

KEY MESSAGE SUMMARY Updated July 2019



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About the McGrath Foundation

The McGrath Foundation raises money to place specialist McGrath Breast Care Nurses wherever they're needed around 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 135 McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia, who have supported more than 75,000 families since 2005.

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

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

Source: Health Consult, "Evaluation of the Second Federal Government Funded Breast Care Initiative – Final Evaluation Report" 2016

The gap in funding

Funding for 121 more McGrath Breast Care Nurses is needed to ensure that every family has access to the support of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse.

Breast Cancer Statistics*

It is estimated that 53 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia every day this year.

19,371 women, and 164 men are estimated to be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia this year.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in females in Australia.

In Australia, one in seven women will be diagnosed with breast cancer by the age of 85.

* From 2018 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Australian Cancer Incidence and Mortality Report, <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/cancer/acim-books/contents/acim-books>

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