

Australia invests \$40 M to establish first research centre for cancer survivors

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To address critical issues for cancer survivors



A new research centre focused on improving the care and wellbeing of cancer survivors will be established as part of a new 10-year partnership between University of New South Wales (UNSW) Sydney and Cancer Council NSW (CCNSW).

The Australian Research Centre for Cancer Survivorship will inform practice, services and policy in the survivorship space across NSW and will act as a model for other Australian states and territories as well as internationally.

Created through a joint investment of \$40 million from UNSW and CCNSW, the centre will leverage the existing expertise of two leading institutions – Cancer Council NSW, Australia's largest cancer charity and UNSW, as well as building new capacity to drive research, education and advocacy in cancer survivorship.

Critically, the centre will partner with consumers and industry to develop, test, implement and evaluate ambitious solutions which address critical issues for cancer survivors. A major focus of the work will be breaking down barriers to access in regional and rural settings and greater engagement with primary care.

UNSW Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Attila Brungs said the new centre will further advance the University's vision to improve access to world-class healthcare for all Australians.

Cancer Council NSW CEO Professor Sarah Hosking said the announcement of the new centre is a pivotal moment in the organisations' work to tackle cancer, supporting its' strategic goal of improving the lives of cancer survivors.

*Image caption- **Back:** Professor Elgene Lim, Cancer theme lead at UNSW Medicine & Health, and UNSW Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Attila Brungs.*

***Front:** Cancer Council NSW CEO Professor Sarah Hosking and cancer survivor Ainslie Cahill AM*