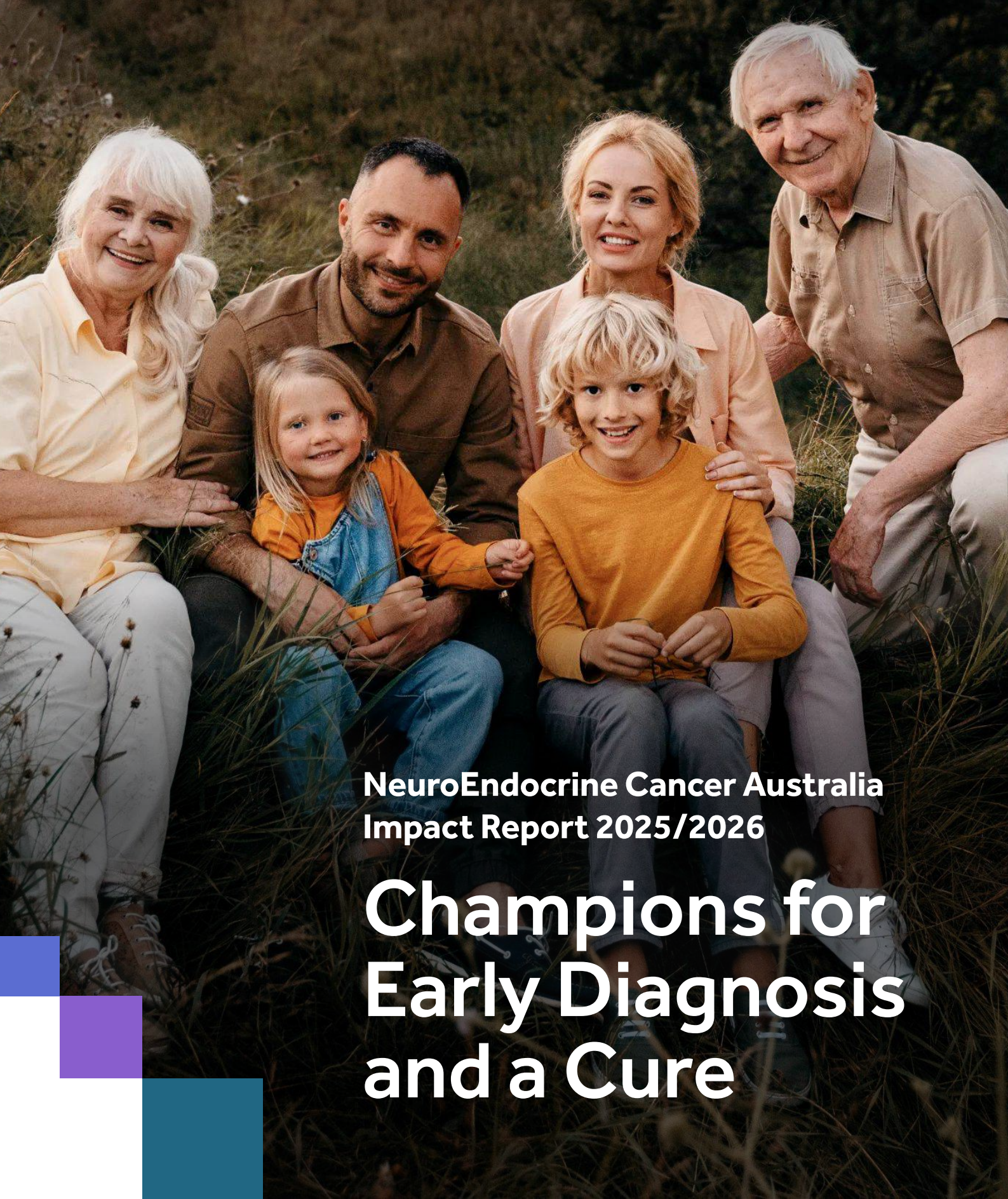




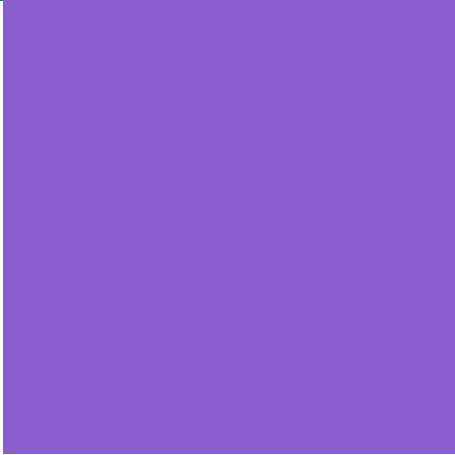
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# Champions for Early Diagnosis and a Cure





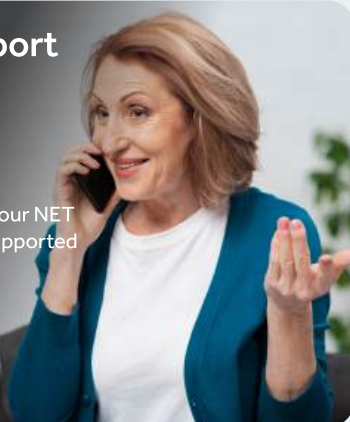
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## Patient Support Highlights

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See how many times our NET Specialist Services supported our community.



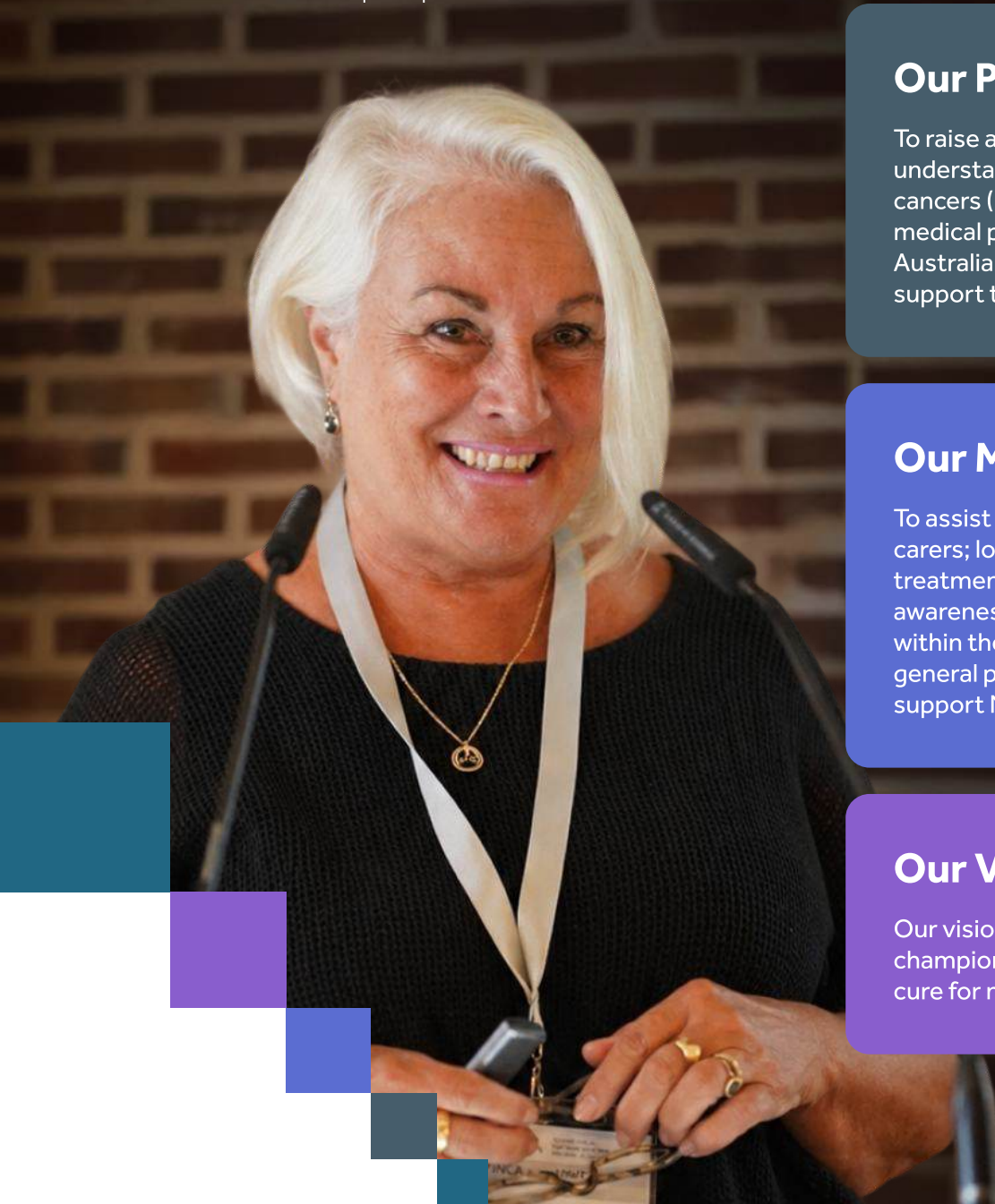
## A Story of Support

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Read about Bronwyn's experience and how NECA helped pave the way to specialised care.



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## Our Purpose

To raise awareness and understanding of neuroendocrine cancers (NETs), both within the medical profession and the wider Australian public, and provide support to our NET community.

## Our Mission

To assist and support patients and carers; lobby for new, appropriate treatments and investigations; raise awareness and knowledge of NETs within the medical community and general public and encourage and support NET Research.

## Our Vision

Our vision continues to be the champions of earlier diagnosis and a cure for neuroendocrine cancer.

# Meredith Cummins, CEO

NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia (NECA) is Australia's only not-for-profit medical charity exclusively dedicated to supporting those living with neuroendocrine cancers. Our work is guided by five core pillars - patient support, education, research, awareness, and advocacy - each designed to ensure that people affected by neuroendocrine cancer, along with their families and loved ones, are heard, supported, and empowered to access the care and treatment they deserve.

We are proud and privileged to support individuals and families navigating the diagnosis of neuroendocrine cancers including the full spectrum of genetic conditions linked to neuroendocrine cancer. This includes multiple endocrine neoplasia (MEN types 1–4), familial medullary thyroid cancer (MTC), Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) syndrome, familial pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma syndrome, succinate dehydrogenase (SDH) disorders, neurofibromatosis, and tuberous sclerosis.

This year has been one of connection, education, and accountability. We brought patients and families together at our Sydney NET Patient Forum, and Canberra NET Patient Forum, creating space for community, conversation, education and shared experience.

We launched the Will Norman Nurse Education Webinar Series, conducting two internationally connected webinars drawing on expertise from nurses in Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand. The response has been encouraging with Nurses telling us they gained much valuable information and are eager for more and we have every intention of continuing the series to meet that demand.

In October, we took our advocacy directly to Parliament with our event Equitable Access to Cancer Care, calling on the Government to close the gaps in NET care and deliver on the recommendations and commitments made in response to the Senate Inquiry. The neuroendocrine cancer community deserves accountability, and we will keep showing up until they have it.

AUS-NET, the nurse enabled shared care model to address the unmet needs of people with NETs, continued to progress this year, an important step toward reshaping how neuroendocrine cancer patients are supported and managed across Australia. We now have 178 patients taking part in this study. The role and inclusion of the General Practitioner in this study is so important ensuring they are part of the multidisciplinary team.

Importantly, we are now in year three of the four-year Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program (ACNNP), a program that has made a tangible difference to the lives of neuroendocrine cancer patients across Australia. Through this funding, we have been able to support additional specialist nurses, a specialist NET dietitian, and a specialist NET counsellor; support that patients have told us are truly life-changing. But the reality is clear: there is currently no guarantee of Government funding beyond the current term (beyond June 2027). These are not nice-to-haves, they are essential services that patients depend on. We are calling on the Government to commit to the ongoing support that this program deserves, and we won't stop until that commitment is made.

Our Living with NETs program continues to be well attended virtually. We have conducted 3 programs this past year with over 50 registrants in total. The benefits of this program shine through with those who attend gaining information about neuroendocrine cancer, treatment options, living well with neuroendocrine cancer by nutrition guidance, wellness techniques, exercise and shared experiences.

March4NETs was held for the 3rd year for the entire month of March. The community really got involved and we had 7 in person events around the country. It was so special to be involved – thank you to our facilitators at the events and to everyone who attended the events, created at team, ran a fundraiser or donated – it truly was a united community.

We also refreshed our website with improved accessibility features and introduced our Wellness Wednesday guides, created by our specialist counsellor, because we know that a NET diagnosis does not only affect the body, it affects the mind too.

At NECA, everything we do is driven by one simple belief, that NET patients deserve the same optimal care, equitable access, and support as any other cancer patient in Australia. We walk alongside our community every step of the way, advocating for earlier diagnosis, faster and more equitable access to treatments, adherence to the optimal care pathway, and a healthcare system where no NET patient is left behind.



Meredith Cummins

# With Heartfelt Thanks to Our Incredible Fundraisers and Supporters

This year, we are deeply grateful to every individual, family and community who chose to support NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia through fundraising. Whether you hosted a DIY fundraiser, took part in March4NETs, marked Neuroendocrine Cancer Day, or honoured a loved one through an In Memoriam campaign, your efforts have helped raise vital awareness and much-needed funds for those affected by neuroendocrine cancer. We are continually inspired by the passion, creativity, dedication and determination of our community.

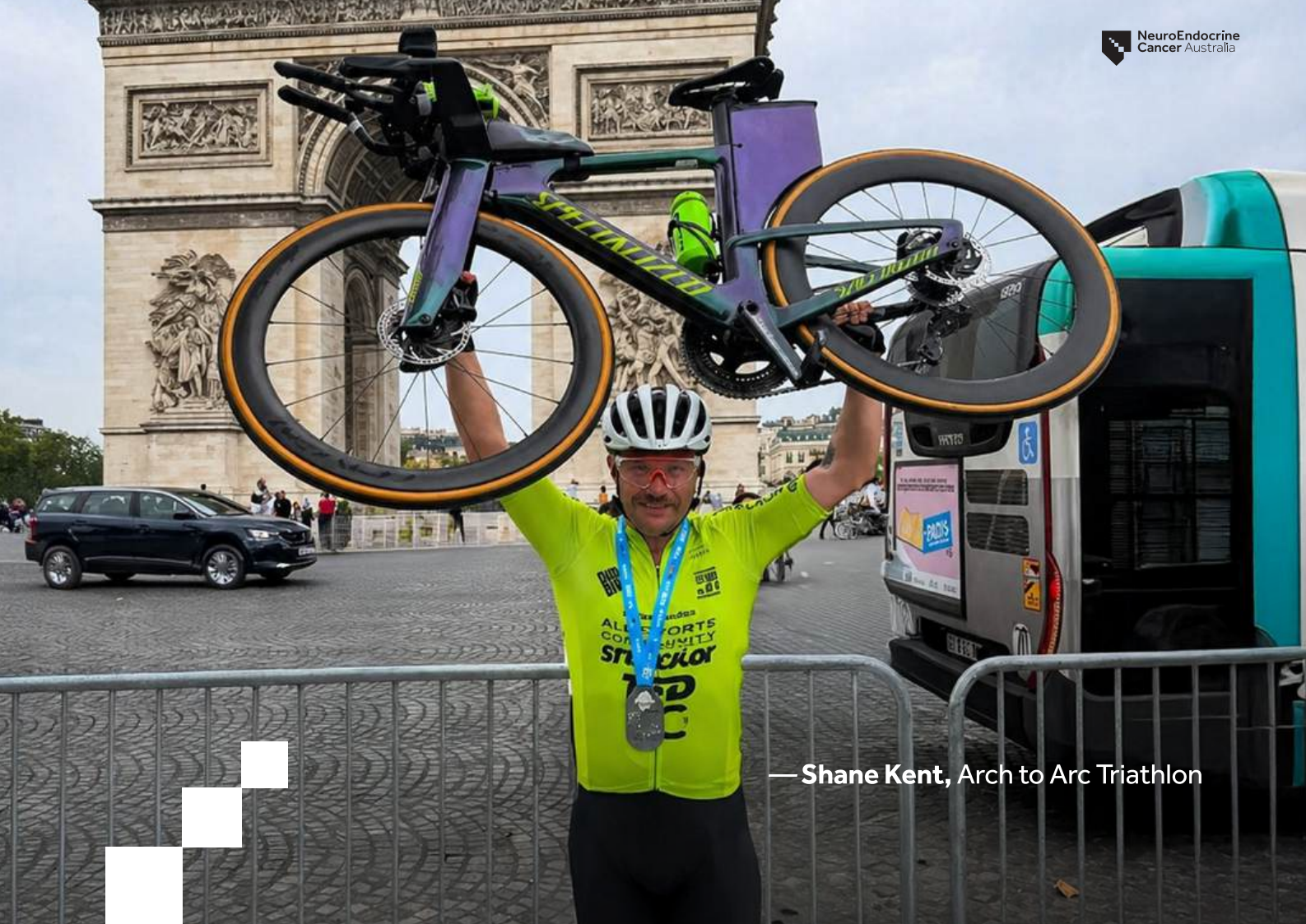
From afar, we cheered on **Shane Kent** as he completed one of the world's toughest endurance challenges, the Arch to Arc triathlon, in honour of his late mum, Maria. Closer to home, **Sharon Rickard** pushed her limits, running 82.5 kilometres over four days in Run Larapinta. **Rob Hammond** once again brought people together for his hugely successful Racing for a Cure event, now for the fourth consecutive year.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the **Norman Family Trust** for their substantial commitment over the past three years, and to our **anonymous donor** whose generous support has made a lasting impact. Together, these extraordinary contributions have enabled the funding of full-time roles at NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia, strengthening our ability to support patients and drive meaningful change.

**To every person who fundraised, donated, shared a message or stood beside someone affected by neuroendocrine cancer this year, thank you. Your dedication is helping to change outcomes and ensure no one faces this disease alone.**

**We are truly grateful.**





— Shane Kent, Arch to Arc Triathlon



— Sharon Rickard, Run Larapinta

# Our Impact This Year

**This year, NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia delivered a meaningful impact across every pillar of our work.**

We brought patients and families together at our Sydney NET Patient Forum, launched the Will Norman Nurse Education Webinar Series connecting nurses across Australia, the UK and New Zealand, and took our advocacy directly to Parliament to demand equitable access to cancer care and Government accountability on the Senate Inquiry commitments.

Our AUS-NET shared care study reached 178 enrolled patients, and in year two of the Australian Cancer Nursing and Navigation Program we continued to provide patients with access to specialist nurses, a NET dietitian, and a NET counsellor, services our community describes as life-changing.

## The 5 Pillars

NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia is governed by 5 pillars, these pillars have been created to give neuroendocrine cancer patients, their families and friends, a voice in the community and access to the care and treatment that they deserve and are at the heart of everything we do.



**Support**



**Education**



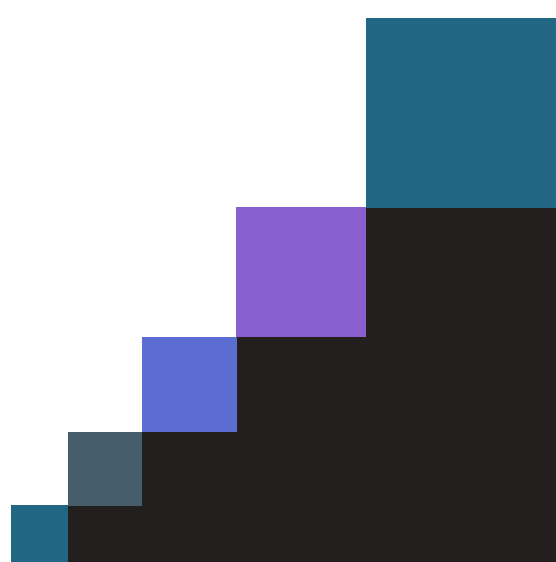
**Research**



**Awareness**



**Advocacy**



# Enquiries to the NET Specialist Service



1,793

Contacts Via Email



864

Contacts Via Message



45,672

Minutes of Support With  
NET Nurse Support Service



4,177

Contacts With NET Nurse  
Support Service



37

Healthcare Professional  
Patient Request Forms



11,700

Minutes of Support  
by Dietitian



18,196

Minutes of Support  
by Counsellor

\*based on 9 months of data

# Showcasing Our Specialist Support Services

This year, we welcomed two new specialist NET Nurses in Tasmania and Western Australia, bringing our care closer to patients who have long needed it most. We have now expanded and have dedicated support groups in Launceston and Hobart, meaning more NET patients than ever are receiving face-to-face support in their own community, alongside our national telehealth service.

**Demand to the specialist Dietitian and Counsellor remain incredibly strong: Referrals to Dietitian 179, Referrals to Counsellor 176**

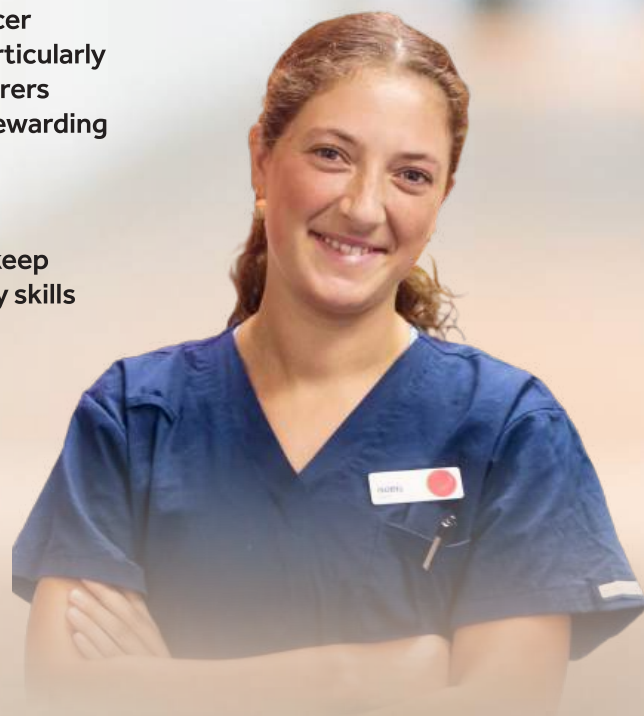


I feel very privileged to have joined the team at NECA in July 2025. Providing telehealth support to patients and their families over the phone is a responsibility I deeply value. Being able to offer a safe space for individuals to share their experiences, while providing guidance and support, is something I consider both meaningful and rewarding.

I have also had the opportunity to establish two support groups in Launceston and Hobart. There has been a clear need and strong feedback from patients in Tasmania expressing a desire to connect with others living with neuroendocrine tumours. Being able to respond to this need by planning and launching these groups, now running out of the Cancer Council in both Hobart and Launceston is an achievement I am particularly proud of. Facilitating these groups and witnessing patients and carers connect, share, and realise they are not alone is one of the most rewarding aspects of my role.

I look forward to continuing to grow these support groups and to connecting with patients and carers in person. I am also eager to keep learning from both patients and colleagues as I further develop my skills and expertise in my role as a telehealth NET nurse.

— Isobel, NET Nurse





Since working on the NET Nurse Line, as well as being a facilitator for the National Online Support Group and co-facilitating NECA support group facilitators, I've found it to be a really rewarding role.

When calls come through the NET Nurse Line, callers are often feeling quite overwhelmed. It involves taking the time to understand what the call is about and gently unpacking what they're going through so I can provide the right, tailored support. It's about creating a safe space for those often "jumbled" thoughts and helping callers make sense of things, while guiding them to the most appropriate support. This takes a lot of patience, care, and skill.

I also really value being part of a supportive team where we all look out for each other. Hearing patient stories and understanding how challenging a NET diagnosis can be, as well as navigating a healthcare system that varies across states, has been really eye-opening.

It's incredibly rewarding when you can hear the change in a caller's voice by the end of the conversation, when they feel a bit more relieved, understood, and supported. It really highlights how important the telehealth service is.

— Fee, NET Nurse



People reach out to us at all stages of their neuroendocrine cancer experience. We support people and their families following a new diagnosis, while they are navigating life with challenging symptoms and treatments, and during palliative and end of life care.

We listen as people share their fears, concerns, and hopes. Drawing on our specialist expertise to provide compassionate, knowledgeable and evidenced based supportive care, we are able to hold space for people during times when they are most vulnerable.

— Cristelle, NET Nurse





It is a privilege to be working with NECA to provide dietitian services that all NET patients nationwide can access. This service provides assistance to many patients that would, otherwise, not have access to specialist support.

Being able to help patients in the NET community improve their nutrition and symptoms to enhance their overall quality of life is incredibly important for them and equally rewarding for me as a health professional.

— Caley, Dietitian

This year, Caley has connected with NET patients 344 times, providing 11,700 minutes of dedicated nutritional support - ensuring every patient has the guidance they need to nourish their body through treatment and beyond.



I am truly enjoying being part of the NECA team and contributing to a national effort across Australia. I am learning a lot and appreciate the opportunity to connect with the Western Australian NET community, including patients, specialists, and nurses.

Participating in community events such as March 4 NETs and World Cancer Day has been very rewarding. I am also grateful for the opportunities to support the NET support groups in Perth and Bunbury.

— Tammy, NET Nurse





Being part of NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia as a NET Nurse is not only rewarding but deeply fulfilling. It is a privilege to provide patients with specialised support and resources, and to walk alongside them through every stage from pre-diagnosis to diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing follow-up.

We are also able to offer access to a NET counsellor and dietitian, along with continued support from our team of specialised nurses, all at no cost to the patient. Knowing that patients have this level of care and support available is incredibly meaningful.

Advocating for equitable care and improved treatment options is also at the heart of what NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia does. It is something we are passionate about and will continue to champion for all NET patients.

— Dana, NET Nurse



It is deeply rewarding to provide specialist counselling support to individuals and families affected by neuroendocrine cancer. Access to dedicated counselling plays a vital role in helping people navigate the significant emotional impact of diagnosis and treatment, strengthening coping capacity and overall wellbeing.

Over the past two years as NECA's specialist counsellor, I've witnessed first-hand the growing demand for this support and the meaningful difference it can make during times of profound vulnerability. I feel honoured to continue supporting the NECA community in this way.

The ongoing uptake of the counselling service reflects both its value and the trust placed in it, something I find incredibly fulfilling, both professionally and personally.

— Amanda, Counsellor



Amanda has been a steady, compassionate presence for our community this year, providing 400 contacts and 18,196 minutes of counselling support - because living with NETs affects not just the body, but the mind and spirit too.



I feel incredibly honoured and privileged to support the neuroendocrine cancer (NETs) community, helping to raise awareness and educate healthcare professionals on this often misunderstood cancer.

As a not-for-profit organisation, NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia keeps its mission at the heart of all activities, and I am grateful to be part of an organisation committed to making a meaningful difference.

— **Kahlia**, Nurse Educator/Project Officer



## Living With NETs

Our “Living with NETs” program is a FREE online cancer education program that provides neuroendocrine cancer patients and carers with vital information to help them navigate the healthcare system, gain a deeper understanding of NETs, their treatment options and other topics that will support their day to day lives.

This financial year, 58 people attended our Living with NETs program, providing 8 hours of dedicated education and delivering 368 hours of support to our community. Year on year, more people are finding their way to this program, and we are proud that every one of them receives the same quality, specialist education they deserve.

Click or scan the QR code to learn more



# Creating a NET Community Connection

This year marks a significant milestone in our ability to support NET patients across Australia. Together, we have grown our team to five specialist NET Nurses as well as a Counsellor, and a Dietitian, standing alongside our community every step of the way.

Our team works remotely across the country, ensuring every NET patient, no matter where they live, has equitable access to the care and support they deserve. But we haven't stopped there. Together, we have raised our voices to advocate for faster access to treatments and fought to expedite critical therapies onto the PBS, because no patient should wait longer than necessary for the care they need. We continue to push for the Government to secure ongoing funding for these vital roles beyond 2027, so the support our community depends on is never in doubt.

Throughout the year, our nurses have had the privilege of meeting patients face-to-face at NET Patient Forums, Support Groups, and March4NETs community events, deepening the bonds that make our advocacy so powerful.

This year, 255 people attended our live March4NETs events, doubling last year's attendance. Together, we are growing stronger, speaking louder, and ensuring that no NET patient walks this path alone.



“ I found the NET Nurse Service incredibly helpful. The support was prompt, reassuring, and very informative during a time when everything felt overwhelming. I appreciated the clarity of the explanations, the compassionate approach, and the resources provided, especially the list of specialists and the suggested questions to ask my doctors. The service has been professional, warm, and genuinely supportive. Thank you for the guidance and care.

— NET patient



Neuroendocrine cancers have long been misunderstood and under-resourced, and for too long, patients have paid the price through delayed diagnoses and limited treatment options. I have spent my career working to change that, and I know that real change doesn't happen in isolation. It happens when clinicians, patients, and advocates stand together and refuse to be ignored.

I am incredibly proud to represent NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia as Medical Ambassador, Australia's only not-for-profit medical charity solely dedicated to NETs. That singular focus matters. It means every effort, every dollar, and every conversation is directed where it is needed most, toward the people living with this disease and the treatments that can change their lives.

Together, we have the opportunity to push for faster access to treatments, greater awareness, and a future where every NET patient, no matter where they live, receives the world-class care they deserve.

This community has shown extraordinary strength and resilience. It is my privilege to add my voice to theirs.

— **Prof Stephen Clarke**, OAM MBBS PhD MD FRACP FChPM FAHMS GAICD  
and NECA Medical Ambassador





What a huge year for NECA, and I've been so proud to be an Ambassador.

Our Parliamentary event again held the attention of our politicians and interest groups. More impact and more awareness every year is so crucial, and this was another successful showing in Canberra.

And so good earlier this year to see all the great supporters of NECA turn out for March4NET's around Australia, and especially at the big walk in Sydney. So many enthusiastic people are getting behind the medical teams, nurses and patients by raising much needed funds. And it was a great morning out!

— **Michael Usher**, TV Presenter, Reporter and NECA Ambassador



**31,000+**

Australians living with Neuroendocrine Cancer today



A statistic to most, but to those of us who make up that statistic, we're acutely aware that each one is someone's sister, brother, daughter, son, mum, dad, grandfather, grandmother.

Thank you NECA for all you do for all 31,000+ of us.

— **Cassie Miller**, Patient Ambassador

# NECA Resource Snapshot

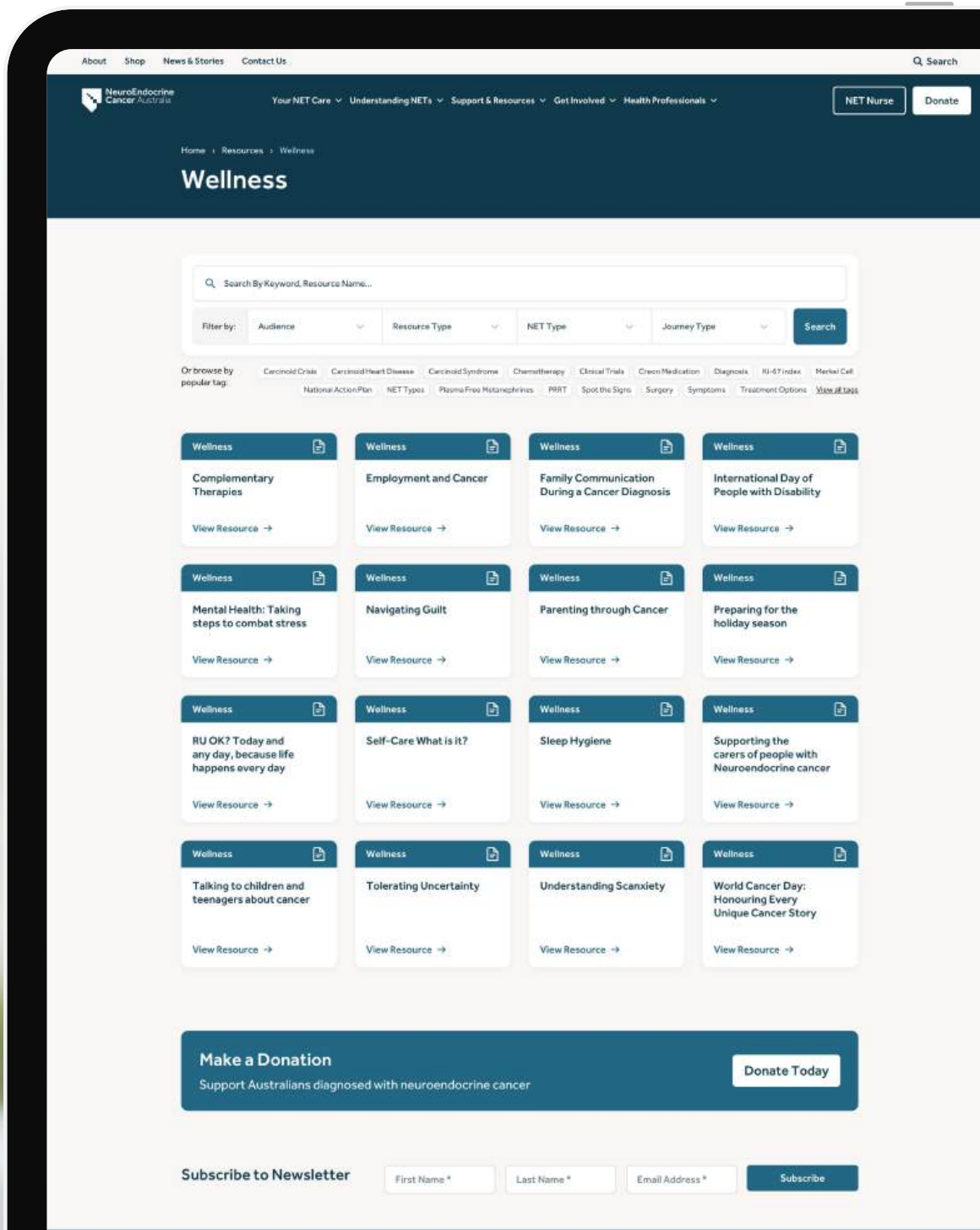
NECA's resources are available wherever and whenever patients need them online, on demand, or simply over the phone. This year, our growing suite of resources reached more people than ever before, with hundreds of thousands of visitors exploring trusted, neuroendocrine cancer specialist information at their own pace.



# Wellness Wednesday

A NET diagnosis can be overwhelming, not just physically but emotionally too. That is why we created our Wellness Wednesday guides, developed by our specialist counsellor to provide free, accessible support for patients, carers and their families. Shared every alternate Wednesday across our social media channels and housed on our website for people to browse at any time, these resources cover topics that matter most to our community, from managing grief and family communication during a cancer diagnosis, to meditation, self-care, mental health and navigating difficult seasons like Christmas.

For many patients, carers and their families, these resources offer a moment of comfort and practical guidance during what can be an incredibly challenging experience.



Scan or click to view all of our wellness resources.



# Expert Support for NET Patients, Carers and Healthcare Professionals

**NECA is committed to equity in cancer care and works in partnership with the National Aboriginal and Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Services (ACCHO), and other community organisations to co-design culturally safe and accessible information and support.**

**We aim to ensure all people, including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, culturally and linguistically diverse communities (CALD), LGBTIQ+ individuals, adolescents and young adults, older Australians, people living with a mental illness, people with disability, those in rural and regional areas, and people experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage, receive the care they need, delivered in ways that are inclusive, respectful and appropriate.**

NET patients and carers need not feel alone. NECA provides personalised one-on-one support through our specialist support services, and our dedicated team, including specialist NET staff and volunteers, facilitates both virtual and face-to-face support groups across Australia.

This year, we further strengthened our nursing team with the addition of new specialist NET Nurses, building on the counselling and dietitian services introduced last year to ensure every patient receives the wraparound, holistic support they need.

We offer a variety of support options, including:

- Virtual and in-person support groups
- One-on-one peer support through Cancer Connect referrals
- A moderated private Facebook discussion group with over 2,500 members, a 25% increase on last year
- A dedicated Facebook group just for carers
- A specialist Neuroendocrine Cancer Nurses Network Facebook Group
- Free interpreting services available in your language, ensuring language is never a barrier to support

Our virtual support groups are open to all NET patients and carers, regardless of where they live. They are especially valuable for those in regional and remote areas, helping to overcome geographic isolation and build a strong, connected community.



# Fostering Knowledge and Skills

A skilled and informed workforce is essential to delivering the best possible care for NET patients. NECA continues to support healthcare professionals nationwide and internationally through a range of free education and training opportunities.

Our accredited online education modules have now reached over 4,800 enrolments, equipping clinicians with the latest knowledge in NET diagnosis, treatment, and care. In addition, we deliver tailored in-service training sessions to GP practices, oncology centres, and other healthcare teams, meeting demand where it is needed most.

This year, we proudly launched the Will Norman Nurse Webinar Series, a virtual, patient-led nurse education program delivered in partnership with Neuroendocrine Cancer UK (NCUK) and Neuroendocrine Cancer New Zealand. This international collaboration brings together specialist nurses and patient voices from across the globe, ensuring our nursing community has access to world-class, lived-experience informed education no matter where they are.

As a key stakeholder in the development of the Neuroendocrine Tumour Optimal Care Pathway (OCP), NECA actively promotes its use, particularly the Quick Reference Guide for GPs, to ensure appropriate investigations, timely referrals, integration into Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) care, and best-practice management across the patient journey.

**130+**

HCPs trained in 25/26

**4,800+**

HCPs enrolled (including over 1,000 nurses)

**350**

Will Norman Nurse Webinar attendees and views

**6**

International and National HCP Conferences attended

**15**

Membership Peak Bodies

## Our Affiliates

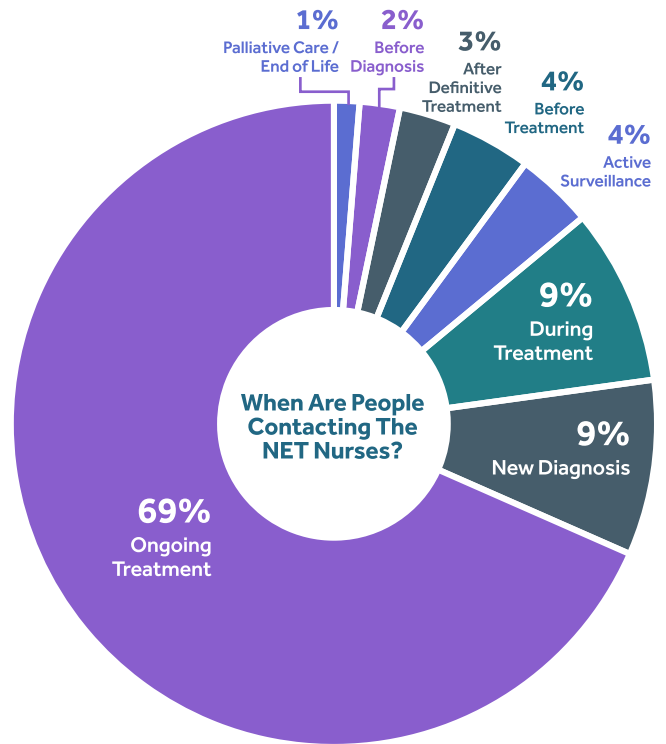


# When People Contact the NET Nurse

The patients who reach out to us are at every stage of their NET experience, but what stands out is that 69% are in ongoing treatment, reflecting the long-term, chronic nature of living with Neuroendocrine Cancer.

One in ten comes to us at the point of new diagnosis, often overwhelmed and searching for answers. Others are navigating treatment decisions, active surveillance, or end of life care.

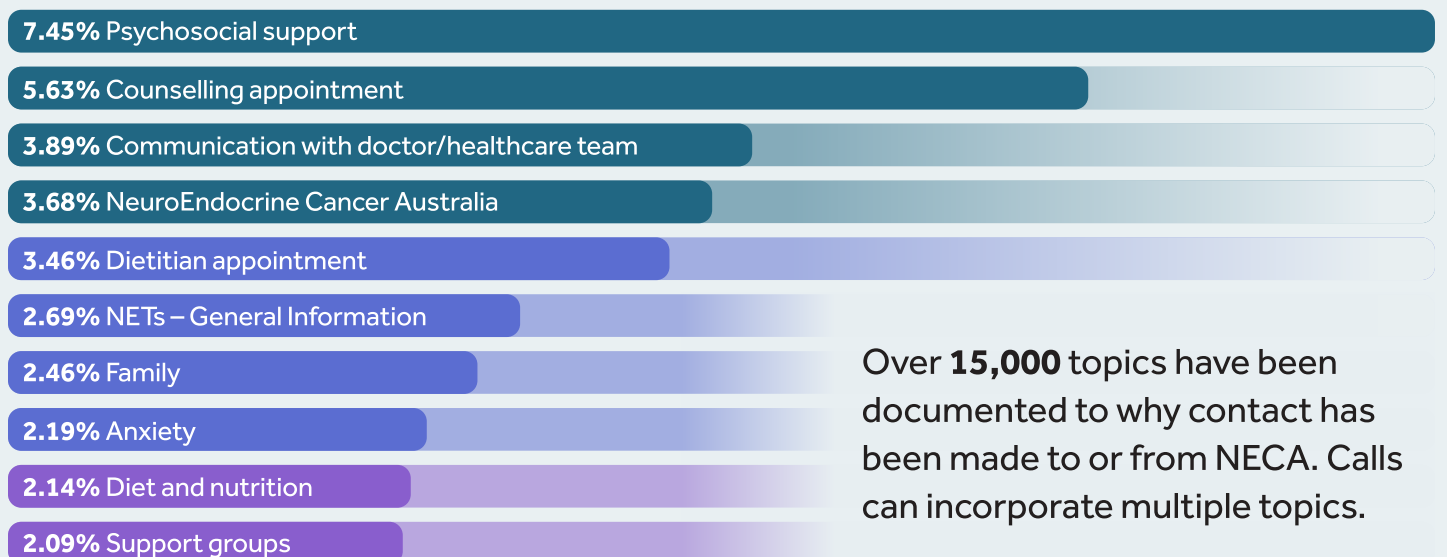
Wherever people are in their journey, we are here.



My partner and I had some concerns. Talking with the NET Nurse we felt heard, respected and given good advice and reassurance. I also had a call back a couple of days later to check and see how I was doing. I honestly don't know what we would do without this wonderful service. We are incredibly grateful to have NECA with us on this roller coaster... they definitely help make the ride smoother. I tell as many people as I can about NECA. Thank you. We love you all.

# Motivation To Contact The NET Nurse

## Top 10 Reasons Patients Contacted the NET Nurse Over the Past Year



Over **15,000** topics have been documented to why contact has been made to or from NECA. Calls can incorporate multiple topics.

# Supporting Neuroendocrine Cancer Patients - When and How They Need it Most

Demand for our services continues to grow significantly, with overall patient contacts increasing by **49%** compared to last year, including a **32%** rise in new patients seeking support.

## A Story of Support

### Bronwyn's Story

For a year, Bronwyn was told her exhaustion, flushing and bowel issues were "just menopause." Then a scan for an unrelated infection revealed the truth: neuroendocrine cancer.

After surgery, her local oncology unit had never treated a neuroendocrine cancer patient before and she was left to carry on alone, with no one who understood the disease.

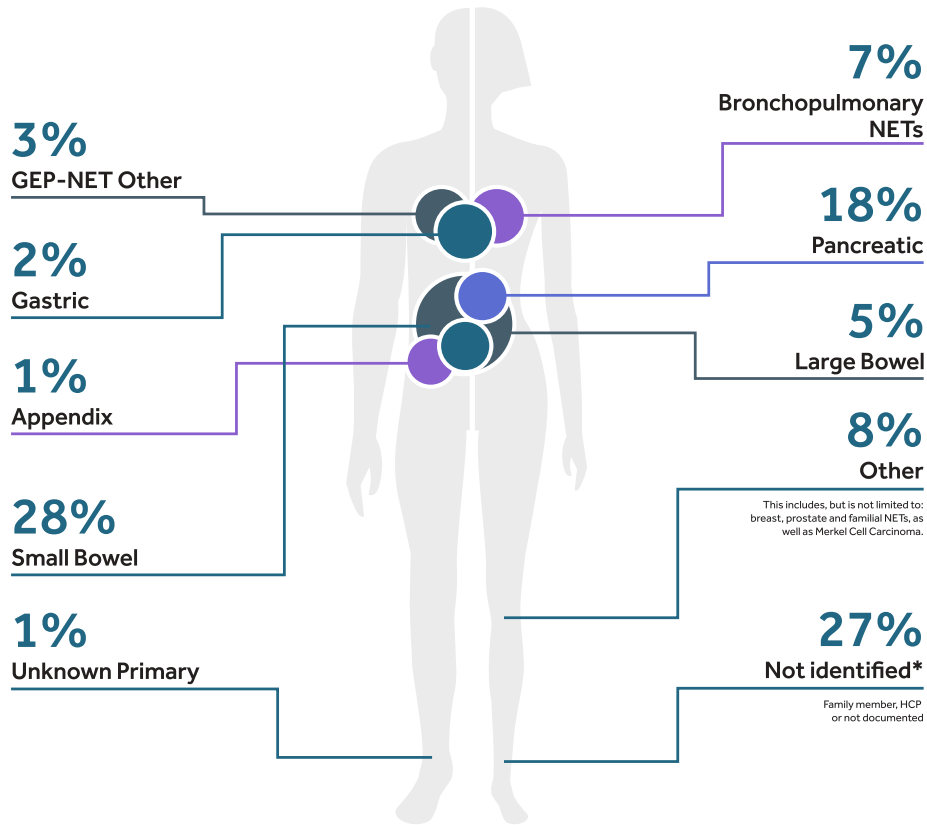
Then she called NECA's NET Nurse and everything changed.

Click or Scan  
to read Bronwyn's  
full story



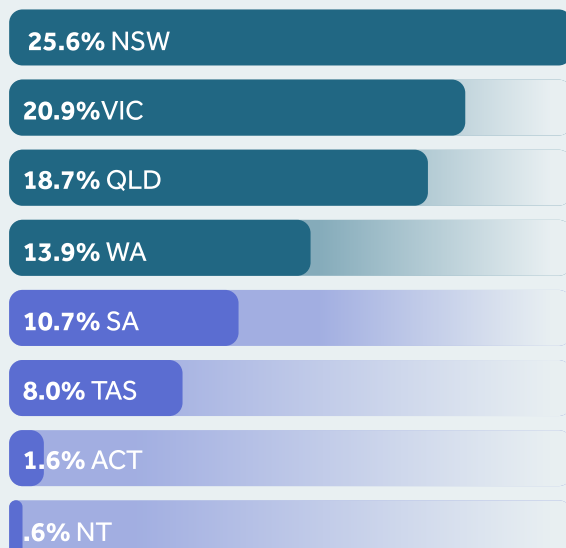
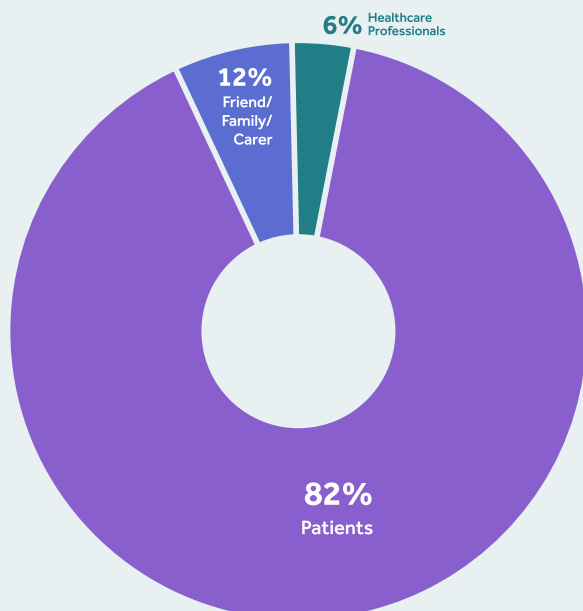
# Patients we Support by Location/Type

Neuroendocrine tumours (NETs), often called Nearly Everywhere Tumours by Healthcare Professionals, can appear anywhere throughout the body. Here is a breakdown of patients we support by NET location:



\*Not identified 27% (This may be a family member/carer/support person calling or otherwise not documented)

# Our Reach is Far and Wide



# Where Your Money Goes

We are grateful for the Government grant that has helped build and sustain our specialist support services, but this funding ceases in 2027. Since day one, demand for these roles has never stopped growing, and we are determined to ensure that they never do. We rely on the generosity of people like you to make that possible.

Your donations directly benefit:

 01

### Specialist Telehealth Services

The long-term sustainability of our specialist Telehealth service

 02

### Research and Resource Development

Explainer videos, fact sheets, the NECA website, and the PLANET Registry — Australia's first dedicated NET registry.

 03

### Education Sessions

Education sessions for both healthcare professionals and patients living with NETs

 04

### Support Groups

Ongoing support groups, moderated Facebook communities, and carer-specific groups

 05


### Advocacy

Advocacy for better access and faster access to treatment and equity for NET Patients

Every dollar you give helps us ensure that when Government funding ends in 2027, our community does not feel it. The nurses, counselors, and advocates who have been there for NET patients since day one will still be there, because of you.

If you can, please donate. As Australia's only not-for-profit medical charity solely dedicated to Neuroendocrine Cancer, every dollar you give goes directly to supporting NET patients and their families, and nowhere else. Your support ensures that no one faces Neuroendocrine Cancer alone.

**Donate to Support  
our Mission**

Scan or click the QR code to donate to NECA 



# Our 2026/2027 Goals

These priorities will set the goals we are trying to achieve in the next 2 years.

1/3	2026 Goals	2027 Goals
<p><b>Support</b></p> <p><b>Enhance NET patient support</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Secure additional funding to provide ongoing regional &amp; rural access to services and support</li> <li>● Obtain additional nurses providing telehealth and referral pathways</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Secure national coverage of NET specialist nurses across all states and territories, including regional and rural areas</li> <li>● Strengthen integrated care pathways between NECA services, hospitals and primary care</li> <li>● Advocate for long-term, sustainable funding for Specialist Support Services beyond 2027</li> <li>● Improve accessibility of support services for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples</li> <li>● Develop culturally appropriate models of care to ensure equitable access to support services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Education</b></p> <p><b>Increase education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop and expand educational resources for multidisciplinary HCPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deliver structured national and international education programs for healthcare professionals across disciplines</li> <li>● Ensure ongoing review and development of patient and HCP resources to reflect best practice</li> <li>● Translate and adapt patient education materials to improve accessibility for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities</li> <li>● Partner with community organisations to develop and deliver culturally appropriate education and materials for CALD and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities</li> </ul>

### 2026 Goals

### 2027 Goals

#### Awareness

##### Increase awareness and visibility

- Increased attendance over previous years dedicated annual NETs event
- Development of media kit for third parties to use in their outreach
- 15% increase on previous years media presence
- Deliver coordinated national awareness campaigns aligned to key policy and funding priorities
- Strengthen media engagement to increase visibility of neuroendocrine cancer at a national level
- Expand use of patient storytelling to highlight system gaps and drive engagement
- Equip stakeholders, MPs and partners with tools to amplify awareness messaging
- Deliver targeted awareness initiatives to reach priority and underrepresented populations, including culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, regional and rural communities, older Australians and people living with mental illness
- Increase reach of campaigns through culturally relevant channels and partnerships

#### Research

##### Foster advancements and innovation

- NECA is acknowledged as partner of choice for inclusion in international trials and projects—key stakeholders—INCA, ENETs, CommNETs
- Strengthen national data capability through expansion and utilisation of the PLANET Registry
- Increase collaboration and inclusion with research, clinical and industry partners nationally and internationally
- Advocate for increased and equitable government investment in NET research
- Work with industry and government to strengthen Australia's position as a destination for global clinical trials, improving patient access to emerging therapies
- Promote inclusive research practices to ensure representation of diverse patient populations and rare and less common tumour types

	2026 Goals	2027 Goals
<p><b>Advocacy</b></p> <p><b>Equity of access to treatments (PBS)</b></p> <p><b>Equity of access to diagnostic investigations (MBS)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued implementation of the National Action Plan</li> <li>Recognition—secure ongoing funding from Government by lobbying for support services and resources</li> <li>Garner third party support to lobby on NECA's behalf for significant allocation of funding of NETs through major MRFF grant or Federal Budget item</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive policy reform to improve timeliness of access to treatments, including HTA processes</li> <li>Maintain accountability on implementation of Senate Inquiry recommendations</li> <li>Secure national and state-based investment in NET specialist nursing and support services</li> <li>Strengthen coordinated engagement with government, policymakers and key stakeholders</li> <li>Expand advocacy influence through partnerships and third-party engagement</li> <li>Position NECA as a leading patient voice in policy, research and system reform</li> <li>Advocate for equitable access to diagnosis, treatment and care across all populations, addressing disparities in underserved communities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Financial Sustainability</b></p> <p><b>Increase funding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued implementation of the National Action Plan</li> <li>Clinical Trials</li> <li>Corporate Partners</li> <li>Prebudget Submission</li> <li>Non government Grant applications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure sustained and diversified government funding across federal and state levels</li> <li>Expand partnerships across corporate, philanthropic and research sectors</li> <li>Grow revenue through national and state-based fundraising initiatives</li> <li>Strengthen alignment between funding opportunities and strategic priorities</li> <li>Increase investment to support expanded reach and engagement across the full NET community</li> </ul>

# How You Can Support Us



## Give a Regular Gift

Your monthly donation creates lasting impact, funding advocacy, specialist support, HCP and patient education, and vital research into NETs.



## Leave a Gift in Your Will

A gift to NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia in your Will is easier than you think. Use our free partner service, *EveryWill*, to write your Will online today.



## Philanthropy and Partnerships

Partner with us and help shape the future of NET cancer care. We'd love to introduce NECA over a no-obligation meeting, together, we can do so much more.



I was diagnosed with an extremely rare neuroendocrine cancer that most people had never heard of. I underwent 2 massive surgeries and thankfully I'm still here today to tell the tale. NECA was there when I needed answers, support, and hope. It was like having arms wrapped around me! I donate every month because I know there are others out there, just like me, who need to find that same lifeline. It's not about the amount, it's about showing up consistently, because that's exactly what NECA does for patients every single day.

My regular donation is a small thing, but when I think about the research, the awareness, and the community that NECA is building, I know every dollar is going somewhere that truly matters. This is Australia's only charity dedicated to NET patients. That alone tells you how important it is to keep it going."

— **Betty Murdoch**, NET patient

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