cease to use the product because they have quit or died”.

It concluded that “Plain packaging measures, in combination with other tobacco control measures, ‘are apt to, and do in fact, contribute to Australia’s objective of reducing the use of, and exposure to, tobacco products’”.

The decision not only benefits Australia, but also gives strength to other governments to follow Australia’s leadership in tobacco control without fear of violating international trade and intellectual property laws.

Since Australia introduced plain packaging, nine countries have adopted it and numerous others are planning on introducing similar measures.

The McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer – an initiative of Cancer Council and the Union for International Cancer Control – works to advance the global momentum towards plain packaging by upskilling government lawyers and policymakers from low- and middle-income countries where the burden of tobacco-related illness and death are heaviest.



# Mobilise community participation in cancer screening and immunisation programs

Through our campaigns we want to increase the participation rate in the National bowel and cervical screening programs.

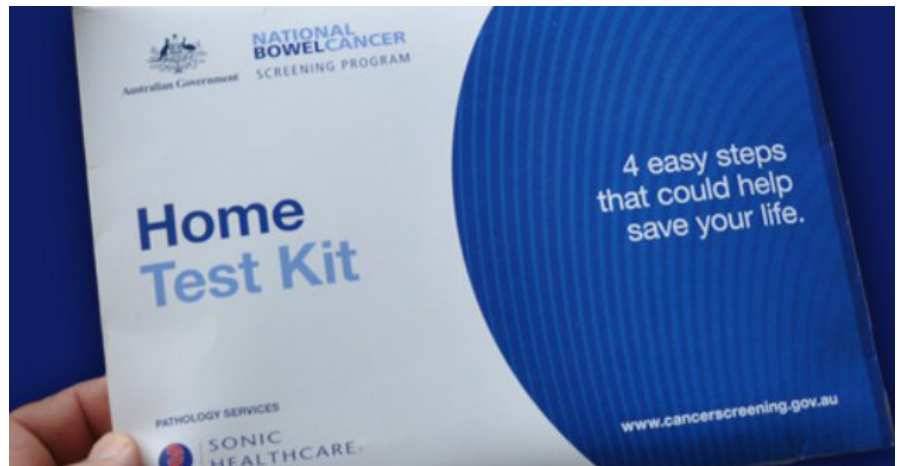
## Life-saving bowel campaign wins award

**Cancer Council Victoria has won a prestigious VicHealth award for its campaign, 'Do the home screening test – it could save your life', which ran in 2017.**

The campaign won in the highly competitive 'Communications in health promotion' category. The VicHealth awards are Victoria's highest accolade for health promotion, recognising outstanding achievements in Victoria's health promotion sector.

Cancer Council Victoria's winning campaign targeted people aged 50-74 who were eligible to receive a National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) test in the mail, or who had already received one at home but hadn't yet done the test.

Bowel cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death



claiming the lives of 1,310 Victorians every year, but if detected early, 90% of bowel cancers can be treated successfully. However only 41% of eligible Victorians take advantage of the free screening test.

Cancer Council Victoria's 2017 donor-funded mass media campaign aimed to encourage more Victorians to do the test when it arrived at their home.

The 2017 campaign resulted in about 12,500 additional Victorians taking the

test. It's estimated that this prevented about 300 cancer cases and saved approximately 180 lives.

This success prompted Cancer Council Victoria to re-run the campaign in 2018, again with the help of our donors.

The success of the campaigns has been a factor in the Federal Government funding Cancer Council Australia \$10 million to run a national mass media campaign during 2019 to increase participation nationwide.

## Cervical cancer to become a rare cancer

**Australia is set to become the first country in the world to eliminate cervical cancer following the success of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program and the changes to the National Cervical Screening Program.**

New research has shown that if vaccination and screening coverage are maintained at their current rates, cervical cancer is likely to be eliminated as a public health issue within 20 years.

These findings indicate that Australia is on track to be the first country in the

world to eliminate cervical cancer by successfully implementing a combined approach to vaccination and screening.

This result is also thanks in part to our work with PapScreen Victoria which began in 1991 and helped encourage women to get screened for cervical cancer.

To further decrease the impact of cervical cancer, Cancer Council Victoria and Thorne Harbour Health joined forces to encourage more people in the LGBTIQ community to undergo regular cervical screening.

Latest research shows that around 1 in 5 (20%) Victorians with a cervix, who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, same sex attracted, transgender, or who have an intersex variation, have never had cervical screening.

Cancer Council Victoria Screening, Early Detection and Immunisation Manager, Kate Broun, said the top two reasons that LGBTIQ Victorians didn't undergo cervical screening were because they were embarrassed or frightened, or because they thought they did not need to.

# Uncle Jack encourages Aboriginal community to screen

**Aboriginal performer Uncle Jack Charles (pictured below) was the voice and face of an animation aiming to increase cancer screening in Victoria's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community.**

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australians are less likely than non-Aboriginal Australians to participate in the national bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening programs.

Early detection increases the chances of cancer being successfully treated, yet estimates show that less than a quarter (around 19%) of eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are participating in bowel screening, compared to 41% of the general population.

The lower participation rate is believed to be part of the reason why cancer

mortality rates are higher amongst the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community.

In 2017, cancer incidence and mortality rates were significantly higher in both men and women than in non-Aboriginal Victorians, with 190 new diagnoses and 78 cancer deaths.

The most common cancers for Aboriginal Victorians are the same as for non-Aboriginal Victorians: lung, breast, bowel and prostate.

The greater mortality rates experienced by Aboriginal Victorians reflect those cancers for which incidence is higher but may also be associated with diagnoses occurring at more advanced disease stage. This could reflect problems around timely access to treatment and lower participation in screening.

## Committed to reconciliation

Cancer Council is committed to Closing the Gap through the goals set out in its Reconciliation Action Plan.

Achievements to date include the introduction of cultural and ceremonial leave for staff, publication of annual Aboriginal cancer incidence and mortality data, cultural awareness training, and working with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation to reduce the impact of cancer on the community.



# Empower patients by delivering dynamic, credible information and compassionate support

The number of Australians living with or beyond cancer is expected to increase by a staggering 72% in the next 22 years, so our support services continue to grow and adapt to support all Victorians affected by cancer.

## Dr Susan Carland shares her tips on feeling confident with headwear

**Having received multiple requests on how to use head scarfs, Dr Susan Carland generously joined us for a workshop at Cancer Council Victoria in May for women experiencing cancer-related hair loss.**

One of the more confronting aspects of cancer treatment is losing hair. It can add to the anxiety and fear around a cancer diagnosis and can make people feel exposed and vulnerable. Wearing a wig, headscarf or beanie can help. Many find that a well-fitted wig gives them more confidence during treatment and can help them to keep their diagnosis private.

Our Wig Service is free, private and personalised with an extensive range of synthetic wigs along with headscarves, beanies and cotton caps available.

People can visit in person with one of our cancer nurses, or when travel is not an option, a wig is sent through our recently established mail service.

In 2018, 234 people benefited from our Wig Service including 51 regional patients. Since inception of the regional program in 2017, 78 wigs have been mailed to people affected by cancer in regional Victoria.

Six tutorial videos were created from the workshop for women to access any time on our website. The videos



demonstrate tips and styles for those wanting to learn how to choose, wear and style a headscarf or wig.

Our Wig Service is available by appointment only. To make a booking or for more information, call **13 11 20** or email [askanurse@cancervic.org.au](mailto:askanurse@cancervic.org.au)

**“Believe it or not, the first wig I chose was ‘the one’. It made me feel safe and secure going out into the outside world after I lost my hair. The cancer nurse who looked after me was just wonderful and I left feeling more confident about my cancer journey.”** – Ruth, Wig Service client

## Cancer information at hand for regional patients

**Victorian patients, carers and family will have increased access to reliable cancer information thanks to funding for information hubs at regional health services.**

Thanks to the generosity of participants in the Dry July fundraiser, we were able to award \$10,000 grants to three regional health services to improve access to information and support.

The need for information hubs was clear with 15 organisations applying for funding. Three sites were chosen after review for their location and differing health settings: a treatment centre in

Kyabram, a rehabilitation centre in Castlemaine and a mobile mode of information delivery for men's health forums near Wangaratta.

The sites will establish new or refurbished areas where information can be displayed for patients and their families to access. The space will display our suite of resources including different cancer types, treatment options, side effects, tips on returning to work and advice on dealing with financial or legal issues.

To help sites set up their hubs, a working group with representatives from Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Olivia

Newton John Wellness Centre and Cancer Council Victoria has come together to share best-practice experience.

Cancer Council will create a toolkit from this to support future information hubs. The toolkit will recommend how to plan for information delivery, including resource selection, staff and volunteer education, linking with local services and engagement strategies for patients and carers, family and friends.

We hope to secure more funding for another round of applications to establish information hubs in other parts of regional Victoria.



# Maximise the impact of cancer research and cancer data

We are investing in, and undertaking research to improve the way we prevent, detect and treat all cancers.



Prof Mark Dawson  
with CEO Todd Harper.

## Prestigious fellowship awarded

**With the help of our generous supporters, a researcher developing new epigenetics-based therapies to treat cancer has received a \$1.55 million research fellowship from Cancer Council Victoria.**

Professor Mark Dawson, a clinician and scientist at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, will use the five-year Sir Edward Dunlop Research Fellowship to continue his pioneering research into 'epigenetic regulators'.

"This is the most common class of genes and proteins mutated in cancer and they control the critical processes of gene expression, DNA repair and DNA replication," Professor Dawson said.

"My lab at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre is identifying new methods to influence and ultimately target these epigenetic regulators with drugs that can counteract cancers that are hard to treat.

"For example, this approach could yield new ways to eradicate cancer stem

cells which we know are very adept at evading the immune system, and many cancer drugs, to sustain the malignancy."

Professor Dawson's research has a particular focus on, and application to, blood cancers including acute myeloid leukaemia.

Unlike conventional chemotherapies that often suppress the immune system, targeted therapies such as epigenetic therapies may enable the patient's active immune system to recognise cancer cells as foreign and ultimately help eradicate them.

Professor Dawson's discoveries in this field over 10 years include helping to develop a first-in-class epigenetic therapy now being assessed in more than 30 multi-centre clinical trials around the world.

If successful, Professor Dawson's research could pioneer new treatments for a broad array of cancers, benefiting patients in Victoria and world-wide.

## Funding for low-survival cancers

**While five-year survival rates for cancers like breast have improved to over 90% thanks to long-term research, there has been little improvement for low-survival ones.**

These cancers, which have a five-year survival rate of less than 50%, make up nearly 20% of all cancer diagnoses – yet represent more than 40% of cancer deaths each year.

To help change this, we are working in collaboration with 12 other not-for-profit organisations as part of the Low Survival Cancers Alliance.

The Alliance is advocating for significant investment from government and other funding bodies.

We have already had some success in 2018. The Victorian Government announced an extra \$1.5 million in funding for low-survival cancer research projects. This funding contributed to our Grants-in-Aid program and the successful projects will generate much-needed breakthroughs.

Three projects beginning in 2019 include a ground-breaking study in oesophageal cancer patients, a study on the impact of exercise with lung cancer, and research into a new treatment for gastric cancers.

As part of our own Forgotten Cancers Program, researchers in the Cancer Epidemiology Division are working to discover more about the causes of less common and low-survival cancers so we can better prevent them.

These projects include the EMMA Study focusing on multiple myeloma, the LEAF Study of follicular lymphoma and the CONFIRM Study investigating the causes of kidney cancer.

# Financials

A snapshot of our financial results for 2018. For our complete financial results visit [cancervic.org.au/annual-report](http://cancervic.org.au/annual-report)

## Key Financial Results

| \$M  | 2017        | 2018         |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Revenue from transactions                    | 76.9        | 62.3         |
| Expenses from transactions                   | (66.4)      | (69.3)       |
| Other economic flows                         | 2.5         | (1.6)        |
| <b>Net result from continuing operations</b> | <b>13.0</b> | <b>(8.6)</b> |
| Total assets                                 | 106.3       | 100.9        |
| Net assets                                   | 84.9        | 76.3         |
| Accumulated surplus                          | 36.0        | 31.7         |
| Reserves                                     | 48.9        | 44.6         |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                          | <b>84.9</b> | <b>76.3</b>  |
| <b>Cash Flow (\$ movement)</b>               | <b>0.2</b>  | <b>(1.6)</b> |

Cancer Council Victoria delivered a net deficit for 2018 of \$8.6 million, due to reduced charitable support income and increased expenditure. An accumulated surplus of \$31.7 million highlights a continuing healthy financial position.

At 31 December 2018, cash of \$1.4 million and investments of \$87.4 million were available to fund Cancer Council's operating activities. The reinvestment of income into diversified assets reduces liquidity risk for the organisation and maximises our ability to deliver significant and sustainable operational results in the future. An investment mandate designed to mitigate exposure to market losses is reviewed annually by management and our Finance, Risk and Audit Committee members.

## Where the money was spent (\$M)

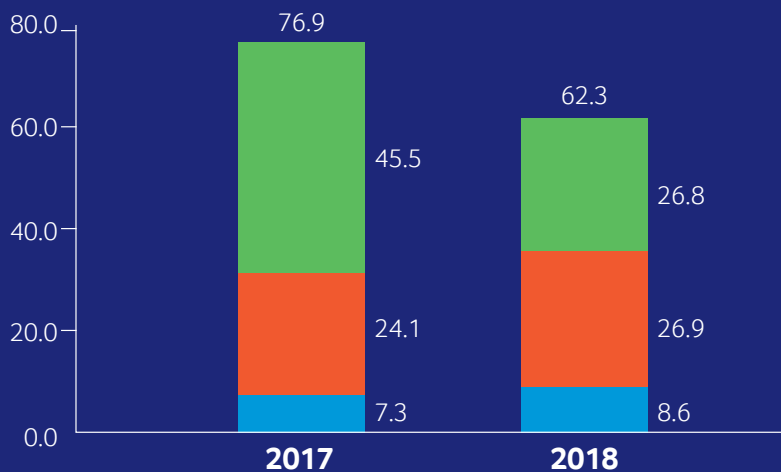


Total expenditure increased by \$2.9 million to \$69.3 million in 2018, which represented a slight underspend against internal targets. Research, prevention and support program spending increased and we continued investment in our strategic initiatives of bowel cancer screening, obesity prevention programs, and research grants for low-survival cancers.





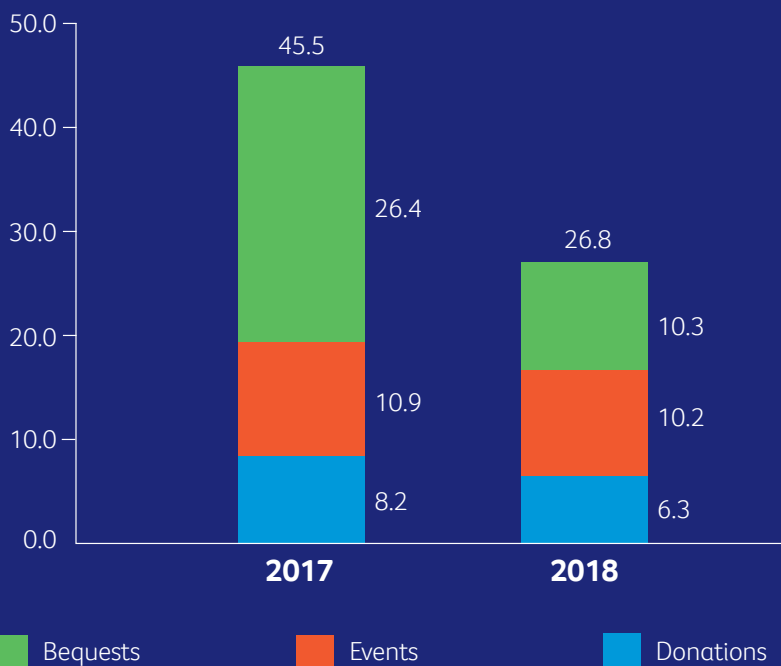
## Where the money came from (\$M)



Investment income in 2018 of \$3.5 million has also contributed to the overall result.

- Fundraising
- External funding (including Government)
- Other (including retail, dividends, and royalties)

## Fundraising income (\$M)



Fundraising income was \$26.8 million in 2018, which is \$18.7 million lower than last year, largely driven by a decrease in bequests. One of the strategic priorities for the organisation in 2018 was the stabilisation of revenue levels through a focus on cost control within mature programs and investment in innovative new funding programs. This approach has been reflected in reduced levels of donation income and in the rationalisation of some mature programs which, combined with early positive financial indicators, has us well placed for the coming year.

Bequest income of \$10.3 million was lower than the five-year rolling average of \$15 million and the prior year result (\$26.4 million), reflecting the smaller number of high value gifts that were received and a historical dip in bequests every 5-7 years.

Events income was \$10.2 million, while income from donations was \$6.3 million.

## Looking Forward

**Cancer Council Victoria is committed to ensuring that government and donor funds are utilised to deliver our mission and strategy in a responsible and sustainable manner.**

In a competitive fundraising environment, it is critical that we continue to identify and invest in new and innovative initiatives to identify sustainable future income streams.

While these and other initiatives will take time to generate the anticipated returns, the organisation will continue to prioritise the achievement of our strategic goals within our existing supporter base while looking to retain the world-class expertise within our workforce.

A full set of Cancer Council Victoria financial audited financial statements



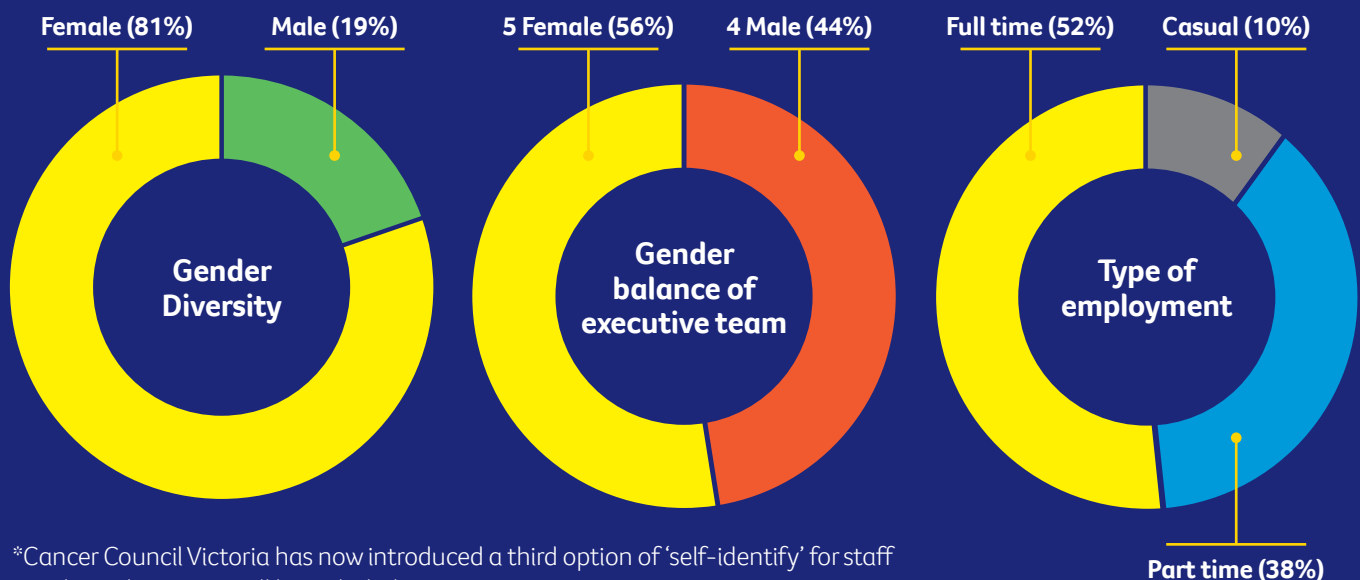
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**Fiona Green**  
Chair, Finance, Risk & Audit Committee

# Celebrating our people

Cancer Council Victoria promotes a diverse and inclusive workplace. We strive for **excellence** in how we undertake our work, ensure **integrity** in personal and professional behaviour and demonstrate **compassion** and respect for others.

## Our Staff



\*Cancer Council Victoria has now introduced a third option of 'self-identify' for staff to select. This option will be included in 2019 reporting.

## Message from our Chair

**The inroads we made in 2018 would not have been possible without the work of our staff, volunteers and the support of the community.**

I'd like to thank the members of the Board who have worked with staff to achieve the organisation's mission. The Board comprises a diverse group of talented, diligent, and thoughtful people from a wide range of professional and personal backgrounds. They freely donate their time to contribute and I'm very thankful for the support and guidance they provide.

Professor Joe Trapani and the Medical and Scientific Committee oversee the second-largest program of funding for cancer research (after the NHMRC) in Victoria. An analysis of this program of work during the last year showed impact matching that of global leaders. The committee should be commended for their part

in growing and nurturing this research effort.

The Board's Finance, Risk and Audit Committee was ably led by Jacinda de Witts until mid-2018 when she commenced a new day job as Senior Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services. In 2019, the Chair of this important committee will be Ms Fiona Green. This committee provides crucial advice and guidance to the Board on aspects relating to organisational risk, internal and external audit and finances. I am grateful to them for the many hours of careful attention and discussion they devote to assisting the vital work of the organisation.

I would also like to acknowledge our partnerships with both state and federal governments to deliver important programs like the bowel cancer screening campaigns, the Quit program and SunSmart, as well as our



relationships with the other Cancer Councils around Australia.

With thousands of Victorians living with cancer, the work of Cancer Council has never been more important. In my day-time clinical role, I see examples every day of the struggle of patients and their loved ones with the effects of cancer, and how Cancer Council can help and provide information, reassurance, and practical assistance. I look forward to further working with the community to reduce the impact of cancer and provide hope to families.

**Professor Jeremy Millar**  
Chair of the Board



## Our volunteers, fundraisers and supporters enable us in everything we do. Their passion and commitment are truly inspiring.

We would like to thank the following people and organisations for their contribution to our work towards a cancer free future.

### Research Awards

A number of individuals and organisations donated or raised more than \$5,000 in 2018 and elected to support a particular area of investigation through a Research Award. We thank them for their generosity.

#weekendatbernie's Research Award  
A Fairy Good Cause Research Award  
A Penny for your Thoughts Research Award  
A Walk to Remember Research Award  
Adroit MHL Insurance & Rick Research Award  
Alison Crawford Research Award  
Andrew Crossett Research Award  
Antal Szeleczy Research Award  
Anton Zefkic Research Award  
Auburn High School Research Award  
Audrey Campbell Research Award  
Australian Chinese Events Committee Research Award  
AV Angels Research Award  
Avenel Amblers Research Award  
Beacon of Hope: Beaconhills College Berwick Research Award  
Beena Believers Research Award  
Berth Research Award  
Berwick Bush Babes Research Award  
Betsy J King Research Award  
Betty May Smith Research Award  
Bike Riders Walking In Memory of Margaret M  
Birds of a Feather Research Award  
Bob Neilson Research Award  
BPS Dreamers & Believers Research Award  
Brighton Grammar School Year 6 Research Award  
Bristol Night Owls Research Award  
BRM Research Award  
Brumbys' Babes Research Award  
Burners for Relay Research Award  
Cancer Busting Fairies Research Award  
Cancer's No Game Research Award

Cardinia Prostate Group Research Award  
Carnegie Primary School Research Award  
Caz and Midge's Angels Research Award  
Charcoal Challenge Research Award in memory of Ian 'Charcoal' Roberts  
Cheryl Dicello Memorial Appeal Research Award  
Christmas Cakes for Cancer Research  
Clarkefield & Friends Research Award  
Coles Yoohoos Research Award  
CRC Melton Research Award  
Danny Strickland Research Award  
DANTAXER Research Award  
Dianne Pennisi Research Award  
DJ & LM Fox Foundation Research Award  
Domenic Callea Research Award  
Dorothy Isobel Frew Research Award  
Eileen Muriel Atkins Memorial Research Award  
Eirene Lucas Foundation Research Award  
Elena Rakic Research Award  
Elora Twyford Research Award  
Family Ties Research Award  
Father Mick's Mates Research Award  
Fintona Research Award  
Fly Like a Butterfly Research Award  
Food Alley Research Award  
Ford Fairlane and Classic Cruiser Motor Mouths Research Award  
Friends Fighting for a Cure Research Award  
Friendship Research Award  
Garry Hammond Research Award  
Geelong Bushwalking Club Research Award  
Geelong Central Netball Assoc Research Award  
Geelong College Research Award  
George Hume Crawford Research Award  
Geraldine Ambrose Research Award  
Goodstart Sunbury Research Award  
Happy Feet Research Award  
Hector Walker Research Award  
Helena Bitter Research Award  
Heroes and Heroines Relay for Life Team Research Award

Holly Lewandowski Research Award  
Holy Rosary Church Research Award  
Hydro Australia Research Award  
In Honour of Terry Glen  
In Hope for a Cure: Callum McLoughlin Research Award  
In Loving Memory of Dianne Budd  
In Loving Memory of Russell Moffett  
In Loving Memory Research Award  
In memory of Lance Peters Senior on behalf of the Lance's Legends Relay Tea  
In Support of Betty Gilbert Research Award  
InstaBuddies Research Award  
Jane Elliott's Wonder Woman Research Award  
Jennifer Parker Hall Research Award  
Jill and Denise Ryan Research Award  
John Agosta Memorial Research Award  
John Kapetanovski Research Award  
Kel & Rosie Day Research Award  
Kevin Stevenson Research Award  
Kick It & Rip It Research Award  
Kicking Cancers Arse Research Award  
Kilmore Townies Research Award  
Kirsty Tuck Research Award  
Kooyong Colts Research Award  
Kyen Jenkins Research Award  
Libby Adcock Research Award  
Lindenbury Lappers Research Award  
Lynton Johnstone Research Award/  
Lina O'Donohue Memorial Award  
Memory of Ian Hunter Research Award  
Michael Pearson Research Award  
Michelle Borchers Research Award  
Michelle Cetkin Chop for Research Award  
MLC Research Award  
Monaz Mates Research Award  
Montmorency Secondary College Research Award  
Mrs Canterbury Research Award  
Mum's The Word Research Award  
Naptime @ the finish line Research Award  
Nude for a Cure Research Award  
Ollie & Arthur Research Award

On Track Research Award  
Open House Williamstown Research Award  
Our Loved Ones Lost Research Award  
Our Pink Circle Research Award  
Peninsula Autohaus Research Award  
Penpals Research Award  
Peter L Research Awards  
Postie Bike Pilgrimage Research Award  
Puddles Team Research Award  
Regional Volunteer Group In Memoriam Research Award  
Remembering the Good Times Research Award  
Research Award in Celebration of Cathy's Life  
Research Award In Honour of Mollie Shotlander  
Research Award In Honour of William Gary Verrall  
Research Award In Memory of Aileen Macdonald  
Research Award in Memory of Christopher Houllis  
Research Award in Memory of Maureen Rodda  
Research Award in Memory of Joe & Rosa Depasquale  
Ringwood Private Hospital Research Award  
Rippleside Ramblers Research Award  
Robert Bordin Research Award  
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## Walking Stars event a way to remember

**Our Walking Stars event on 1 December was a fantastic success raising \$280,000. More than 1,826 people participated, including Jess who did the event in honour of her late husband who died from brain cancer.**

Just four days before their wedding, Jess's husband Russ

was diagnosed with brain cancer and they were told he had two months to live.

At the time, Jessica was seven months pregnant. The news came as a complete shock to the happy couple.

"I was uncontrollably upset obviously, because we were about to have a baby as well as planning our new life," Jess said.

Russ ended up living for five months and was there to meet his newborn son.

Nearly two years later, Jess read about our Walking Stars event and asked her friends to join her for the 21-kilometre walk through the city of Melbourne.

"It was amazing how my fundraising spread through work colleagues and extended networks.



"That has been so surprising and wonderful. I'm really grateful for what they've contributed," she said.

**ABOVE: Jess with her young son and friends before the start of the walk.**

St Joseph's Mew Community Research Award  
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 The Mandie Krista Sulhan Research Award  
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 The Mobile Bookworms Research Award  
 The Natalie Barber Research Award  
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 The Ranelagh Club of Mount Eliza Girls and Boys Night Out Research Award  
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 The Samuel McLellan Research Award

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 The Warriors Research Award  
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## Kyen's generous act makes a big difference

**Ten-year-old Kyen's footy card collection is so large that it would be the envy of any AFL fan.**

He started his collection when he was just three and his grandmother bought him a packet.

"I really got into them and started collecting,"

he said. Kyen's aunty passed away from cancer, and his beloved grandfather Billy (whom the family affectionately dubs 'Grumpy') was diagnosed with throat cancer.

That's when Kyen decided he wanted to do something. "I wanted to stop cancer so I started to sell my footy cards."

He set up a stall outside his family's shop in Trafalgar where he ended up smashing his original goal of \$1,000; raising an incredible \$6,143 as an individual I Will for Cancer fundraiser. This meant he qualified for a Research Award, which will be funding research into low-survival and rare cancers.



**ABOVE: Kyen was excited to meet with the Chair of our Board and Director of Radiation Oncology at Alfred Health, Professor Jeremy Millar to learn more about what goes on in a laboratory.**



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## First Relay For Life event celebrates 20 years

**The first ever Australian Relay For Life celebrated its 20th anniversary in October.**

Murrumbeena Relay For Life was the first event held in the country, raising \$75,000. It has since raised \$1.7 million towards cancer research, prevention and support.

The anniversary celebrations included a large contingent of Cancer Council staff along with former Murrumbeena Relay For Life participants and committee members. Peter Hitchener

led the Candlelight Ceremony while local Federal Member of Parliament, the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer spoke at the Opening Ceremony.

There was a jam-packed schedule of entertainment with fantastic local bands, singers and dancers as well as a silent disco, face painting, and jumping castle. There were 20 teams involved, raising \$70,886.00 – a fantastic achievement.

