



## Helpful Resources in the NSW region

FINANCIAL & SUPPORT SERVICES		
<b>Rise Above</b>	6297 1261	<a href="https://riseabovecbr.org.au/">https://riseabovecbr.org.au/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital Region Cancer Relief provides financial assistance and support to cancer patients and family residing with them within the ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds.</li> <li>A charitable organisation, the group relies on fundraising, community partners, the generosity of businesses and the local community, to meet the needs of the increasing number of families that require our assistance.</li> <li>Provision of the financial assistance specifically addresses the cancer patient's medical prognosis/treatment program.</li> <li>Each case is treated on its merits at the time of application.</li> </ul>		
<b>Centrelink</b>	<b>132 717</b>	
<b>Services Australia</b>	13 27 17	
<a href="https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/breast-cancer?context=23021">https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/breast-cancer?context=23021</a>		
<a href="https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrelink">https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrelink</a>		
<a href="https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/special-benefit">https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/special-benefit</a>		
Every Australian is entitled by law to a range of potential benefits and payments. Having cancer can make you eligible for more benefits.		
<b>Cancer Assistance Network</b>	1300 226 277	<a href="http://www.canassist.org.au">www.canassist.org.au</a>
<b>Find a Branch</b>		<a href="https://canassist.org.au/about-us/local-branches/">https://canassist.org.au/about-us/local-branches/</a>
<b>GOULBURN</b>		<a href="https://canassist.org.au/branches/goulburn-district/">https://canassist.org.au/branches/goulburn-district/</a>
Funds are raised to provide financial assistance to people in our local community who are undergoing cancer treatment.		
<b>YASS</b>		<a href="https://canassist.org.au/branches/yass-valley/">https://canassist.org.au/branches/yass-valley/</a>
Funds are raised to provide financial assistance to people in Yass town, nearby villages and surrounding rural areas who are undergoing cancer treatment. Typically each year the twenty five or so members and supporting organisations raise and distribute in the order of \$60,000 to approximately fifty patients.		
<b>Braidwood Life Centre 1 Keder St, Braidwood</b>	0437 989 983	<a href="https://braidwoodlifecentre.org.au/overview">https://braidwoodlifecentre.org.au/overview</a>
As a registered charity with deductible gift recipient status, the primary objects of Braidwood Life Centre are the relief of poverty, distress, suffering, misfortune, disability, isolation and homelessness and to work for the benefit of health and wellbeing of the community within the Braidwood (and villages) community		
<b>IPTAAS (Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme)</b>	1800 IPTAAS (1800 478 227)	<a href="https://www.iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au/</a>
IPTAAS is the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme. A NSW Government scheme providing financial assistance towards travel and accommodation costs when a patient needs to travel long distances for treatment that is not available locally.		

<b>Community Services #1</b>	1800 960 938	<a href="https://communityservices1.org/">https://communityservices1.org/</a>
Providing assistance and care to people at all stages of life.		
<b>Cancer Council ACT</b>	13 11 20	
The Cancer Council has identified some common costs associated with cancer and the importance of informed financial consent. If you or someone you care about has been diagnosed with cancer you may have many questions or concerns.		
<a href="https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-information/legal-work-and-financial-issues/cancer-care-and-your-rights/health-care-in-australia/paying-for-treatment/">https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-information/legal-work-and-financial-issues/cancer-care-and-your-rights/health-care-in-australia/paying-for-treatment/</a>		
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<a href="https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance">https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance</a>		
<b>Cancer Hub</b>	1800 431 312	<a href="https://cancerhub.org.au/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwT_qgBhDFARIsABcDjOeJks9pqKlmxoHLVhrb5csqLEhpXPUW8ppI2iHt4cyjDVIH5_BBfKMaAqigEALw_wcB&amp;gclid=aw.ds">https://cancerhub.org.au/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwT_qgBhDFARIsABcDjOeJks9pqKlmxoHLVhrb5csqLEhpXPUW8ppI2iHt4cyjDVIH5_BBfKMaAqigEALw_wcB&amp;gclid=aw.ds</a>
Cancer Hub is a collaboration between Canteen, Camp Quality and Redkite to help families impacted by cancer more easily access the different practical and emotional support services they need.		
<b>Breast Cancer Network Australia</b>	1800 500 258	
<a href="https://www.bcna.org.au/health-wellbeing/financial-and-practical-support/">https://www.bcna.org.au/health-wellbeing/financial-and-practical-support/</a>		
Breast cancer brings about a range of practical issues that need attention. From how you manage your finances, through to employment and what to do about childcare, there's a lot to think about and organise during an already difficult time.		
<b>Cancer Institute NSW (CanAssist &amp; Salvos)</b>	13 11 20 13 72 58	<a href="https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/general-cancer-information/cancer-support/finding-support/money-legal-and-work-issues">https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/general-cancer-information/cancer-support/finding-support/money-legal-and-work-issues</a>
There will be times when cancer patients need help with money issues. Those who are working may also have questions about their employment rights. It helps to know your options and who to contact.		
<b>Cancer Australia Locked Bag 3, Strawberry Hills NSW</b>	1800 624 973 (02) 9357 9400	<a href="https://www.canceraustralia.gov.au/research-data/grants-and-funding/supporting-people-cancer-grants">https://www.canceraustralia.gov.au/research-data/grants-and-funding/supporting-people-cancer-grants</a>
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The <i>Supporting people with cancer</i> Grant initiative is an annual grants program that aims to support people affected by cancer through the provision of grants to community organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.		
<b>McGrath Foundation</b>	(02) 8962 6100	
<a href="https://www.patients.org.au/patient-support/help-line/">https://www.patients.org.au/patient-support/help-line/</a>		
<a href="https://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/get-support/other-breast-care-services/">https://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/get-support/other-breast-care-services/</a>		
Provides links to a number of other services that support breast cancer across the country including Wigs and Men's Health support. The foundation also provides an enduring commitment: to ensure every family experiencing breast cancer has the support of a Breast Care Nurse – for free.		

<b>The National Debt Helpline</b>	<b>1800 007 007</b>	<a href="https://ndh.org.au/">https://ndh.org.au/</a>
Professional, free financial counsellors that offer independent and confidential services. A not-for-profit service that helps people tackle their debt problems. Professional financial counsellors are available, and offer free, independent and confidential services.		
<b>Australian Patient's Association</b>	<b>(03) 9274 0788</b>	
Located in Melbourne, The Australian Patients Association undertakes various campaigns to raise awareness of issues affecting patients and to lobby corporations, organisations and government to improve the patient experience and the Australian healthcare system. Has developed a guide for patients about doctors fees		
<b>MoneySmart</b>		<a href="https://moneysmart.gov.au/dealing-with-illness">https://moneysmart.gov.au/dealing-with-illness</a>
Looking after yourself and your finances. <i>Government advice</i> on managing money during illness		
<b>NILS (No Interest Loans Scheme)</b>	<b>(02) 6241 0518</b>	<a href="https://goodshep.org.au/nils-provider-finder/">https://goodshep.org.au/nils-provider-finder/</a>
<p><b>If you are experiencing financial difficulties and require emergency relief, please call Salvos Phone Assistance Line on your state/territory: NSW: (02) 8775 7988</b></p> <p><b>What <u>can</u> NILS be used for?</b></p> <p>Loans are available for <b>essential goods and services</b> including the categories below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household Essentials like whitegoods and furniture</li> <li>Car Repairs and Registration</li> <li>Assistance devices</li> <li>Medical &amp; Dental expenses</li> <li>Technology like a phone or laptop</li> <li>Bond and moving expenses</li> <li>Education expenses</li> </ul> <p><b>What <u>can't</u> NILS be used for?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NILS cannot be used for rent, utility bills, food, clothing, debt and purchasing a car.</li> <li>• NILS it is <u>not</u> a cash loan. We pay directly to supplier/company.</li> </ul> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Our loan process can take up to <b>2-3 weeks</b> <i>but</i> sometimes we have a surge of loan enquiries, and it may take extra time to process applications.</p> <p>If this timing is not suitable other NILS loan provider might be able to process your loan faster than us. Please check other NILS loan provider in your area</p> <p>To apply, please complete the Application Form and submit with the supporting documents.</p> <p><a href="https://salvosnils.snapforms.com.au/form/salvos-nils-application-form">https://salvosnils.snapforms.com.au/form/salvos-nils-application-form</a></p> <p><b><u>Minimum Supporting Documents to upload to application:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Statements (3 months up to date)</li> <li>• Centrelink Statement (most recent)</li> <li>• Rental Ledger (from realtor/landlord) if not shown on your bank/Centrelink statements</li> <li>• Electricity/Gas Bills (most recent) if not shown on your bank/Centrelink statements</li> <li>• 100 points of ID</li> <li>• Quote (from supplier/company)</li> </ul>		

<b>Helpful Sites &amp; Information</b>	
<b>Centrelink</b>	132 717
<b>Sickness Benefit</b>	Centrelink 132 717
<b>Medicare</b>	132 011
<b>Superannuation &amp; Income Protection</b>	Contact your superannuation fund
<b>Tax issues</b>	Contact the Tax Office
<b>Defence Force</b>	Contact the Department of Defence or Veterans Affairs
<b>Cancer Institute NSW</b>	<a href="https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/">https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/</a>
The Institute has identified some common costs associated with cancer and the importance of informed financial consent.	
<b>Can Refer</b>	6101 2207 / <a href="https://www.canrefer.org.au/cancer-types/breast-cancer/cooma-nsw">https://www.canrefer.org.au/cancer-types/breast-cancer/cooma-nsw</a>
<b>Department of Health</b>	<a href="https://www.health.gov.au/topics/private-health-insurance">https://www.health.gov.au/topics/private-health-insurance</a>
Explains private health insurance out-of-pocket-costs in detail	
<b>Cancer.org.au</b>	<a href="https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance/what-will-i-have-to-pay-for-treatment">https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance/what-will-i-have-to-pay-for-treatment</a>
<b>Cancer Council's Pro Bono Program</b>	<a href="https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance/pro-bono-program">https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance/pro-bono-program</a>
Can help people with legal issues, financial planning, small business accounting, workplace (HR or recruitment) advice.	
<b>The Department of Health</b>	<a href="https://www.health.gov.au/topics/private-health-insurance">https://www.health.gov.au/topics/private-health-insurance</a>
Explains out-of-pocket costs in detail	
<b>Radiation Oncology</b>	<a href="https://www.ranzcr.com/our-professions/faculty-of-radiation-oncology">https://www.ranzcr.com/our-professions/faculty-of-radiation-oncology</a>
A medical speciality that involves the controlled use of radiation to treat cancer either for cure, or to reduce pain and other symptoms caused by cancer. As part of their Targeting Cancer initiative, the Faculty of Radiation Oncology have developed a factsheet about the costs associated with radiation therapy.	