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**Give Generously for Daffodil Day**

Australians living with cancer – including those in remote and regional areas, people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, and women affected by gynaecological cancers – are among those to benefit from new cancer support projects funded by the Australian Government.

The Government is announcing funding for the projects today – Daffodil Day - partnering with Cancer Councils in each state and territory to help provide quality support for people affected by cancer.

Under the third round of its Building Cancer Support Networks Grants Program, 17 new cancer support projects receive funding totalling \$654,076 through Cancer Australia. Eight projects are in collaboration with the Cancer Councils, recognising the work they continue to do in providing information and support to Australians living with cancer.

Projects include:

- \$40,000 to the Cancer Council SA to develop cancer support and information resources that will help Aboriginal health workers provide culturally appropriate care and information to Aboriginal people living with cancer;
- \$40,000 to the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW to develop a book of stories about Aboriginal cancer ‘journeys’ and information sheets on cancer;
- \$40,000 to the Upper Hume Community Health Service in Victoria to develop, pilot and evaluate a Border Wellness Clinic for women diagnosed with gynaecological cancer in the Albury-Wodonga region; and
- \$40,000 to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre for a pilot project aimed at developing innovative strategies to care for adolescents and young adults affected by cancer.

People with cancer need support during and after treatment. Cancer support helps reduce the impact on people diagnosed with cancer, their families and friends. Support can be provided in a variety of ways – face-to-face, by telephone, via the internet and through specifically developed resources.

These projects being announced today will support the provision of improved peer support as well as education and information resources.

Cancer remains one of Australia's biggest health problems – and the chances are you'll know someone who has had this terrible disease.

Funding research into cancer is one of the best ways we can work together to protect those we love, and that's exactly what the Cancer Council hopes to achieve with Daffodil Day – the Cancer Council's most important fundraising day of the year. In fact, it is the largest fundraising event of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Daffodil Day recognises the invaluable contribution of the Cancer Council across Australia in providing care and support for people impacted by cancer.

It is the day for all Australians to unite and lend their support to the fight against cancer – and also the day to celebrate the spirit of cancer survivors and their families, carers and medical specialists.

I urge Australians to give generously to support the Council's ongoing work. Money raised will help the Cancer Council to fund essential services, education and research programs.

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