

Annual Report 2025 – 2026

Leukaemia
Foundation®



Front cover: Tilly with her brother, Harry. Tilly was diagnosed with mixed-phenotype acute leukaemia (MPAL) – a rare and aggressive blood cancer – at the age of six and relocated to the Leukaemia Foundation's Clem Jones-Sunland Blood Cancer Centre in Brisbane for treatment.

In the spirit of reconciliation with
First Nations peoples of Australia,
the Leukaemia Foundation
acknowledges the Traditional Owners
of the Countries on which we operate.

We acknowledge and respect
First Nations peoples' spiritual beliefs
and connections to land, sea
and communities.

The Leukaemia Foundation pays its
respects to Elders past and present and
extends that respect to all Traditional
Owners across the Nation.

The surrounding artwork was produced by Navada Currie,
a Mununjali woman and former Leukaemia Foundation staff member.

Letter from the Board Chair

It has been a year of strategic progress, diversification and vision for the Leukaemia Foundation. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved and am excited for the future as we strive to reach and support more people and to make a positive impact all around Australia.

The Leukaemia Foundation exists to ensure that no Australian faces blood cancer alone. Throughout 2025-2026, we provided personalised support to people and families all around Australia, from diagnosis through to treatment and beyond.

Governance has remained strongly focused on ensuring our resources, partnerships and programs are aligned to deliver real change. We drove meaningful research, advocacy and system improvements to achieve better outcomes, completed our first full year in partnership with Bloomhill Cancer Care, and successfully delivered the first year of our new strategy.

Advancing Care, Mobilising Community is our strategy for 2026-2028. We have made progress under each of its four foundational pillars: Reach, Impact, Funding and Capability.

With one Australian diagnosed every 26 minutes, blood cancer is Australia's fastest growing cancer burden. In tandem with this reality, is our awareness that a person's experience of blood cancer (and all cancers) can vary dramatically by postcode. Too many regional and remote communities still face longer waits, fewer specialists and poorer outcomes. Addressing this inequality remains a strategic priority for the Leukaemia Foundation.

At the close of the 2025-2026 financial year, we celebrated an important milestone – the successful completion of the first full year following the acquisition of Bloomhill Cancer Care. Together we are extending access to quality care beyond Australia's major cities, and helping to ensure more people can access the support they need. We are also diversifying our revenue stream through Bloomhill's network of retail stores and look forward to celebrating many more milestones together in the years to come.

Research investment and advocacy that help to create the breakthroughs, access to care and system improvements needed for future generations have also remained in focus.

Since 2000, the Leukaemia Foundation has invested over \$65 million in research to improve survival, reduce treatment impacts and support personalised care. This included the landmark \$3 million investment in partnership with The University of Western Australia, that established the Leukaemia Foundation Tony Fini Endowed Chair in Blood Cancer. Funded in perpetuity, the Chair creates a permanent platform for world-class blood cancer research. Our advocacy during the year helped improve access to five new blood cancer therapies through PBS and MBS listings, helping more Australians access innovative treatments.

At the heart of it all are our people. Our achievements this year are only possible because of the remarkable commitment of our community, which includes our donors, corporate partners, volunteers, staff, members and branches, and my fellow Board members. Thank you.


Lucio Di Giallonardo
Board Chair



Message from the CEO

This year marked the beginning of the Leukaemia Foundation's second half-century of service. To coincide with that milestone we launched our new Advancing Care, Mobilising Community Strategy and continued to support thousands of Australians through every stage of their cancer journey.

Our previous three-year Patient First Strategy, together with the legacy of our first 50 years, has placed the lived experience of people affected by cancer at the heart of our work. It informs everything from service design and healthcare partnerships to community connection and, most importantly, improved patient experiences and outcomes.

This commitment has driven tangible change, including new models of care, greater consumer involvement, expanded virtual services and a stronger focus on the priorities of families and carers. Importantly, we have also strengthened our partnerships with hospitals to ensure the life-saving treatment delivered in clinical settings is complemented by the support people need in the community, during treatment and beyond.

We know a cancer diagnosis affects far more than physical health. It can have lasting financial, emotional, social, practical and personal impacts that extend well beyond treatment.

As we move forward, we will place greater emphasis on survivorship. We will support people and their families to manage the challenges arising from diagnosis, treatment and life beyond cancer, including the transition back to work, family life and the wider community.

Our understanding of care continues to be shaped by the people who use our services. Through initiatives such as the Lived Experience Engagement Program (LEEP), participants share their first-hand experiences and insights, helping to shape how our services and support continue to evolve.

I am grateful to our Board, staff, LEEP members and our many partners for the time, energy and expertise they have contributed to this work.

The Advancing Care, Mobilising Community Strategy will guide our direction from 2026–2028 through four pillars: Reach, Impact, Funding and Capability. Increasing our reach and improving access and connection are essential to ensuring that people receive support wherever they live and at every stage of their cancer journey.

Delivering high-quality, impactful care means providing the most effective and compassionate support possible, improving health outcomes, emotional wellbeing and the overall experience of people affected by cancer.

Strengthening and diversifying our funding also remains vital as we support more people to navigate the significant financial and practical challenges associated with blood cancer. By continuing to invest in our capability and plan for the future, the Leukaemia Foundation will be well placed to respond to emerging needs and deliver the services and support our community needs.

Our achievements in 2025–2026 would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the courage of the people and families who turn to us during some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Thank you for your support, and thank you for placing your trust in us.



Chris Tanti
CEO



Powered by our people

Everything achieved within this report is only made possible because of our people – the employees, volunteers and members who bring our purpose to life every day.

From supporting families and delivering community initiatives, to creating welcoming spaces for people impacted by cancer and running our IT systems, our team works hard to ensure our community is at the heart of everything we do.

Our volunteers are among our greatest strengths. Across the Leukaemia Foundation and Bloomhill Cancer Care, 392 volunteers generously give their time, skills and energy to make a difference within their communities. From supporting clients and programs to helping deliver our expanding network of retail stores, their contributions are invaluable. At Bloomhill, volunteers are at the heart of our retail expansion, helping transform donated goods into vital funds that support people affected by cancer. Together with our employees, they help extend the reach and impact of our services, ensuring more people can access the support they need.

During National Volunteer Week in May 2026, more than 140 Bloomhill volunteers came together at the Wellness Centre in Buderim to celebrate the incredible contribution of their volunteer community.



200

employees nationally¹



16

internal promotions/secondments over the last 12 months, creating opportunities for career growth and development¹



28

Employee Net Promoter Score (eNPS) increasing by **28 points** over 3 years to +22, reflecting a more engaged and positive workplace culture¹



125

nominations for our employee-led Values recognition awards over the last 12 months¹



Our People



CEO Chris Tanti alongside Leukaemia Foundation Honorary Life Members Bev Mirolo, Elaine Gamer, and Dr Trevor Olsen



Bloomhill Cancer Care Events and Volunteer Lead, Joe Surace

Representing almost 400 volunteers, attendees were recognised for the essential role they play across Bloomhill's op shops, wellness centre, client support programs and daily operations.

We are also deeply grateful to our 236 members across nine Leukaemia Foundation branches, whose dedication over the past 50 years has helped build a compassionate community of support. Through fundraising events, advocacy, connection and countless acts of kindness, they continue to make a lasting difference for families affected by blood cancer throughout the community. Alongside our employees and volunteers, their commitment strengthens our ability to support people facing blood cancer today and into the future.

Community connection creating lasting impact

Our ongoing efforts to help bring better care to more Australians facing cancer are powered by the collective dedication of our employees, volunteers, members and supporters. Together, they create the care, connection, and sense of community that helps people facing blood cancer feel supported at every stage of their journey. For that, the Leukaemia Foundation is deeply grateful.



392

volunteers extending Bloomhill's reach, supporting more people affected by cancer¹



60,000

volunteer hours providing vital capacity that enables care, connection, and support¹

Connecting more people with support and care

Blood cancer support should meet people where they are, reaching beyond hospitals and treatment, into our homes, communities and cultures. Care that's personal, human and built around life – not the other way around.

For too many people with blood cancer, care still feels out of reach. It comes with long travel, long waits, and systems that don't always recognise your place, your background, or your reality.

Everyone affected by blood cancer deserves equitable access to the support they need to achieve the best possible quality of life. This is what our first strategic pillar, Reach, is all about.

As the number of Australians diagnosed with blood cancer continues to grow, expanding our support and care has never been more important. By improving access to information and support services regardless of where someone lives or who they are, we help people navigate blood cancer at every stage with greater confidence, connection and dignity.



Bobby (middle right) was diagnosed with blood cancer in 2022 and had to travel from regional Victoria to Melbourne for treatment which lasted over three years.



Bloomhill

CEO Chris Tanti
alongside Bloomhill
Cancer Care General
Manager Mervat Quirke.

Bloomhill Cancer Care

The Leukaemia Foundation has completed its first full year working alongside Bloomhill Cancer Care, strengthening the delivery of holistic support services for people and families affected by cancer.

This partnership is helping extend access to high-quality care beyond Australia's major cities, ensuring more people can receive the practical, emotional and wellbeing support they need throughout their cancer experience.

Bloomhill's integrative cancer care centre is nestled within lush grounds in Buderim. It is home to a dedicated team of nurses and allied health practitioners who provide a broad range of supportive services including exercise physiology, acupuncture, lymphoedema treatment, nutritional guidance and emotional wellbeing support.

While the Leukaemia Foundation remains focused on supporting Australians affected by blood cancer through every stage of their journey – from diagnosis and treatment to survivorship and beyond – Bloomhill continues to deliver holistic care for people impacted by all types of cancer.



This includes access to supportive therapies and wellbeing programs such as meditation, yoga, art and creative therapies, support groups, educational workshops and other activities designed to enhance quality of life during and after treatment.

Through Bloomhill's established network of 10 retail stores across Queensland, the Leukaemia Foundation continues to diversify its revenue streams, supported by the dedication of almost 400 volunteers.

1,980

people supported through personalised cancer care that improved wellbeing, confidence and quality of life²

302

people connected with Bloomhill for the first time, accessing trusted support when they needed it most²

7,939

occasions of care delivered, supporting wellbeing throughout treatment, recovery and beyond²

580

transport journeys removing barriers and helping people access essential cancer care²

Providing the right support at the right time, and in the right way

Every person diagnosed with blood cancer deserves care that is informed, compassionate and centred on their individual needs. Our second strategic pillar, Impact, is focused on embedding quality cancer care across our services. We help people better understand a diagnosis, navigate complex health systems, overcome barriers to treatment and maintain wellbeing throughout their blood cancer journey.

We measure our impact by the number of people we support, and the difference we make in their lives. This year, our evaluation demonstrated meaningful improvements in people's confidence, wellbeing and ability to access the care they need.

These outcomes demonstrate the value of person-centred support that complements clinical care. By empowering people with knowledge, reducing barriers and strengthening connection, we are helping ensure every Australian affected by blood cancer can achieve the best possible health outcomes and quality of life.



71%

of our clients felt more confident seeking support when they needed it³



62%

gained a better understanding of their diagnosis, treatment and care options, enabling them to make more informed decisions³



59%

overcame barriers to accessing treatment, including travel and accommodation challenges³



55%

felt better able to navigate healthcare and support systems³



Practical support services

Henry (story below) on his way to ring the bell signalling the end of his treatment.

From diagnosis through to treatment and survivorship

The Leukaemia Foundation's practical support services are available at no cost to Australians living with blood cancer (and all cancers) and their immediate families or carers.

A blood cancer diagnosis can have a significant impact on every aspect of daily life, from work and finances to family life and relationships.

These impacts can land differently, depending on location, financial situation and other unique life circumstances – and getting the right support in place early on can help ease the burden longterm.

The Leukaemia Foundation provides support across a range of areas, helping people living with blood cancer, as well as their carers and families, navigate every stage of the journey – from diagnosis and treatment through to recovery and survivorship.

Practical support services



1,070

people were provided with **financial assistance** to help with the high costs of blood cancer²



1,941

people were provided with **transport services** to and from medical appointments and treatment²



8,700

people connected with **client and carer groups** and peer support programs⁴



500,000+

visits to trusted **information and education resources** from people seeking online support⁵



58,682

occasions of care provided by Leukaemia Foundation Healthcare Professionals to clients, family members, and carers²



Henry with his dad, Darren.

Accommodation

Providing a home away from home

When treatment requires clients and families to travel far from home, the Leukaemia Foundation helps to ease the burden by providing free accommodation through our Blood Cancer Centres.

For many families, this support removes the financial pressure and uncertainty of finding a place to stay while attending critical medical appointments and treatment. It also provides a home away from home for those who may need to spend weeks or even months away from their community while receiving care.

For Henry and his family, this support proved invaluable.

At just four years old, Henry was diagnosed with blood cancer, turning life upside down for his parents, Darren and Bec. Living in regional Victoria, the family was told they would need to relocate to Melbourne so Henry could access specialist treatment, despite having nowhere to stay.

The Leukaemia Foundation stepped in, providing accommodation close to the hospital for as long as the family needed. It meant they could remain together and focus on what mattered most – Henry's treatment and recovery.

After 16 months of intensive treatment, Henry walked through a cheering crowd to ring the bell marking the end of his treatment journey – a milestone he and his family fought hard to reach.

Today, Henry is thriving in his first year of school, making friends and enjoying the simple pleasures of childhood. For his family, the support they received during their most challenging moments remains something they will never forget.

42,400+

nights of accommodation provided to **572 families** like Henry's, close to life-saving treatment⁶

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We never looked back.
We absolutely loved it there.
We were safe, we were
well looked after.

Bec, Henry's mum

10

Leukaemia Foundation
Blood Cancer Centres
across Australia⁶



Supporting people in the ways they need us to

A blood cancer diagnosis doesn't just impact a person's physical health – it can also have emotional, social and personal impacts. Supportive care is about more than treatment alone. It is about supporting the whole person – helping them and their families manage the emotional, practical, and personal challenges that can arise from diagnosis through to treatment and beyond.

The Leukaemia Foundation's supportive care services are designed to help people feel informed, supported and empowered at every stage of their blood cancer experience. Our team of Healthcare Professionals provides personalised support that responds to each person's unique needs – whether they are newly diagnosed, undergoing treatment, or living with or beyond blood cancer.

Supportive care can include helping people manage the physical impacts of blood cancer and treatment, such as fatigue, pain and treatment side effects, while also providing guidance and information to help them better understand their diagnosis, treatment options and what to expect throughout their care.

Just as importantly, we recognise the emotional, social and practical challenges that can accompany blood cancer. Our team provides compassionate support to help people navigate uncertainty, anxiety, changing circumstances and the many impacts cancer can have on everyday life. We also support people in finding connection, meaning and strength during some of their most difficult moments.

For people in regional and remote communities, accessing this support can be particularly challenging. Through our national network of Healthcare Professionals, the Leukaemia Foundation helps ensure more people affected by blood cancer can access the support they need, wherever they live.

Our commitment to delivering safe, high-quality and person-centred care was further reinforced this year through reaccreditation against the National Safety and Quality Primary and Community Healthcare Standards. This important achievement reflects the quality and consistency of our supportive care services and strengthens our ability to continue providing trusted support to more people and families affected by blood cancer across Australia.





Helping people not just survive after blood cancer, but thrive

For many people, a blood cancer journey does not end when treatment does.

For many, life after treatment can bring new challenges. After months or even years focused on appointments, procedures and managing the impacts of treatment, people can feel uncertain, anxious or isolated.

Reintegrating into everyday life, returning to work and simply rediscovering a sense of 'normalcy' can all be harder or more confronting than people would like.

As more people enter remission and survivorship – thanks to advances in research, diagnostics, treatments and novel therapies – it is crucial that we continue to focus on helping them recover physically, emotionally and socially, and regain confidence in their future.

That is why survivorship support is an essential part of the Leukaemia Foundation's commitment to being there throughout every stage of the blood cancer journey.

Our Healthcare Professionals provide personalised guidance, practical assistance and emotional support, helping people navigate the ongoing impacts of blood cancer and move forward with confidence.

Through our partnership with Bloomhill Cancer Care, we are also expanding access to holistic cancer support that recognises the needs of the whole person. From diagnosis and treatment through to recovery and end-of-life care, Bloomhill provides practical, emotional, physical and spiritual support for people affected by cancer, as well as their loved ones and carers.



5,150

people were provided with precious relief and assistance by Leukaemia Foundation Healthcare Professionals²

Driving breakthroughs and change for a better tomorrow

While our practical support helps Australians living with blood cancer today, research and advocacy are driving the breakthroughs and change needed for a better tomorrow.

Our aim is rooted in a deep commitment to transforming the landscape of blood cancer through rigorous, diverse and forward-thinking research. It is not merely about survival but about enabling individuals diagnosed with blood cancer to live longer, healthier lives with dignity and empowerment.



From research to care: shaping the future of blood cancer

The Leukaemia Foundation envisions a future free from the burden of blood cancer, where every person has access to effective treatment and compassionate care.

Through strategic investment in rigorous, diverse research, we are advancing earlier diagnosis, more personalised treatments, improved survivorship and equitable access to care. Our ambition is not only to help people survive blood cancer, but to help them live longer, healthier lives.

As a leading national organisation committed to advancing blood cancer research, we invest in and enable research that delivers lasting impact across the blood cancer continuum – from advancing innovative diagnostics and therapies to improving models of care and survivorship.

Guided by the National Blood Cancer Research Roadmap, our investments are strategically aligned to critical research priorities, including early detection, personalised medicine, equitable access, implementation science and translating evidence into practice.

By bringing together researchers, clinicians, governments, industry and people with lived experience, we are improving outcomes and quality of life for everyone affected by blood cancer.

Research strategy



Participants at the Leukaemia Foundation's First Nations Blood Cancer Epidemiology Roundtable in Brisbane in November 2025.

Closing the gap for First Nations Australians

There is currently no comprehensive national picture of how blood cancers affect First Nations peoples. Existing evidence is limited, largely focused on lymphoma, and highlights poorer outcomes compared with non-Indigenous Australians. Critical gaps remain in understanding leukaemias, myeloma and other blood cancers, hindering efforts to deliver equitable care.

The First Nations Blood Cancer Epidemiology Study is building the first comprehensive evidence base on blood cancer among First Nations peoples, examining disease burden, outcomes and healthcare experiences.

In November 2025, the First Nations Blood Cancer Epidemiology Roundtable brought together researchers, clinicians, First Nations health experts and people with lived experience to identify evidence gaps and priority actions, including stronger data, culturally safe care and improved access to diagnosis and treatment. Together, this work is driving action to improve outcomes for First Nations peoples affected by blood cancer.

Empowering the next generation of researchers

The Leukaemia Foundation is helping more medical and science graduates pursue research careers in blood cancer by working in partnership with Haematology Society of Australia and New Zealand (HSANZ) to co-fund PhD research scholarships.

PhD research scholarship recipients for 2025–2026:

Ms Jessica Bowden

(January 2026 – December 2028)

Dr David Kipp

(January 2026 – December 2028)

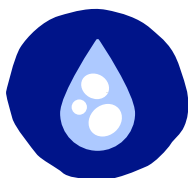
Dr Rithin Nedumannil

(October 2025 – September 2028)

Accelerating progress in blood cancer research

The Leukaemia Foundation strategically funds and facilitates research across the blood cancer continuum; from improving early detection and treatments to strengthening survivorship care. This ensures discoveries translate into better, more equitable outcomes for all Australians affected by blood cancer.

Our commitment to research and advocacy remains as strong as ever



1

CAR-T cell therapy recommended by Medical Services Advisory Committee for subsidy¹¹



5

blood cancer drugs listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme¹²



\$3m

committed to UWA Endowed Chair Role (funded June 2025)



\$337,500

committed across 3 new research projects



8

Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee and Medical Services Advisory Committee submissions supporting subsidy for drugs and other therapeutics¹⁰



34

active research projects supported to advance blood cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care

Establishing a platform for **world-class blood cancer research**

The Leukaemia Foundation Tony Fini Endowed Chair in Blood Cancer

In October 2025, the Leukaemia Foundation, in partnership with The University of Western Australia (UWA), announced a landmark \$3 million investment to establish the Leukaemia Foundation Tony Fini Endowed Chair in Blood Cancer.

This initiative represents the single largest non-government investment in blood cancer research in Western Australia's history, and a tripling of the Leukaemia Foundation's investment in blood cancer research in the state over the past 25 years.

Funded in perpetuity, the Chair creates a permanent platform for world-class blood cancer research. It will unite leading WA scientists, hospitals and medical research institutes, and foster collaboration with national and international blood cancer communities.

"This is a legacy-defining moment for blood cancer research in Western Australia," says Leukaemia Foundation Head of Research, Bill Stavreski.

Its establishment directly responds to the Australian Research Roadmap for Blood Cancer, which identifies an urgent need for increased investment in prevention and early diagnosis to address rising incidence and mortality rates.

By supporting earlier diagnosis, this initiative has the potential to improve treatment effectiveness, reduce the need for invasive interventions and lower healthcare costs, ultimately delivering better outcomes for people living with blood cancer and their families.



The establishment of the Chair with UWA is about creating lasting capacity – shifting from treating advanced disease to preventing it, detecting it earlier and ultimately saving more lives.

Bill Stavreski

Leukaemia Foundation Head of Research



Moving towards measurable and systematic change

Our advocacy efforts aim to progressively align government, clinical leaders, industry and community stakeholders to deliver measurable systematic change across financial, geographic, psychosocial and early detection priorities.

Informed by extensive research and the lived experience of Australians affected by blood cancer, the Leukaemia Foundation identified the following four strategic priorities representing the issues with the greatest impact on people's care, wellbeing and outcomes.



1,440+

media mentions were generated through advocacy campaigns, reaching an audience of more than 88 million people⁷

5

new blood cancer therapies were approved for PBS and MBS listing, improving affordable access to innovative treatments⁸

Jenny Nixon, Leukaemia Foundation client, blood cancer advocate, and LEEP member.

1. Financial distress

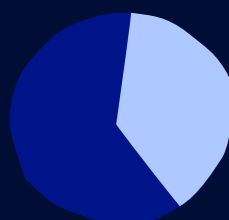
Financial distress affects up to half of Australians with blood cancer, driven by high out-of-pocket costs, income loss and travel. It contributes to delayed treatment, poorer quality of life and reduced treatment adherence, with regional and rural, First Nations, younger, and culturally diverse Australians most affected.



1,070

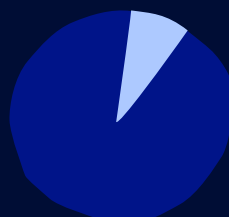
people were provided with financial assistance to help alleviate the financial burden of blood cancer²

2. Regional access to care



40%

of Australians with blood cancer live in regional and rural communities⁹... but only



10%

of clinical trial participants are from these communities¹³

Around 40% of people with blood cancer live outside major cities and experience inequitable access and outcomes, where they experience lower survival, higher mortality, longer travel and reduced access to specialist care, advanced therapies and clinical trials.





3. Psychosocial care integration

Almost half of Australians with blood cancer experience significant psychological distress. The emotional impact of a diagnosis can include anxiety, depression and uncertainty and can impact quality of life and treatment engagement – pointing to the need for more supportive and integrative care throughout the blood cancer journey.



2/3

of Leukaemia Foundation clients felt emotionally supported, understood, and less alone after receiving support from our team of Healthcare Professionals³

Tilly and her family at the Leukaemia Foundation's Bridgestone Australia Blood Cancer Centre in Adelaide.

4. Early detection and diagnostics

Blood cancer is one of Australia's fastest-growing cancers, yet diagnosis is often delayed due to low awareness, non-specific symptoms and the absence of screening. Earlier diagnosis and greater investment in diagnostics are critical to improving outcomes and reducing future health system burden.



1 in 3

clients experience delays in diagnosis³

Shaping services through lived experience



The Lived Experience Engagement Program

The Leukaemia Foundation's Lived Experience Engagement Program (LEEP) empowers people affected by blood cancer to help shape the services, research, advocacy and programs that support them.

LEEP is founded on a simple principle: we work with people affected by blood cancer, not just for them. By partnering with people with lived experience, we ensure their insights inform decisions, strengthen our work and improve outcomes for our community.

Over the past year, LEEP has evolved from a foundational initiative to a strategic capability embedded across the organisation. Our new three-year strategy is guiding this growth, with a focus on increasing participation, demonstrating impact and embedding lived experience across everything we do.

Today, LEEP is helping evaluate the role of lived experience in shaping decisions and driving meaningful change. With members from metropolitan, regional and remote communities across Australia, the program brings diverse perspectives that help ensure our work is inclusive, representative and responsive to the needs of people affected by blood cancer.

65+

LEEP members participated in the program in 2025-26¹⁴

17+

products and activities delivered with direct consultation with LEEP members¹⁴

120+

engagement activities delivered¹⁴

Investing in our future together

To continue supporting people affected by blood cancer today and investing in a future where nobody faces it alone, we rely on an extraordinary ecosystem of supporters.

Our third strategic pillar, Funding, is fundamentally about relationships. While we are building a more resilient financial foundation by expanding into retail, securing government funding and optimising our assets, the true engine of our work is our fundraising community.

We are continually humbled by the range, depth, and strength of these partnerships.

From everyday Australians turning their personal experiences into powerful grassroots action, to the philanthropists and corporate partners who share our strategic vision, your conviction fuels our services, programs and advocacy. You are not just funding our mission; you are standing alongside us to deliver it. While we can't individually acknowledge everyone who generously gives their time and energy to fundraise for our mission within this report, we are deeply grateful to every single person who helps make our work possible.

Leukaemia Foundation Fundraising Specialist Aaron Eckermann (right) alongside Broken Hill Rotary president Gary Oldman (middle) and Jenny's husband and former Broken Hill Rotary president Marc (left).

Giving back through fundraising

For Jennifer, fundraising became a way to give back after experiencing the Leukaemia Foundation's impact first-hand. Diagnosed with multiple myeloma around six years ago, Jennifer and her husband Marc spent approximately six months at our Bridgestone Blood Cancer Centre in Adelaide during her treatment, including while Jennifer underwent a stem cell transplant.

Inspired by the care they received, Jennifer, Marc and the Broken Hill Rotary Club rallied their regional community to raise \$15,000 through trivia nights, cake stalls and other fundraising activities. These funds will support the installation of air conditioning units in bedrooms at the Bridgestone Blood Cancer Centre, and help to create a more comfortable environment for future clients and families.

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We felt like we owed something and wanted to give back, so that the Leukaemia Foundation can help other people like us.

Jennifer, Survivor & Fundraiser



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World's Greatest Shave

A core part of the Leukaemia Foundation's fundraising community is the World's Greatest Shave – a celebration of courage, connection and community action that continues to inspire Australians to stand with people affected by blood cancer.

Over the year, 14,737 participants came together to raise \$11.4 million to help ensure that people and families affected by blood cancer can access the vital support they need.

Our schools continue to be at the forefront of this movement. Showing incredible generosity, creativity and commitment, 626 schools took part in 2026 – the most ever – with 8,404 students raising an extraordinary \$6.25 million. Together, they delivered the biggest year in World's Greatest Shave school fundraising history.



\$11.4m

raised to support people
with blood cancer

One school leading the charge was Glen Waverley College, which has proudly supported the World's Greatest Shave for many years. In 2026, 82 students and staff came together to raise \$28,243.

The school's fundraising efforts were celebrated through a live Sunrise weather cross, bringing the energy of the event to audiences across Australia. From students colouring their hair and shaving their heads to performances, teacher participation and support from the wider school community, the morning showcased the incredible spirit behind the campaign.

Events like Glen Waverley College's remind us that the World's Greatest Shave is about more than fundraising – it's about communities coming together to create hope, raise awareness and make a lasting difference for Australians affected by blood cancer.



Glen Waverley College continues to show up year after year for Australians with blood cancer.

Thanking all major supporters and partners

The generosity, loyalty, and passion of the Leukaemia Foundation's business partners, trusts and foundations, and philanthropists this year is greatly appreciated.

Lifetime Giving Donors

The Visionary Circle

(Donors who have given \$500,000 or more since 1975)

Dr Soheil Abedian AM and Mrs Anne
Abedian
Australian Unity Trustees Foundation
- David Roleston Bequest

Nicole Chow UAG
The late Chris Connellan
Frederiks Foundation
The Griffiths Family

Hull Family Charitable Fund
John James Foundation
The late Dr Clem Jones AO
Tour de Cure Ltd

The Humanitarian Circle

(Donors who have given \$100,000-\$499,999 since 1975)

Attaway Foundation
Australian German
- Austrian Society Limited
Dr Margaret Baird
The Barton Family Foundation
Phil Botsis Family
Bourne Foundation
The late Gloria Carige
Peter Carr
Cory Charitable Foundation
The late Terrence William Cryer
Davies Family Foundation
Margot Davies
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Julia Farrell
Adrian and Michela Fini
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Tim and Linda Goyder
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Dr Stephen Gumley AO and Mrs Sandra
Gumley
Hammond Family Foundation
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Krishna Sen FAHA
The Honda Foundation
Paul S. Hughes
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The John Villiers Trust
Julie Maas Charitable Trust
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Graham Kluck
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Lions Club of Brisbane Holland Park**
Logan Family Foundation, Bundaberg in
memory of Gail Logan
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Elizabeth McNally

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Queensland Gives Leukaemia
Foundation Fund
Rae and Peter Gunn Family Foundation
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Bequest
SMOC Association
Stan Perron Charitable Foundation
Barry Stockdale
Stockwell Webber Foundation
Sutters Foundation
Mr Bert and Mrs Vera Thiess
Anita Thomas in Honour of Graham Noel
Thomas
Tony Fini Foundation
Tony and Gai Wales
Julia Wilkins and Tony Wilkins
The William Angliss Charitable Fund
Rick Zeuschner

The Compassionate Circle

(Individuals who have given \$25,000-\$99,999 since 1975)

Agforce Central Queensland
The Alfred and Jean Dickson Foundation
Allan Frenkel Foundation
Penny and Ian Ash
Associazione S. Sebastiano Martire Da
Cerami (Enna)
Megan Baker
In Memory of Margaret Barter
Mrs Lindsay Benaud
The Late Warwick Bennet AM and
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Above is just a small selection of the incredible community of fundraisers who help make our work possible.

Remembering those who left Gifts in Wills

The Leukaemia Foundation gratefully acknowledges all those who generously left a Gift in their Will this year.

Gifts in Wills provide essential funding to help ensure the Leukaemia Foundation can continue to deliver services to Australia's blood cancer community.

They've gifted for a range of reasons, from having a personal connection to the Leukaemia Foundation, to recognising the importance of support services and wanting to help build a brighter future for clients and their families.

Also known as a bequest, a Gift in Will is a donation left to a charity in a Will. There are several types of gifts that people can leave. Our friendly Gift in Will team supports kind-hearted individuals, as they consider what type of gift suits their circumstances and personal goals.

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Just as importantly, thank you to those who prefer to stay anonymous in their gifting. Each contribution is greatly valued.

Pillar 4: Capability



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I love what I do and feel incredibly grateful to build meaningful connections with the people and families I support each day.

Orla, Leukaemia Foundation
Healthcare Professional

Building a future-ready organisation

Behind every service delivered, every family supported, and every community reached is a strong foundation that enables us to do our work effectively. Our fourth strategic pillar, Capability, is about building a future-ready organisation – one that is equipped to respond to new challenges, attract and retain talented people, foster continuous improvement and embrace innovation.

Continuing to build on our foundations

We achieved reaccreditation against the National Safety and Quality Primary and Community Healthcare Standards through Quality Innovation Performance Limited (QIP) – an important milestone that reflects our commitment to delivering trusted, high-quality support for people affected by blood cancer and their families. This accreditation places us in an even stronger position to continue reaching and supporting more people in Australia by strengthening the quality, consistency and credibility of our services.

Our people are at the centre of building this capability. For Orla, a Leukaemia Foundation Healthcare Professional based in Tasmania, making a difference means stepping outside her comfort zone to provide meaningful support to people and families facing some of life's most challenging moments.

Recognised with a Leukaemia Foundation 'Be Bold' Recognition Award, Orla was celebrated by her peers for demonstrating our values of being bold, caring deeply and making it count.

Beyond her day-to-day role supporting people affected by blood cancer, Orla also rode with Team Leukaemia Foundation in the Tour de Cure, helping raise awareness and vital funds for our cause.

By investing in our people, systems, and culture, we are creating the momentum needed to deliver our mission today, and into the future.

Leadership team 2025–2026

Board

Chair	Lucio Di Giallonardo
Director	Michelle Beveridge
Director	Professor Mark Cormack (until Feb 2026)
Director	Adjunct Professor Jane Hancock
Director	Nigel Harris AM
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Executive

CEO	Chris Tanti
CFO / GM Corporate Services	Mike Hubbard
GM Health Services	Sarah DeLacey
GM Fundraising & Growth	Charlotte Webb
GM Corporate Affairs	Susie Howard
GM People & Culture	Alice Macfarlane

Statement of comprehensive income

For the financial year ended 30 June 2026

	2026 (\$)	2025 (\$)
Revenue	39,593,748	39,206,031
Fulfilment of mission expenses	18,258,165	21,630,153
Fundraising & operational support expenses	17,949,878	15,647,340
Operating surplus for the year	3,385,705	1,928,538
Gain on acquisition of Bloomhill	–	2,935,481
Net change in fair value of financial assets	441,459	478,759
Total comprehensive income for the year	3,827,164	5,342,778

The year ended 30 June 2026 (FY26) saw the Foundation build upon the strategic successes and positive financial trajectory established in the prior year, delivering strong operational outcomes and a solid surplus to further our Mission.

- Revenue of \$39.6m can broadly be divided into three areas: Fundraising Revenue, comprising the World's Greatest Shave, philanthropy, bequests and partnerships, amounted to \$28.8m;
- Retail Revenue of \$2.5m generated by the op-shop network, introduced to diversify our income streams and to increase community presence.
- Other Revenue of \$8.3m which includes state contributions towards client accommodation, a federal grant for the provision of specialist support services and interest earned on bank deposits.

We are pleased to report, in what remains a challenging environment, that we held revenue at a consistent level with FY25 and saw strategic initiatives in fundraising and retail meet expectations.

Overall, Mission spend in FY26 was \$18.3m including \$2.5m in research funding. The apparent reduction of \$3.4m against the prior year should be seen in the context of \$3m used to establish the UWA Endowed Chair in Blood Cancer Research in FY25. Aside from this, Mission expenditure on the provision of accommodation, client support and at the Bloomhill Wellness centre increased by \$1.5m in FY26 to \$15.8m.

Fundraising & Operational Support Expenses increased by \$2.3m over the prior year. A significant proportion of the increase relates to investment in digital marketing as a means to attract and engage meaningfully with all stakeholders. Alongside this, we increased the scope of our data and analytics function to apply emerging technologies to benefit both clients and supporters.

The Foundation is pleased to report a net surplus of \$3.4m for FY26. Our aim is not to achieve a financial surplus in every year as a matter of course, but rather to maintain a resilient financial position while enabling planned investment in future years. This was again achieved in FY26. The pursuit of longer-term strategies towards our mission, as well as meeting the immediate needs of clients are in focus and shortly after the end of FY26 we signed an agreement to amalgamate with the COUCH Cancer Hub in North Queensland which will expand our capacity to provide wrap-around care in the Cairns community.

Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2026

	2026 (\$)	2025 (\$)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,538,701	5,857,319
Term deposits	26,000,000	28,000,000
Trade and other receivables	1,065,151	1,328,697
Other assets	719,429	670,701
Total current assets	37,323,281	35,856,717
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	44,696,399	49,220,757
Investment property	3,512,567	–
Right-of-use assets	3,227,038	8,265,904
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	9,370,070	6,760,347
Total non-current assets	60,806,074	64,247,008
Total assets	98,129,355	100,103,725
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	873,910	962,943
Lease liability	751,871	1,080,884
Contract liability	18,164	750,254
Provisions	1,638,400	1,302,912
Total current liabilities	3,282,345	4,096,993
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liability	2,902,030	7,840,900
Provisions	283,570	331,586
Total non-current liabilities	3,185,600	8,172,486
Total liabilities	6,467,945	12,269,479
Net assets	91,661,410	87,834,246
Equity		
Retained surplus	62,690,982	59,305,277
Reserves	28,970,428	28,528,969
Total equity	91,661,410	87,834,246

How to get involved



Give

A generous donation supports the Leukaemia Foundation's work helping the estimated 170,000 Australians living with blood cancer by providing wrap-around health services, funding leading edge research and campaigning for change.

Leave a Gift in Will

After taking care of your loved ones, a Gift in your Will is a direct and valuable way of helping to create a brighter future for Australians living with blood cancer.

Fundraise

You can get involved in one of the Leukaemia Foundation's many fundraising events, big and small, such as the World's Greatest Shave or Fundraise for Blood Cancer.

Become a member

Members are the lifeblood of the Leukaemia Foundation and play an important role in shaping the organisation's future. Lend your voice to the future of blood cancer and become a member today.

Partner with the Leukaemia Foundation

There are many ways to work with the Leukaemia Foundation and help more people living with blood cancer survive. Find out how your organisation can make an impact.

Learn more about or support Bloomhill

Learn more about Bloomhill Cancer Care by visiting their website, or fund their critical services in regional QLD by [making a donation](#) or visiting one of their op shops located across regional Queensland.

Donate blood and/or bone marrow

Stem cell transplants and blood donations save the lives of many people facing blood cancer. Visit donateblood.com.au to help.

Access the Leukaemia Foundation's support services

The Leukaemia Foundation's blood cancer support professionals can guide and support anyone impacted by blood cancer through diagnosis, treatment and beyond. Call the support line on **1800 620 420** (10am-4pm) or fill out a support request form at leukaemia.org.au

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