

Our mission

Our mission is to ensure that no one goes through breast cancer without the care of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse.

About the McGrath Foundation

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 177 McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia, who have supported over 100,000 families since 2005.

It costs around \$140,000 to fund a 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

The gap in funding

Funding for 73 more McGrath Breast Care Nurses is needed to ensure that no one misses out on the care of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse.

Breast cancer statistics³

Breast cancer is 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.

19,866 women, and 164 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 June 2021; <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/cancer/cancer-data-in-australia>