

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



"You'll never walk alone"

CAN Assist is a charity dedicated solely to helping country people affected by cancer.

Our vision is that every cancer patient should have equitable access to cancer treatment, support services and care.

Unlike some other regional branches, Harden-Murrumburrah Can Assist does not mean test any applicants for funding.

So, if you know of someone who has been diagnosed with cancer who could do with a helping hand financially, even if only to cover the cost of petrol of travelling to medical treatment, please contact us through Harden Hospital or your local GP. We are here to help.

Did you know that there is a drop off point at the Men's Shed for aluminium cans? Please utilise this service as it provides a good source of funding for Can Assist.

Coming events

The next meeting of the Harden-Murrumburrah branch of Can Assist will be held at the community health rooms at Harden Hospital on Wednesday, November 6, starting at 7pm. A cordial invitation is extended to the community

to attend and new members are always welcome.

Our Christmas function will be held on Wednesday 4 December at the Harden Country Club. More details will be provided closer to the date, but please put the date in your diaries.

Can Assist has recently been distributing quilts to our cancer patients who are currently undergoing treatment.

The quilts have been very kindly made by members of the Murrumburrah Quilt Group and a very big "thank you" goes out to those quilt makers. It is planned that a quilt will be given to each new cancer patient that is registered with the Harden Can Assist branch, as part of a care package.

Rarely a month goes by without another referral of a newly diagnosed cancer patient to Can Assist.

Can Assist's motto is "You'll never walk alone" and it is the branch's intention that each new cancer patient will receive a quilt, just to show that someone cares.

For any inquiries about membership please call Maxine Davis on 0407 407 085 or Ros Bickford on 0407 920 585.



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Breast Cancer Day - Monday October 28

October is a time to show support for those affected by breast cancer. October is a time to reflect. October is pink. October is a time to celebrate advances in the diagnosis, treatment and management of breast cancer. October is a time to remember those lost. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

15,000 women and 125 men are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October is an opportunity to raise awareness of breast cancer and the impact it has on Australian women and families.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month originated in the United States in the 1980s and is now an internationally

recognised month for breast cancer awareness.

Monday 28 October is Australia's Breast Cancer Day, when all Australians can come together to show their support for women with breast cancer and their families.

In more recent years organisations in the UK, USA and Canada have recognised 13 October as Secondary Breast Cancer Awareness Day (or Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day), a day dedicated to publicising the issues affecting people with secondary breast cancer.

This year BCNA will join with these organisations in raising the profile of women living with secondary breast cancer.

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