National Breast Cancer Foundation

TO END DEATHS FROM BREAST CANCER, WE MUST DISCOVER HOW TO STOP IT FROM PROGRESSING AND RECURRING

The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) is Australia's leading not-for-profit organisation funding world-class breast cancer research. Since 1994, NBCF has invested over $250 million into more than 650 world-class research projects across Australia.

NBCF funds breast cancer research to prevent, detect, **stop** and treat this disease – research that ultimately saves lives.

Did you know?

Breast cancer is a complex disease made up of many different subtypes. To prevent it from growing and spreading (progression) or coming back after treatment (recurrence), we need to understand the causes behind these events, even when they happen years or decades after diagnosis.

AROUND 1 IN 3 BREAST CANCERS RECUR AFTER INITIAL TREATMENT – A CHALLENGE THAT CONTINUES TO COST LIVES



MEET THE RESEARCHER:

The $25 million NBCF Collaborative Research Accelerator (CRA) Grant was awarded in 2025 to a powerful local and international collaboration led by the Garvan Institute of Medical Research.

"Our long-term goal is to reduce breast cancer deaths by half, by tackling one of the most complex and urgent challenges in the field – preventing breast cancer from returning."

– Associate Professor Christine Chaffer, NBCF-funded researcher and AllClear program lead at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research

DISSEMINATION, DORMANCY AND RELAPSE



1. Identify 'seeds' of relapse early
2. Develop tools to predict who is most at risk of relapse
3. Develop targeted therapies to eliminate these 'seeds' of relapse

As a community-funded organisation, we rely on amazing people like you to help us reach Zero Deaths from breast cancer.

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