



Fighting Cancer – McGrath Foundation breast care nurses

The Government is investing an additional \$27.7 million to support women with breast cancer and increase the number of breast care nurses in Australia to 117 by 2022–23. This increased funding will enable the McGrath Foundation to boost its breast care nurse initiative with an additional 60 nurses. This will deliver holistic and coordinated care services – from diagnosis and through the treatment journey – to more women living in areas of highest need.

Why is this important?

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Australian women with about 50 women diagnosed each day. Specialist care ensures patients are receiving the highest quality care – and breast care nurses are experienced registered nurses who are experts in breast cancer care. The expansion of this program will mean greater support and coordinated care for women diagnosed with breast cancer and their families, during what can be a very stressful and challenging time.

Who will benefit?

Around 15,000 women with breast cancer will receive better access to coordinated care and assistance.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$27.7 million from 2019–20 to 2022–23.