

## Signature Tour 2024 Community Grants

Access to cancer treatment for people living in rural communities can often mean travel away from home and local support can be limited. That's why on every tour, Tour de Cure donates \$10,000 each night to local cancer support projects which are presented at our community dinners. We help to fund support such as transport costs and other day-to-day expenses for regional people living with cancer, to make accessing treatment easier, as well as respite care and holidays to help families unwind, reconnect and recharge during and after treatment. Some of the truly special moments of Signature Tour 2024 were delivered by the recipients of our funding. Deep gratitude goes to those communities for keeping us connected to our cause, for sharing their very personal stories, and for reminding us we really do make a difference.

### Hobart, 14th March, Cancer Council Tasmania



**Project:** SunSmart Safe Event Kits for school and community settings

**Project Description:** Cancer Council Tasmania will procure SunSmart event kits which will be provided to schools and community organisations for their events. These kits will include shade, sunscreen dispensers, and means of displaying information about SunSmart behaviours. These kits will be made available to school and community partners, amplifying the SunSmart message whilst providing much-needed

shade and safe sunscreen dispensing for community events.

### Swansea, 15th March, Cancer Council Tasmania



**Project:** Regional Ambassador Program - East Coast Pilot

**Project Description:** Cancer Council Tasmania is proposing a Regional Ambassador Program trial to service the east coast of Tasmania to cover Swansea, Triabunna and Bicheno. CCT will support the role with training, materials, promotion and expenses to better connect the people of East Coast Tasmania with prevention and Supportive Care services. They will attend local events in the community and schools and help organise local events that help build a community for those impacted by cancer and enable them to contribute to the mission of CCT through donations.

## Launceston, 16th March, Look Good Feel Better



**Project:** Look Good Feel Better

**Project Description:** Look Good Feel Better is a national cancer support program. We offer free in-person and online workshops, and Confidence Kits to help people with any type of cancer manage the most common physical and psychological impacts of treatment. We provide practical tips and tools, connecting a community of people living a shared experience, and empowering them to regain control, a sense of self, and confidence.

Support of \$10,000 will allow us to help 100 people going through cancer treatment across Launceston through a combination of our Face-to-Face

workshops, Home Delivered Confidence Kits, access to our two virtual workshops and Feel Better Fridays throughout their treatment at a cost of \$100/p.

## Geelong, 17th March , Challenge Cancer Support Network Inc

**Project:** Respite accommodation for families living with cancer

**Project Description:** Challenge supports children and families living with cancer and our aim is to alleviate the pressures faced by families. One of our key services is to provide families with free accommodation for one week, where they can recharge, relax and reconnect as a family. Funding from this grant would be directed to sending seven families for a week's respite accommodation located on the Bellarine Peninsular

## Apollo Bay, 18th March, Great Ocean Road Health



**Project:** Infusing Hope and Expanding Access

**Project Description:** Our goal is to reduce the stress, financial costs and travel time for local patients requiring infusions, providing safe and relevant care closer to home and to become role models for other rural health services within the Barwon region. Ultimately, we plan to offer a full range of infusion services, such as iron infusions, blood transfusions, medical infusions, intravenous immunoglobulin, accessing PORTs and catheters, as well as being able to provide chemotherapy and immunotherapies.



## Warrnambool, 19th March, The Warrnambool & District Community Hospice



**Project:** Hospice in the Home

**Project Description:** Hospice in the Home is a free community service supporting the provision of end-of-life care at home in Warrnambool and surrounding areas. Our trained volunteers provide practical and emotional support, companionship and carer respite that is tailored to the needs of those we assist and available day, or night. Since launching in 2015, we've strengthened community connections for the

benefit of people with life-limiting conditions, their caregivers, and the healthcare system. Last year we supported a record 62 local people and families and saw 65% of those we lost, spend their final days in the comfort of home

## Mt Gambier, 20th March, Limestone Coast Local Health Network - Mt Gambier District Hospital - Cancer Care Services



**Project:** Survivorship program

**Project Description:** To offer holistic services whilst receiving treatment and transitioning to survivorship programs. Offering patient massage therapy, art therapy, exercise physiology and access to ongoing support programs and Education, workshops for staff on survivorship.

## Robe, 21st March, Limestone Coast Local Health Network - Cancer Care Services



**Project:** Cancer Care survivorship

**Project Description:**

Patients and their families in the Robe and district will benefit with the project. These patients travel to Mount Gambier the closest cancer clinic in the region, Providing comfort and support during treatment. Survivorship care includes issues related to follow-up care, the management of late side-effects of treatment, the improvement of quality of life and psychological and emotional health.

I envisage this grant money to be beneficial in supporting staff to access education on survivorship. Being a regional centre our community often feels isolated and lost to services provided to metropolitan patients. This will assist with our service being able to provide ongoing supports to regional patients.

## Meningie, 22nd March Tailem Bend Community Centre - The Medical Bus Service



**Project:** Enhancing Cancer Care Access

**Project Description:** The Tailem Bend Community Centre is vital in the Murraylands region, offering essential services and programs for residents. We focus on social interaction, and addressing transport challenges in our community. Through the Murray Mallee Community Passenger Network (MMCPN), we assist residents with transportation disadvantages, including medical bus services. We seek funding to support cancer patients facing frequent, long-distance trips of up to 250km for treatment, which can be financially burdensome. Some funds will also go toward equipping our fleet with AED defibrillators. Your support will enable us

to maintain and expand our services, ensuring TBCC continues to serve our community effectively.