

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 162 McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia, who have supported over 95,000 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

Continued funding

Ongoing funding is needed for our 162 McGrath Breast Care Nurses to ensure they can continue to provide support to families experiencing breast cancer across Australia.

Breast Cancer Statistics*

Breast cancer is estimated to be the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia.

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

It is estimated that 55 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia every day this year.

19,807 women, and 167 men are estimated to be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia this year.

* Cancer data in Australia. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 02 June 2020, <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/cancer/cancer-data-in-australia>

** From Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's "Cancer in Australia 2019" report, <https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/8c9fcf52-0055-41a0-96d9-f81b0feb98cf/aihw-can-123.pdf.aspx?inline=true>