

Our mission

The McGrath Foundation's mission is to ensure that no one goes through breast cancer without the care of a breast care nurse.

Our goal

Funding is needed to meet our goal of 250 McGrath Breast Care Nurses by 2025, as we work towards our mission of ensuring that no one misses out on care.

About the McGrath Foundation

The McGrath Foundation raises funds to support people with breast cancer by providing specialist McGrath Breast Care Nurses where they are most needed across Australia.

McGrath Breast Care Nurses help individuals and their families affected by breast cancer by providing invaluable physical, psychological and emotional support, from the time of diagnosis and throughout treatment.

The support of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse is available right across Australia – for free. No matter whether you're in the private or public health system, it's as simple as checking our website and finding the nurse nearest to you.

The McGrath Foundation funds 185 McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia, who have supported over 110,000 families since 2005.

It costs around \$140,000 to fund a full time McGrath Breast Care Nurse for a year, including training and development.

Ninety per cent of women in Australia live within 75km of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse¹.

McGrath Foundation research shows early access to a McGrath Breast Care Nurse significantly improves the experience and outcomes of a person with breast cancer.²

Breast cancer statistics³

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia.

In Australia, the risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer over a lifetime is one in seven, for women.

It is predicted that 57 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia every day this year.

20,568 women, and 173 men are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia this year.

1. Deloitte Access Economics analysis of McGrath Breast Care Nurse data and 2016 Census Data
2. Health Consult, "Evaluation of the Second Federal Government Funded Breast Care Initiative – Final Evaluation Report" 2016
3. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2021. Cancer data in Australia. Cat. no. CAN 122. Canberra: AIHW. Accessed April 2022;