

The Leukaemia Foundation

Fact Sheet



- The Leukaemia Foundation is the only national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the care and cure of patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders.
- The Foundation sets an international benchmark in the care and support of patients and their families, and funds cutting edge research into cures and improved treatments.

How blood and bone marrow cancers change lives ...

- Approximately 7,300 people are diagnosed with leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma each year; the equivalent of 20 people per day.
- Blood and bone marrow cancers often develop with little warning, requiring immediate and intensive treatment. They can develop in anyone, of any age, at any time.
- Leukaemia is the number one childhood cancer in Australia but predominantly develops in young adults and older people in the community.

How the Leukaemia Foundation changes lives ...

- *Mission to Care:* The Foundation provides a free 'home-away-from-home' for patients and families in our 16 accommodation centres located close to treatment facilities across Australia.
- The Leukaemia Foundation also sets an international benchmark in support services providing counselling, education programs, transportation to and from hospital and practical assistance to patients and families. All services are free of charge.
- *Vision to Cure:* The Leukaemia Foundation funds cutting edge research into better treatments and cures for leukaemia and related blood and bone marrow cancers through its National Research Program, committing in excess of \$3m in 2004-2005.
- The Foundation has established the National Leukaemia and Lymphoma Tissue Bank and a major Research Centre at the forefront of international research, the Leukaemia Foundation Research Laboratory, located at the Queensland Institute for Medical Research.
- The Foundation also funds research grants, scholarships and fellowships for talented young researchers and rural health professionals.
- Not long ago people diagnosed with blood and bone marrow cancers had a limited chance of survival but survival rates are improving, particularly in children. Research is making a real difference in our lifetime.

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