



2026 Impact report





Acknowledgement of Country

Lung Foundation Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work throughout Australia and their unceded sovereignty of and continuing connection to land and sea. We pay our respects to First Nations' cultures and to Elders past and present. We acknowledge the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in lung disease and lung cancer. We commit to working with communities to Close the Gap on lung health and build on the strengths of communities to lead the path to healthy lungs for all.

We thank our **Patron, Governor-General**, Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC for her support and patronage.

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Welcome from the Chairperson and CEO

A year of progress, collaboration and shared purpose

As we reflect on 2026, we do so with immense pride, gratitude, and optimism. This year marked a defining moment for Lung Foundation Australia with the launch of our 2026-2030 Corporate Plan, Lung Health for All, a bold national plan for lung health designed to improve lifelong respiratory health, prevent lung disease and cancer and drive person-centred innovation across Australia.

Developed through 18 months of extensive national consultation and consumer research, Lung Health for All represents more than Lung Foundation Australia's strategic direction. It is the nation's lung health strategy and a call to action for governments, healthcare professionals and providers, researchers, communities and people with living experience to work together to close the lung health gap and ensure every Australian has the opportunity to breathe easier and live healthier lives.

The impact highlighted in this report demonstrates the progress already being made. Through advocacy, support services, education, research partnerships and awareness initiatives,

we have helped improve access to care, amplify the voices of people with living experience, and advance meaningful reforms across the lung health landscape.

Looking forward, Lung Foundation Australia will continue to drive reforms and programs that improve lung health for all including:

- The funding of a dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lung Health Team
- Investment in the next generation COPD X guidelines including a new focus on equity and comorbidities
- Standing up and enhancing our data, insights and evaluation capabilities
- Growing our organisation footprint by adding interstitial lung disease, and pulmonary fibrosis to the respiratory care nursing support of the Lung Health Helpline
- Launching new policy reforms in vaping, tobacco and early years lung health and
- Completing phase one of our expansion into West Australia.

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Behind every outcome is a person, family, or community whose life has been touched by our work. These stories remind us why our mission matters and why continued collaboration is essential.

We thank our volunteers, donors, members, partners, healthcare professionals and supporters for their unwavering commitment.

To the incredible staff and team at Lung Foundation Australia, thank you for your dedication, hard work, creativity and passion.

Together, we are turning the vision of Lung Health for All into a reality and creating a healthier future for generations to come.



Professor Lucy Morgan
Chairperson



Mark Brooke
Chief Executive Officer





From L-R: Lung Foundation Australia CEO Mark Brooke, with Associate Professor David Fielding, Professor Jane Bourke, Professor Kenneth O'Byrne with Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Australia's Governor-General (centre), Professor Fraser Brims, Lung Foundation Australia's Board Chair and Respiratory Physician Professor Lucy Morgan, Professor Catherine Jones and Professor Gary Anderson at the Admiralty House earlier this year. Photo: Lung Foundation Australia

2026 Lung Health Legends: Recognising Impact that transforms Lung Health

Lung Foundation Australia's 2026 Lung Health Legends Awards celebrate six exceptional leaders whose sustained contributions are helping transform the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of lung disease and lung cancer across Australia.

Presented at Admiralty House by Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of Australia, the awards recognise the far-reaching impact of respiratory experts whose work extends from research and clinical care to policy, advocacy and education.

Together, Professors Catherine Jones, Fraser Brims, Kenneth O'Byrne, Jane Bourke and Gary Anderson, and Associate Professor David Fielding are helping deliver better outcomes for people affected by lung disease.

Their impact spans some of Australia's most pressing lung health challenges. Professor Jones has helped advance imaging for occupational lung disease and lung cancer, including through her contribution to the National Lung Cancer Screening Program. Professor Brims has combined research, clinical leadership and policy expertise

to strengthen the prevention and management of dust disease, mesothelioma and lung cancer.

In thoracic oncology, Professor O'Byrne's research into biomarkers, drug resistance and genomic instability is supporting more personalised approaches to lung cancer treatment. Associate Professor Fielding is advancing early and accurate diagnosis through innovative biopsy techniques and genomic testing.

Professor Bourke's research is accelerating the development of new treatments for asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, COPD and silicosis, while Professor Anderson's research has contributed to four respiratory medicines and helped shape precision medicine internationally.

Their achievements demonstrate the power of sustained leadership and collaboration to create lasting change. Through their contributions, the 2026 Lung Health Legends are helping advance research, influence policy, improve diagnosis and treatment, and ultimately improve outcomes and save lives for people affected by lung disease and lung cancer.



Trish is a patient advocate and supporter for Lung Foundation Australia who lives with pulmonary fibrosis. Photo: Lung Foundation Australia

Who we are

Our direction is clear: healthier lungs and better lives for every Australian

Our Vision

Healthy Lungs for All.

Our Mission

To lead lung health and transform lives through impactful programs, policy, campaigns, and research.

Our Values

- **Trusted:** We are a credible, evidence-based authority in lung health, disease, and cancer.
- **Excellence:** We set the standard through expertise, leadership and innovation – striving every day for the highest quality in everything we do.
- **Impact-driven:** We create meaningful, lasting impact in lung health, with a commitment to equity and addressing disparities.
- **Collaborative and inclusive:** We listen deeply, value lived experience and work together for better outcomes.
- **Curious and innovative:** We embrace new ideas and technologies, challenge the status quo, and remain responsive and adaptable in a changing world.
- **Empathetic and fair:** We approach our work with care, compassion, and fairness, and with a deep understanding of those we serve.

Our Strategic Priorities

- Promote lifelong lung health and prevent disease
- Advance lung health equity
- Support people to live well with lung disease
- Drive life-changing research and innovation
- Purposeful leadership and ethical governance



Michel is a prominent Brisbane-based lung cancer survivor and patient advocate who works closely with Lung Foundation Australia to raise awareness and fund research. Photo: Lung Foundation Australia

Why lung health matters

Every statistic represents a person whose health, family and future may be affected

Lung disease and lung cancer can affect anyone. They can change how a person works, exercises, sleeps, cares for family and participates in the life they value. A diagnosis can bring uncertainty for the person affected and for the people who love and care for them.

Too often, symptoms such as a persistent cough or breathlessness are dismissed; diagnosis comes late, or people struggle to find clear information and specialist support. Lung cancer remains Australia's deadliest cancer, while many lung diseases continue to receive less attention and investment than their impact warrants.

The burden is not experienced equally. Barriers to prevention, timely diagnosis and appropriate care may be greater for some communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people living in rural and remote areas, people with disability, people experiencing mental health challenges, people from multicultural communities, people from LGBTIQ+ communities, workers exposed to hazardous dusts, and people facing financial barriers.

This is why Lung Foundation Australia works across the full lung health experience. We help people understand and protect their lung health, connect them with trusted information and specialist support, strengthen the voice of people with living experience, advocate for fair access to care and invest in research that can improve the future.

WHY OUR WORK MATTERS

People need compassionate, practical support today and sustained investment in better prevention, care and research for tomorrow.

Impact at a glance

Across Australia, people turned to Lung Foundation Australia for a clearer next step: to check a symptom, understand a workplace risk, ask a nurse a difficult question, find others who understood or help shape better care. These figures capture only part of that story, but together they show the reach of our work and the difference made possible through trusted partnerships, specialist expertise, and the determination of our community.

IMPACT IN EVERY NUMBER

Behind every interaction is a person seeking answers, care, connection, or hope. Our responsibility is to make that next step easier and to keep pushing for the changes people affected by lung disease and lung cancer deserve.

Lung Foundation Australia Fundraiser and Donor Elizabeth Yates.

42,180

digital lung health assessments completed across the Lung Health Checklist and Healthy Lungs at Work quiz

8,352⁺

interactions and enquiries supported across the Lung Health Helpline and Lung Cancer Screening Helpline

1,900⁺

new patients supported by Specialist Lung Cancer Nurses

1,332

peer support members

155

external consumer engagement opportunities

25

new research grants and awards supported

24

research institutions and health services named in the reporting-year affiliations list

13,052

Healthcare professional interactions with clinical networks, education and training

19th

most trusted charity in Australia and top 10 most trusted health charities

\$4.2m

invested in new research grants, fellowships, awards and partnerships across 15 lung health research institutions

The scale matters, but so does what followed. People gained information they could use in a healthcare conversation, specialist nurses connected patients with care, peer networks reduced isolation, people with living experience influenced research and policy, and partnerships carried lung health messages further than we could alone.

Promote lifelong lung health and prevent disease

Helping people recognise risk, protect their lungs and act earlier

People are more likely to act when lung health information feels relevant, practical, and easy to understand. Throughout the year, our campaigns and assessment tools helped Australians recognise symptoms, understand workplace risks and identify when to seek medical advice or further support.

Prevention also requires action beyond the individual. Lung Foundation Australia brought evidence and people with living experience into policy discussions about tobacco, vaping, respiratory infections, occupational exposure and access to preventive healthcare.

Together with communities, healthcare professionals and partner organisations, we worked to make lung health more visible and to give people clearer pathways from awareness to action.

Community support helps transform awareness into action

During Lung Health Awareness Month, supporters raised awareness of lung disease and lung cancer while encouraging Australians to better understand their own lung health. Campaign activity contributed to almost 4,200 health assessments being completed and nearly \$50,000 being raised to support programs and research, helping more people recognise symptoms and take positive action towards earlier diagnosis and care.

WHAT WE SET OUT TO CHANGE

More people understand what can affect their lungs, recognise when something is not right, and know where to turn for trusted advice.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia would like to thank our donors and supporters who raised vital funds throughout Lung Health Awareness Month while encouraging Australians to better understand their own lung health.

Raising community awareness of lung disease and lung cancer

A year of coordinated activity helped more Australians connect to lung health, understand risk and know where to turn

628,000

Australians reached through social media during Lung Health Awareness Month

4.7 million

impressions through Google during Lung Health Awareness Month

54 million

potential commuter impressions across national rail networks during Lung Health Awareness Month

1.65 million

impressions across Meta during Lung Health Awareness Month

234,000+

digital audio impressions during Lung Health Awareness Month

235

federal and state politicians engaged for Lung Health Awareness Month

It's easy to take your lungs for granted until changes in your breathing start to affect daily life. Throughout the year, our awareness campaigns brought lung disease and lung cancer into public conversation and paired that visibility with something practical: a health assessment, trusted information, a community event or a pathway to support.

Lung Health Awareness Month, Shine a Light and other campaigns run throughout the year reached different people, but carried the same message: symptoms should not be dismissed, preventable risks deserve attention and nobody affected by lung disease or lung cancer should feel invisible.

Community hosts gave that message a human face. Antoniette Gomez's contribution to Shine a Light reflects the generosity of people who create a place for remembrance, connection and hope. By standing alongside community hosts and people living with lung cancer, Lung Foundation Australia helps personal experience become a stronger public voice for better support and research.

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I now feel very privileged to be able to support the work of Lung Foundation Australia and to use my experience as a consumer advocate.

Antoniette Gomez, consumer advocate

Shine a Light on Lung Cancer demonstrates the power of community-led action. In 2025, supporters across Australia united to honour loved ones, support those living with lung cancer and advocate for a better future. Together they raised more than \$200,000 through community walks and fundraising initiatives, helping fund research, specialist support services and advocacy while ensuring nobody affected by lung cancer feels alone.

THE IMPACT

Messages became more meaningful when they lead people to assess their lung health, talk with a healthcare professional, find support, or stand with a community calling for change.

From a symptom to a clearer next step

The lung health checklist helped people recognise when a cough or breathlessness should not be ignored

29,110

Lung Health Checklists completed

104

participants in the program evaluation later reported receiving a lung health diagnosis through follow-up with their doctor

3,222

personalised lung health reports downloaded

52

people connected with the Lung Health Helpline

Symptoms such as a persistent cough and breathlessness can be easy to dismiss or normalise. The Lung Health Checklist gives people a simple way to consider their symptoms and risk factors, receive personalised information, and decide whether to speak with a healthcare professional.

Follow-up evaluation found that 104 participants later reported receiving a diagnosis of lung cancer or lung disease, while 52 people connected with Lung Foundation Australia's Lung Health Helpline and nurses as part of their journey. Among 195 survey respondents, 68.9% agreed or strongly agreed that their knowledge of and confidence about chronic cough symptoms had improved. This matters because better understanding can help a person describe their concern, prepare for an appointment, and be empowered to seek advice sooner.

IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

The Checklist is an important step towards diagnosis. Its impact is in helping people recognise potential warning signs of lung disease early and to take an informed next step.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia would like to thank our donors and supporters who raised vital funds throughout Lung Health Awareness Month while encouraging Australians to better understand their own lung health. Lung Foundation Australia's Lung Health Checklist is funded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing with support from Chiesi.

Protecting lungs at work

Targeted information reached workers at risk of silica dust exposure

13,070

Healthy Lungs at Work quizzes completed

88%

of quiz completions were from men within the at-risk group

4,382

personalised reports downloaded to support a GP conversation

10,000+

views generated through ambassador activity on social channels

Dust diseases such as silicosis are preventable, yet many Australians continue to work in environments where exposure to silica dust can damage their lungs. Healthy Lungs at Work made the risk easier to understand and gave workers a practical assessment they could complete privately.

Healthy Lungs at Work reached people working in manufacturing, mining, quarrying, tunnelling and construction, as well as employers and workplaces seeking accessible prevention resources. National media coverage across regional, trade and broadcast outlets helped extend the message.

For workers who may have accepted dust exposure as part of the job, the quiz created a moment to reconsider risk and take information to a GP or workplace health and safety conversation.

WHY IT MATTERS

Prevention depends on workers having clear information and workplaces taking responsibility for controlling exposure. Awareness is the beginning of that action, not the end.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia's Occupational Lung Disease Program is funded by a mix of Department of Health, Disability and Ageing grants, community and corporate donors.

A stronger voice for prevention

Evidence and living experience helped inform laws, funding and healthcare decisions

45

submissions across lung health priorities

6

Parliamentary hearings to which Lung Foundation Australia was invited

260+

meetings with politicians, government, NGOs

19

mentions in reports released during the year, including direct use of our evidence

Some lung health risks cannot be addressed by asking individuals to make different choices. Stronger regulation, appropriate funding, and accessible services are also needed. Lung Foundation Australia contributed evidence and consumer perspectives to national and state consultations and processes throughout the year.

This sustained advocacy contributed to greater attention to tobacco and vaping regulation and enforcement, access to free or lower-cost nicotine replacement therapy, occupational lung disease services, vaccination funding, equitable access to health services and the inclusion of living experience in healthcare strategies.

Collaboration strengthened the case for change. Working with other health organisations brought complementary expertise and helped decision makers hear a consistent message from a broader community.

Using technology to bring trusted support closer

Nurse-led live chat expanded access to timely, tailored and trusted support

Good lung health should not depend on language, culture, income, or postcode. When someone is worried about their lung health, searching for an answer can feel overwhelming, and language barriers can make the first step towards support even harder.

In February 2026, Lung Foundation Australia, as part of the Australian Government's Australian Cancer Nurse Navigation Program and Lung Cancer Screening Helpline Project, launched live chat on its website for lung cancer and lung cancer screening in 13 languages. This represented a significant step forward in improving access to our services and reflected our commitment to equity for multicultural communities.

Live chat includes nurse-led conversations, so people can receive the same high-quality support from our nurses online as they would by telephone. It combines the convenience of a digital pathway with the reassurance, clinical knowledge, and compassion of a real person.

This expansion is a meaningful step towards ensuring more people can access timely, tailored, and trusted support. Technology does not replace healthcare professionals or human connection; used carefully, it can reduce the first barrier and help a person move from searching for information to a practical connection.

THE IMPACT

People from multicultural communities can access live chat to seek information and support in their preferred language and connect online with a Lung Foundation Australia nurse, bringing trusted support closer to the way they choose to communicate.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia's Nurse-led live chat is funded by the Australian Government's Department of Health, Disability and Ageing through the nurse navigation and National Lung Cancer Screening Programs.

Lung Foundation Australia's Enrolled Nurse Lauren Bennett responds to consumers enquiries. Photo: Lung Foundation Australia



Pillar 2

Advance lung health equity

Better lung health should not depend on language, culture, income or postcode

The path to good lung health does not begin on equal footing for everyone. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experience a disproportionate burden of lung disease and lung cancer. Workers from multicultural communities may be overrepresented in high-risk industries while facing language barriers to workplace health information.

Equity means working with communities to understand those barriers and developing information, services and advocacy that respond to them. It also means ensuring that new medicines, vaccines and national programs are accessible to the people who can benefit the most.

Our work this year combined community-led communication, translated resources, consumer leadership and advocacy for fair access. Partnership was essential because trust, local knowledge and clinical evidence all contribute to better outcomes.

OUR COMMITMENT

We will continue to ask who is benefiting, who may still be missing, and what needs to change so that every community can access appropriate lung health information and care.



Protect Your Mob

Culturally relevant prevention information travelled through trusted community networks

1.13 million
people reached

25,868
clicks to First Nations immunisation information

2.03 million+
campaign impressions

50
health and community organisations received campaign resources

Our Protect Your Mob campaign increased awareness of flu and RSV prevention among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through culturally relevant, community-centred messaging. By placing care for family, community and culture at the centre, the campaign aimed to make prevention information more culturally relevant, relatable and easier to connect with.

Resources were distributed nationwide, through 50 health and community organisations and 78 radio, print and digital media networks. Those relationships mattered. They helped information reach people through voices and settings that communities already knew and trusted.

The campaign supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to make informed choices about staying well through winter, while giving National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, peak bodies and healthcare providers practical resources to share locally. The result was not simply national visibility; it was prevention information carried through community relationships.

WHAT PARTNERSHIP CHANGED

Community relationships helped prevention information travel further and with greater trust than a national organisation could achieve alone.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia's Protect Your Mob campaign was funded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and GSK.

Be Deadly, Be Cough Aware

Helping people recognise chronic cough and seek support

3,404
culturally tailored assessments completed

143
personalised reports downloaded

745,787
campaign impressions

32,000+
clicks to Be Deadly Be Cough Aware checklist

A chronic cough can be overlooked, normalised or attributed to other causes. Be Deadly, Be Cough Aware, increased awareness of a persistent cough among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and encouraged people to complete a Lung Health Checklist.

Be Deadly, Be Cough Aware, recognised that a persistent cough may be normalised, overlooked or ignored. By providing culturally tailored information and a simple assessment, it created a more respectful pathway for people to think about their symptoms and take information into a conversation with a healthcare professional.

In the early phase of implementation, five follow-up respondents reported improved knowledge and confidence about chronic cough. While the follow-up sample was small, the broader participation shows strong community interest in information that is relevant, accessible, and free from judgement.

WHY IT MATTERS

Earlier action begins with feeling that a health message is meant for you. Culturally relevant information can help people recognise that a persistent cough deserves attention, and that support is available.

With Thanks

Be Deadly, Be Cough Aware, is funded by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing as part of the QUM Health Literacy grant.

Workplace information in six languages

Translated information helped workers in high-risk industries access and understand occupational lung disease prevention information

2,445,682

impressions across multicultural media channels

280+

multicultural community contacts receiving campaign content

217

translated quizzes completed

Some workers from multicultural communities may face additional barriers to workplace lung health information, particularly when technical advice is available only in English. The translated Healthy Lungs at Work resources focused on six language communities represented across construction, manufacturing, mining, quarrying and tunnelling industries.

Quiz pages translated into Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Nepali, Punjabi and Spanish helped improve access to occupational lung disease information, leading to 47 resource downloads. Distribution through community contacts helped extend the information beyond paid media.

The results show both progress and the need for continued work. Strong media reach did not automatically translate into equivalent assessment completion, reinforcing the importance of sustained community relationships and testing which messages and channels best support action.

THE IMPACT

Some workers who may otherwise have faced language barriers could access practical prevention information and a clearer pathway to assess their risk.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia's Healthy Lungs at Work is funded by Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Fairer access to medicines and vaccines

Evidence-based submissions supported decisions with direct relevance to the lung health community

13

submissions made to PBAC to advocate for new medicines, vaccines and treatments

143

medicines and vaccines subsequently recommended for the PBS or NIP

Our community tells us that new medicines and treatments give hope and for many are a lifeline they cling to. Affordable access to medicines and vaccines can determine whether a person benefits from advances in prevention and treatment. Lung Foundation Australia contributed the needs of people affected by lung disease and lung cancer to Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) processes during the year with input from our consumer advisory committees and advocates.

The recommended products included medicines relevant to people with lung cancer and COPD, as well as vaccines that support the prevention of respiratory disease. These decisions have the potential to reduce financial barriers and make new or life-saving options available to more Australians.

The recommendations are decisions of the PBAC and reflect evidence from many contributors. Lung Foundation Australia's role was to ensure that lung health priorities and the experience of people with living experience were represented clearly within those processes.

WHY IT MATTERS

A medical advance only improves equity when people can obtain it. PBS and NIP access can help turn innovation into care that is affordable and available.

One year of the national lung cancer screening program

A landmark program began translating years of collaboration into earlier lung cancer detection

100,000+

Australians screened during the first year

286

people enrolling in the program on an average day

The National Lung Cancer Screening Program launched on 1 July 2025 after years of advocacy, evidence-building and collaboration. Its first year marked an important step in changing a pattern that has cost too many lives: lung cancer being found only after symptoms appear and treatment options have narrowed.

The program was made possible through sustained collaboration between the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, Cancer Australia, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), Heart of Australia, healthcare professionals, community champions and many other organisations.

Strong participation reflects growing awareness of the opportunity screening can provide.

To make that participation more equitable, Lung Foundation Australia was contracted by the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to lead community consultation and engagement to deliver tailored resources and videos for priority populations. We worked alongside organisations representing people living in rural and remote areas, people with disability, multicultural communities, people from LGBTIQ+ communities, and people experiencing mental health challenges. Community experiences and needs are being translated into practical advice about communication, engagement, and access.

We support NACCHO in bringing national lung health expertise together with the leadership and local knowledge of the community-controlled sector, helping ensure implementation is shaped with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, not simply delivered to them.

THE CONTINUING PRIORITY

The national milestone matters only when everyone who is eligible has the opportunity to benefit. We will keep working with equity partners, government, health services and communities to help ensure participation is accessible and inclusive, regardless of geography, cultural background, language, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or mental health challenges.

With Thanks

This work was funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, with partners Cancer Australia, NACCHO and Heart of Australia.

Living experience shaping better lung health

People with living experience helped improve research, services, resources, advocacy and public communication

39

members across four Consumer Advisory Committees

155

external engagement opportunities

278

members in the Consumer Representative Community, up 35%

32.1%

of opportunities focused on research participation and governance

People affected by lung disease and lung cancer understand the practical barriers, frustrations, unanswered questions and emotional realities that are not always visible in clinical data. Lung Foundation Australia invests in working with people with living experience to understand what matters most to them and how we can improve their experience and health outcomes. We involve consumers in understanding the problem and designing solutions from the beginning, rather than asking for feedback after the work is complete.

People with living experience contributed to research governance, formal representation, clinical trials, advisory activities, media, and policy.

Lung Foundation Australia and LAM unite to support this rare disease.

Louise Lloyd lives with lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) and, following a 15-year journey to diagnosis, became actively involved in the national LAM support charity. She has been part of this close community for many years, serving as its president and treasurer and advocating for greater awareness, support and research. In February 2026, LAM Australia joined Lung Foundation Australia, bringing its peer network, consumer leadership and research partnerships into a national lung health organisation.

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Being part of the Lung Foundation Australia community means greater access to resources, integrated support, research advancement, and advocacy.

Louise Lloyd, LAM consumer advocate

THE IMPACT

The partnership gives people living with LAM a more visible national voice, a stronger pathway to trusted support and greater opportunities to influence research and advocacy, while preserving the community relationships that have sustained people through a rare diagnosis.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia's consumer engagement activities are supported with funding by Chiesi and Boehringer Ingelheim.

Pillar 3

Support people to live well with lung disease

Trusted information, specialist care and connection can make a difficult time more manageable

A diagnosis can introduce unfamiliar language, appointments, treatment decisions, and changes to everyday life. People may need clinical care, but they also need time to ask questions, information they can return to and support that recognises the person beyond the condition.

Lung Foundation Australia's Helpline, specialist nurses, Respiratory Care Nurses, peer networks and consumer resources provide different forms of support. Some people need one conversation. Others return as their health, treatment, or family circumstances change.

Our aim is to help people understand their options, prepare for healthcare conversations, connect with appropriate care, and feel more confident managing day to day. Support is also available to carers, families and friends who are navigating the experience alongside them.



Some of the Lung Foundation Australia support team.

WHAT GOOD SUPPORT CAN CHANGE

Behind every interaction is a person seeking answers, care, connection, or hope. Our responsibility is to make that next step easier and to keep pushing for the changes people affected by lung disease and lung cancer deserve.

Trusted support when it matters most

National telephone support helped people move from uncertainty towards information, care and confidence

8,352⁺

interactions and enquiries across the Lung Health Helpline and Lung Cancer Screening Helpline

38%

of Helpline enquiries receiving details for a local pulmonary rehabilitation program

39%

of Lung Health Helpline enquiries seeking information about lung disease or lung cancer

86%

of Lung Cancer Screening consumer calls related to awareness of the programs and understanding eligibility criteria.

People contact us at very different moments. Some are worried about symptoms. Some have just heard of a diagnosis they never expected. Others have lived with a lung condition for years but are facing a new treatment, a change in breathlessness or have a question and unsure of who to ask.

The Lung Health Helpline and Lung Cancer Screening Helpline provide a free, compassionate entry point. Our team listens first, explains complex information in everyday language and connects people with the nurse-led service, local program or trusted resource that best fits their needs.

Geraldine found clarity and connection

After living with bronchiectasis and struggling to find clear answers, Geraldine contacted the Lung Health Helpline. The information and reassurance she received helped her understand her condition, feel more confident in healthcare conversations, and discover that she was not navigating it alone. For Geraldine, the Helpline became more than an information service; it was a trusted place to return when new questions emerged.

“Talking to someone who had actually lived with this for years was huge. It backed up everything I'd been told and helped me feel calmer about the decisions I was making. I honestly don't know where I'd be if I hadn't contacted Lung Foundation Australia. I feel like I've got this – and this isn't going to beat me.”

Geraldine, living with bronchiectasis

With Thanks

The Lung Cancer Screening Helpline is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. The 2026 Lung Foundation Australia Giving Day donors and supporters raised over \$150,000 to partially fund the Lung Health Helpline service.

Support that travels with the person

Specialist telehealth nursing turned trusted advice into practical changes in everyday care

633

people supported across every state and territory

19% to 44%

program evaluation showed real impact with an increase in use of a disease-specific COPD Action Plan

1,047

calls and interactions

39% to 59%

increase in pulmonary rehabilitation referral

THE IMPACT

Specialist nursing helped Sheryl move from fear and isolation towards practical self-management, greater confidence and the reassurance that support remained available.

When someone needs more specialised respiratory support, the Lung Health Helpline can connect them with a Respiratory Care Nurse. Through scheduled telephone consultations, nurses work alongside people living with COPD, bronchiectasis and occupational lung disease, and their carers, to understand symptoms, build self-management skills and prepare for conversations with treating teams.

An evaluation of the program shows real impact in behaviour change and disease progression. COPD participants completing the three call program realised considerable benefit in improving their care with many of the benefits sustained over 12 months, inhaler technique review increased from 33% to 54%, pneumococcal vaccination from 58% to 74% and average COPD Assessment Test scores improved by 4.1 points, exceeding the threshold for clinically significant improvement. Confidence to manage COPD rose from 6.3 to 7.6 out of 10 after three calls and reached 8 out of 10 at 12 months.

Sheryl found hope through support

Living with COPD, Sheryl felt increasingly isolated after moving away from familiar support. Conversations with Lung Foundation Australia nurses gave her practical information, emotional reassurance and the confidence to take a more active role in managing her health. She describes feeling calmer and more hopeful because she understands what she can do and knows support is there when she needs it.

“The nurses taught me ways to live with emphysema. They put me on the right track; I couldn't have gone through those initial months without them. They called me every few months to check up on me and it made me really proactive in doing anything I could to treat my COPD.”

I'm a lot less stressed now with the knowledge that I can manage my symptoms. Getting support from Lung Foundation Australia has made me feel so much calmer.”

Sheryl, living with COPD

With Thanks

The specialist telehealth and occupational lung disease nursing services are supported by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and donations made to Lung Foundation Australia.

Specialist lung cancer care from the earliest uncertainty

Expert coordination supported patients and carers while delivering measurable value for healthcare services

10

Specialist Lung Cancer Nurses across Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia

930

supportive-care referrals made for patients and carers

\$1.82 ROI

estimated direct healthcare saving for every \$1 invested

1,900+

new patients with suspected or confirmed lung cancer supported

11 days

reduction in median time from GP referral to treatment at one participating health service

\$4.22

additional estimated patient quality-of-life benefit for every \$1 invested

With Thanks

The program is delivered with support from Australian and state governments, participating health services and non-government organisations. The program is partially funded by the Lung Foundation Australia annual Shine a Light on Lung Cancer campaign. We thank and acknowledge the thousands of community supporters and donors that make this possible.

The period between suspected lung cancer and a confirmed diagnosis can be frightening and confusing. Lung Foundation Australia's Specialist Lung Cancer Nurses provide support during this time of uncertainty, helping patients and carers understand investigations, prepare for what comes next and stay connected as care moves through diagnosis, treatment, survivorship or palliative care.

Working within respiratory services and alongside local healthcare teams, the nurses provide practical, day-to-day support by assessing symptoms and wellbeing, coordinating appointments, addressing clinical and psychosocial needs, and connecting people with supportive care. Their integration within the health service helps identify barriers early, improve communication, and support more coordinated care across the treatment pathway.

The independent economic analysis strengthens the case for broader access. Too many Australians still experience lung cancer without a dedicated specialist nurse. Expanding this workforce would mean more people receive timely information, coordinated care and support that recognises the whole person, while helping health services use resources more effectively.

Connection through shared experience

People found understanding, practical knowledge and a community that recognised their experience

1,548

peer support members

42

online and face-to-face groups

324

new members welcomed during the year

94

volunteer Peer Leaders and Primary Peers

Living with lung disease or lung cancer can be isolating in ways that are difficult to explain. People often describe it as an invisible disability that is not well understood or appreciated by others. Peer Support brings people, families and carers together with others who understand the uncertainty, adjustments and small victories that can shape everyday life.

The network supported people across more than 15 lung conditions. Reported outcomes included a 203% increase in feelings of connection, a 96% increase in feeling supported, a 23% improvement in access to information and resources, and a 10% increase in confidence managing a lung condition. Sharing real life experiences helps people to not feel alone and to get practical tips on how to manage.

Linda turned support into belonging

After finishing a pulmonary rehabilitation program, Linda realised there was no local group where she could keep learning and meet people who understood what she was going through. Lung Foundation Australia helped her establish the CLARA Support Group in the Redlands. The group now has around 22 members and offers a place without judgement, where information, empathy, and encouragement are shared. Linda says the connection strengthens her own journey while helping others feel less alone.

“

I've had more access to information, services and advice since starting CLARA than I ever would have had alone.

Linda, Peer Leader and volunteer

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia's Peer Support Program is supported by Boehringer Ingelheim, Chiesi, Queensland Health, The Center for Research Excellence in PF, and community donations. We especially acknowledge the incredible contribution of our volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year to support Lung Foundation Australia.

Trusted information at scale

Evidence was translated into formats people could understand, revisit and share

75
consumer resources developed or updated

17
translated resources

222,275
resource downloads

13
webinars and videos included in that work

10
new resources

91.2%
average satisfaction across consumer webinars

Reliable information can help a person understand symptoms, prepare questions, engage with care, and manage a lung condition with greater confidence. During the year, Lung Foundation Australia developed and updated practical resources with input from healthcare professionals and people with living experience.

Fact sheets, action plans, checklists, booklets and recordings allowed people to access information in a format and at a time that suited them. National Lung Cancer Screening Program resources helped people understand their eligibility, what to expect and where to seek further guidance.

Translating health information and developing culturally relevant resources helped more people access information that was understandable, respectful, and useful in their own healthcare conversations.

WHY IT MATTERS

Trusted information supports informed choices, but its quality is measured by whether people can find it, understand it, and use it in their own lives

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia would like to acknowledge the sponsors who supported in the development of these resources, including: The Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis, MSD, AstraZeneca, Queensland Health, and the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. The Be Cough Aware project resources are supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing under the Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology program.

A stronger lung health workforce

Education and training helped clinicians turn evidence into better care

8,418
enrolments in Lung Learning education activities

70%
of evaluating participants intending to change their practice

3,155
Lung Learning education activities completed

1,049
competency self-appraisals against the Lung Learning Framework

2,495
registrations across three NLCSP webinars

1,612
attendances across those webinars

3,742
enrolments in NLCSP eLearning

1,404
eLearning completed, with a further 962 in progress

People living with lung disease benefit when the professionals around them have current knowledge, practical tools and colleagues they can learn from. Lung Foundation Australia's education and training programs support that capability across primary care, nursing, respiratory services and multidisciplinary teams.

Lung Learning continued supporting health professionals in a nationally consistent way, helping to identify gaps and build competence in recognising, diagnosing and managing lung conditions.

Supporting lung cancer screening

In partnership with the Daffodil Centre, Lung Foundation Australia delivered a government-funded education package for the National Lung Cancer Screening Program (NLCSP). Seven eLearning modules, three webinars, and a digital handbook helped clinicians understand the program and invite eligible people into screening without judgement or blame. Within weeks, it became our most accessed education program.

THE IMPACT

Health professionals are better equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to deliver evidence-informed, person-centred care.

With Thanks

These activities were funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing through the Primary Healthcare Training grant, and the Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology Program. The Quality Use of Medicines education was delivered in partnership with Asthma Australia and the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand. The Occupational Lung Disease education was delivered in partnership with TSANZ as consortium lead for the CORDET Initiative. The screening education package was funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and delivered with the Daffodil Centre.

Connecting health care professionals to strengthen best-practice care

National networks helped healthcare professionals respond to emerging evidence, share knowledge and strengthen practice

422

members of the Australia and New Zealand Lung Cancer Nurses Forum

250

multidisciplinary delegates at the inaugural Australian COPD Symposium

557

Australia and New Zealand Lung Cancer Nurses Forum webinar registrations

582

members of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Network

Australia's first national COPD Symposium builds momentum for change

In June 2026, we delivered Australia's first national COPD Symposium. We brought together 250 delegates in Melbourne for two days of collaboration, learning and action focused on improving outcomes for people living with COPD. A defining feature of the Symposium was the meaningful integration of living experience, with consumer representatives contributing as chairs, panelists, presenters and abstract reviewers.

Strengthening lung cancer nursing practice

The Australia and New Zealand Lung Cancer Nurses Forum strengthened specialist practice by connecting nurses with contemporary education, peer learning and a national professional community of practice. The new Community of Practice attracted 80 registrations across its first two meetings, with participants rating its value 9.3 out of 10 and its relevance to practice 10 out of 10.

Connecting the bronchiectasis clinical community

The Australasian Bronchiectasis Consortium brings together clinicians, researchers and allied health professionals across Australia and New Zealand to advance bronchiectasis care. Through the Australian Bronchiectasis Registry, collaborative research and multidisciplinary working groups, the Consortium supports real-world evidence generation, knowledge sharing and best-practice care to improve outcomes for people living with bronchiectasis.

Building capability in pulmonary rehabilitation

The Pulmonary Rehabilitation Network complemented formal education with peer connection and practical service development. For professionals working in geographically dispersed or smaller services, that ongoing community helps good ideas travel and supports more consistent access to evidence-based rehabilitation.

Lung Foundation Australia's Research and Project Manager, Lauren Williams, presenting at the Australian COPD Symposium earlier this year. Photo: Contributed



WHY IT MATTERS

Better health outcomes depend on more than new treatments and health programs. They rely on clinicians having access to the latest evidence, guidelines, and resources that support them to implement best-practice care.

With Thanks

The Australian Bronchiectasis Registry is generously supported by Boehringer Ingelheim. Lung Foundation Australia also acknowledges the sponsors of the inaugural Australian COPD Symposium 2026:

Platinum sponsors: AstraZeneca, GSK and Sanofi.

Gold sponsors: Chiesi

Bronze sponsors: 4D Medical, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, Fisher and Paykel Healthcare, Bird Healthcare, MSD and PulmonX.

The Australia and New Zealand Lung Cancer Nurses Forum is funded by AstraZeneca, Roche, Pfizer, Amgen, Medison and Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS).

Pillar 4

Drive life-changing research and innovation

Research must answer the questions that matter to people affected by lung disease and lung cancer

Research creates the evidence needed to prevent disease, diagnose it earlier, improve treatment, and help people live well. It also takes time, sustained investment, and collaboration between people with living experience, clinicians, researchers, universities, health services, and funding partners.

Lung Foundation Australia launched its 2026-2030 Research Strategy, establishing a five-year roadmap for research investment, collaboration and the translation of evidence into policy, practice and care.

Developed through consultation with researchers, clinicians, consumers and partners, the strategy defined national lung health research priorities across the life course. It strengthens our leadership in supporting high-quality research and building partnerships that can deliver the greatest benefit for people and families affected by lung disease and lung cancer.

Consumers are at the centre of this approach. By ensuring living experience informs research priorities, study design and outcomes, we can focus research on the questions that matter most and help new knowledge move beyond publication into meaningful improvements in prevention, treatment, care, and quality of life.

A researcher analysing some results.

THE IMPACT

A clear national roadmap is strengthening how Lung Foundation Australia invests, collaborates and leads – connecting research with community priorities and creating stronger pathways from discovery to better policy, practice and care.

Investing in discovery and future capability

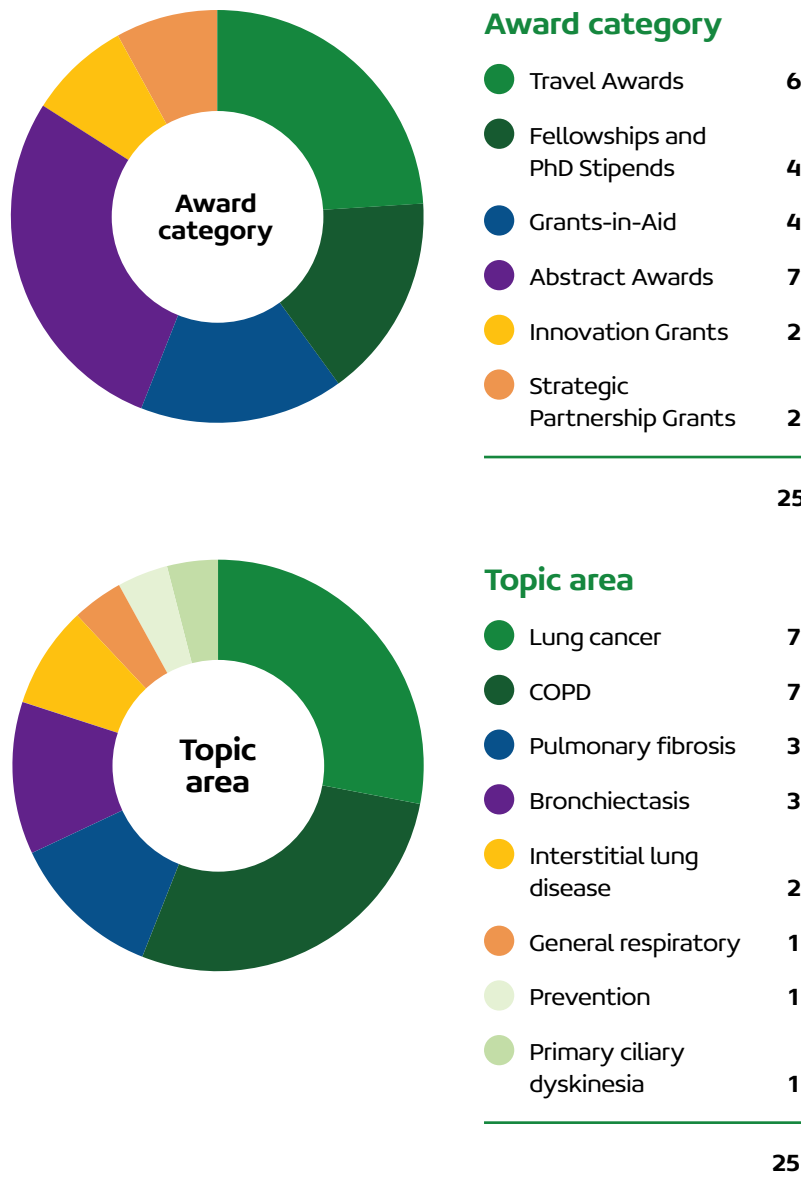
Funding supported new ideas, emerging researchers and strategic partnerships

\$23.82 million reported as raised by the Research Fund as at 30 June 2026

\$300K committed in-kind contributions from Lung Foundation Australia across 6 NHMRC or MRFF research projects

\$1M+ Additional funding secured through partnerships across funded research projects

Research is how today’s unanswered questions become tomorrow’s earlier diagnoses, better treatments and help people live longer, fuller lives. Over the year, Lung Foundation Australia supported researchers at different career stages, backed strategic collaborations and contributed expertise, consumer engagement and national networks to projects designed to improve lung health.



25 new grants and awards supported

24 research institutions and health services in the reporting-year affiliations list

\$4,203,104 invested in new research grants, fellowships, awards and partnerships across 15 lung health research institutions

Our contribution also extended beyond direct awards through the Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis, the Australian Bronchiectasis Registry and in-kind commitments to successful national competitive research applications.

That broader contribution matters. Consumer involvement, clinical expertise, education resources and communication channels can help a project recruit well, remain focused on community priorities, and translate findings into clinical practice. Partnership increases the value of every dollar invested and helps further capability and reach.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia is grateful to our donor community for their incredible support through our Appeals and various fundraising campaigns including Shine a Light on Lung Cancer and Annual Lung Health Awareness Month campaign. We are particularly indebted to those major donors and supporters that support individual research programs including:

Graham Holmes funding the Rosemary Holmes Travel Grant – World Conference on Lung Cancer

Margie Lawrence funding the Marianne Ambrose Travel Grant – World Conference on Lung Cancer

Elizabeth Yates funding the Ellen Yates Memorial Grant.

Lung Foundation Australia is proud to collaborate with leading research partners, including the Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis, TRACKER, the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand, the Lung Cancer Clinical Quality Data Platform (LUCAP), PCD Australia and Cure4 Cystic Fibrosis.

Together, we support groundbreaking national research across bronchiectasis, lung cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, COPD and broader respiratory health. These partnerships bring together expertise from Cancer Council Queensland, Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute, The Kids Research Institute Australia, Curtin University, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, The University of Queensland, John Hunter Hospital and Hunter Medical Research Institute, The University of Melbourne, The University of Sydney, Monash University, RMIT University, the University of Tasmania, Northern Health, Northern Imaging, Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, and Royal North Shore Hospital.

Setting the National Agenda for Occupational Lung Disease Research

People with living experience and multidisciplinary professionals identified the questions that future research must answer

57

participants in the multidisciplinary forum in Melbourne

12

people with occupational COPD, family members or carers in the virtual consumer forum

Occupational exposures may contribute to between 10% and 40% of COPD, yet their role can be under-recognised and research investment remains limited. Lung Foundation Australia convened two forums to build understanding, strengthen networks and establish priorities for occupational COPD research.

The professional forum brought together expertise from respiratory and occupational medicine, allied health, basic science, engineering, occupational hygiene, legal practice, workplace regulation, unions and industry. The consumer forum ensured that the agenda also reflected the questions and experiences of people directly affected.

Together, participants identified priority areas and developed specific research questions. The resulting national research agenda was provided to the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing to inform future research funding.

The forums demonstrate the value of bringing different forms of expertise together. Researchers gained a clearer view of unmet need, while people with living experience and families helped define the priorities future research should pursue.

THE IMPACT

A previously under-recognised research need was translated into a national agenda that can guide investment and future studies.

With Thanks

Lung Foundation Australia's Occupational Lung Disease Research is funded by Department of Health, Disability and Ageing.

Research powered by a family's determination

A ROS1+ lung cancer grant will connect remembrance, fundraising and the search for better treatment



Kha Kiang Khoo

When Michelle and Rachel contacted Lung Foundation Australia after their mother, Kha Kiang Khoo, passed away from ROS1-positive lung cancer in 2021, they had a clear purpose: to help build knowledge about a rare cancer that had touched their family so deeply.

The sisters wanted the funds given by family and friends after Kha Kiang's passing to support ROS1-positive research. Their first fundraising target was \$10,000, which they reached within 24 hours with support from family and friends in Australia, Singapore and the UK. They continued fundraising and ultimately raised \$15,000. Lung Foundation Australia contributed the remaining \$5,000 to establish the Kha Kiang Khoo Memorial Research Grant, supporting research into ROS1-positive lung cancer.

For Michelle and Rachel, the fundraising also gave their grief somewhere to go. "It gave us a channel ... to direct our grief and probably kept us going in some ways," they said.

The grant supported research led by Dr Malinda Itchins, a Sydney based Medical Oncologist. A journal article reporting on the research has now been published, adding real-world evidence about treatment patterns and survival outcomes for people with ROS1-positive lung cancer. The findings help build understanding of a rare form of lung cancer where evidence remains limited and may help inform future treatment decisions.

Kha Kiang had given up her career to raise her family and, her daughters reflected, had never sought public recognition. Seeing her name on a formal research grant means a great deal to them. "Mum's name is out there now," they said, imagining their mother's pride.

The research does not undo their loss. But it carries Kha Kiang's name into work that may help clinicians better understand ROS1-positive lung cancer and support future treatment decisions. The sisters hope it will help other families have more time with the people they love.

"We hope the efforts of mum's research grant is a step towards saving other families from the pain we've endured."

Lung Foundation Australia thanks Michelle and Rachel, their family, friends and everyone who contributed to the fundraising. Together, they have turned a deeply personal tribute into support for research, and a legacy that may benefit people diagnosed with ROS1-positive lung cancer in the years ahead.

If you would like to view the research findings by Dr Malinda Itchins, you can access the article here. **Real-world treatment sequencing and survival in ROS1-Rearranged NSCLC across evolving treatment eras: Findings from the AURORA multi-centre registry (AURORA-ROS1) - Lung Cancer**

Our people make the impact possible

A stable, capable and connected workforce supports consistent care, strong partnerships and ambitious work

Lung Foundation Australia's impact is carried by its people: in the care taken during a nursing conversation, the accuracy of a health resource, the trust built with a community partner and the persistence required to keep lung health visible.

Continuous learning strengthened the knowledge and confidence staff bring to programs, services and collaboration. Strong interest in joining the organisation also helped us recruit skilled people who share our commitment to better lung health and understand that the quality of our work depends on the care, judgement and expertise of the people delivering it.

37%

of employees participating in external professional development

874

employee completions of online learning modules

18

new employees recruited during the year

1,677

applications received for opportunities to join Lung Foundation Australia

Walking with Purpose - Lilanie takes part in Larapinta Trek

For Lilanie, a Social Worker at Lung Foundation Australia, taking part in the Larapinta Trek during Lung Health Awareness Month was more than a personal challenge, it was an opportunity to connect more deeply with the experiences of people living with lung disease.

The trek tested Lilanie physically and emotionally. After becoming unwell just a week before departure, she gained a small insight into how quickly illness can change plans and the importance of showing yourself kindness when things are outside your control.

Across the challenging terrain, eight trekkers of different ages supported one another, making sure no-one was left behind. For

Lilanie, that sense of community reflected something she sees every day in her work: progress does not always mean moving quickly, and sometimes courage is simply taking the next step.

Climbing Mount Sonder before sunrise, she reminded herself of the advice she so often shares with others, keep putting one foot in front of the other.

Every step of the trek carried Lung Foundation Australia's consumers in her heart. Reaching the finish line, knowing the team had raised vital funds and awareness for lung health, was a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together with purpose.

Lung Foundation Australia's Tanya deKroo and Sally Jacobs attended the 2026 COPD Symposium in Melbourne. Photo Contributed.

Board, governance and leadership

Strong governance protects trust and keeps decisions focused on people, purpose and long-term impact

Lung Foundation Australia's Board brings together clinical, research, consumer, financial, governance, technology and organisational expertise. Directors volunteer their time and are accountable for the organisation's purpose, strategy, performance and responsible stewardship.

During 2025-26, the Board oversaw the transition to the Lung Health for All Corporate Plan, the direction of the Research Program Strategy, national program delivery and the organisation's financial sustainability. Its committees support closer attention to finance, audit, risk and investment, helping the Board test decisions, monitor performance and safeguard the trust placed in Lung Foundation Australia.

Governance maturity is not measured by process alone. It is reflected in whether risks are understood, consumer experience is heard, resources are directed responsibly, and leadership remains accountable for the outcomes the organisation promises to deliver.

Board and leadership

Clinical knowledge, living experience and organisational expertise inform our direction

Professor Lucy Morgan – Chairperson

BMed, PhD, FRACP, FThorSoc. Respiratory physician and researcher with a longstanding focus on bronchiectasis, innovation and equitable care. Director since September 2019.

Ms Pallavi Bhagavatula (Appointed December 2025)

Bachelor of Engineering, MBA. Technology and transformation leader specialising in strategy, governance, digital uplift and complex organisational change.

Mr Andrew Churchill (Resigned December 2025)

Deputy Chair (Director) FCA, MAICD Member and Treasurer of The Australian Lung Foundation Inc. National Council since March 2010. Founding Board Member of Lung Foundation Australia.

Mr Robert Estcourt AM (Resigned March 2026)

Financial services and governance leader with experience in investment, portfolio management and not-for-profit research organisations. Director since April 2023.

Ms Melissa Le Mesurier

B Arts, GAICD. Corporate affairs leader and advocate for patient-centred healthcare, medical research and consumer representation. Director since September 2019.

Mr Sean McGuinness CSTJ (Appointed December 2025)

BCom (Acc/Fin), FCA, FAICD. Senior finance executive with deep experience in governance, investment, organisational reform and the profit-for-purpose sector. Director since December 2025.

Dr David Michail

MBBS, FRACP, GAICD. Respiratory and Sleep Physician and clinical leader with a strong focus on pulmonary hypertension, workforce education and access to specialist care. Director since March 2013.

Professor Martin Phillips (Resigned December 2025)

Founding member in 1990, subsequent Council member; Board member from 2014-2025.

Professor Sarath Ranganathan – Deputy Chairperson

MBChB, MRCP, FRCPH, FRACP, PhD, FThorSoc, ATSF, FAHMS. Paediatric respiratory physician and researcher with extensive expertise in childhood lung disease. Director since April 2014.

Ms Angela Ratcliffe

B.Bus (Marketing), GAICD, Six Sigma Black Belt. Brings senior experience in strategy, healthcare, service delivery and digital transformation. Director since December 2018.

Professor Paul Reynolds

MBBS, PhD, MD, FRACP, FAPSR, FThorSoc. Respiratory and Sleep Medicine Physician, researcher and advocate for screening and specialist nursing. Director since September 2019.

Executives

Mark Brooke

Chief Executive Officer MBA, FAIM, GAICD

Christa Bayer

Chief Development Officer MFAI, GAICD

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General Manager, Clinical Programs, Research and Innovation

Kelcie Herrmann

Chief of Staff

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Chief Financial Officer GAICD

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Paige Preston

Chief Strategy Officer MPH, GAICD

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Tonia Crawford

Governance, Risk & Compliance Manager

Tanya DeKroo

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Nicole Parkinson

Chief Nurse and Lung Cancer Program Manager

Brigitta Rose

Senior Manager, Health Professional Learning

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE

Good governance creates conditions for impact: clear direction, informed oversight, ethical decisions, and accountability to the people and communities we serve.



Lung Foundation Australia's respiratory consumer advocate, Ken Bottrell at the COPD Symposium in June.

Our supporters

Generosity helped make trusted support, community engagement and research possible. This impact belongs to our community. Every donation, fundraising event, gift in memory, bequest and partnership helps ensure Australians affected by lung disease and lung cancer can access the support, information, advocacy and research they need. Thank you for making this work possible.

Estates

- Colin Dhijendra Singh
- Douglas John Godkin
- Dwayne Keogh
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- Margaret Alderton
- Mary Anne Dooley
- Myrna Walkeling
- Norma Muriel Woodhouse
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- Robbie Lee Jones

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- International Medison Pharma
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- Jacqueline Hillier
- Jasmine Jemmeson
- Julie Elvery
- Kathryn Deery
- Kerry Holloway
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- Sarah Latham
- Simon Proctor
- Stacey Allerton
- Tania Gray
- Timothy Daley
- Thuy Nguyen

Our partners

Partnerships brought together reach, expertise, investment and community trust

Government

Australian Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
Cancer Australia
Queensland Health
SA Health
Safer Care Victoria - Department of Health Victoria

Strategic partners and alliances

Australian Patient Advocacy Alliance
Australian Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance
Lung Health Alliance

Corporate major partners

4D Medical
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AIHW
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AstraZeneca Australia
Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH
Boehringer Ingelheim Pty Limited
Bristol-Myers Squibb Australia Pty Ltd
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Australian National University
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Monash University
Monash Health
Murdoch Children's Research Institute
Northern Health
Northern Imaging Victoria
Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Queensland University of Technology
RMIT
SAHMRI
Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service District
The Kids Research Institute
The University of Queensland
The University of Sydney
The University of Melbourne
The University of Newcastle
The University of Western Australia
University of Tasmania
UNSW

Research and health partnerships

Australasian Bronchiectasis Consortia
Australian Multicultural Health Collaborative
Asthma Australia
Australian Lung Cancer Screening Trial
Better Breathing Foundation
Cancer Council Australia
Cancer Council Queensland
Cancer Council

Victoria
Centre of Research Excellence in Pulmonary Fibrosis
Cure4CF
Daffodil Centre
Equally Well
Heart of Australia
Icon Cancer Centre
LAM Australia
Research Alliance
LGBTIQ+ Health Australia
Lived Experience Australia
LUCAP
Menzies Institute for Medical Research
National Best Practice Unit, Tackling Indigenous Smoking
NACCHO
National Disability Services
National Rural Health Alliance
Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia Australia
Royal North Shore Hospital
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Safer Care Victoria
Scleroderma Australia
Tracker Biobank
Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand
Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Alliance



Lung Foundation Australia CEO Mark Brooke presents an \$80,000 cheque to Dr Tracy Leong of the ONJC Research Institute as part of the Deep Manchanda Lung Cancer Fellowship Grant "Tracker BioBank", alongside Lung Foundation Australia Board Chair and Respiratory Physician, Professor Lucy Morgan and the Board.

Financial and Operations

On behalf of the Board’s Finance and Investment Subcommittee, I am pleased to present Lung Foundation Australia’s financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2026. The result reflects disciplined financial stewardship, continued investment in mission delivery and a strong platform for future impact.

Lung Foundation Australia delivered a year-end deficit of \$70k, compared with a surplus of \$707k in the prior year and an approved budget surplus of \$155k. This result reflects a downturn in bequest revenue of nearly \$300k for the year and a reduction in fundraising, namely two planned events which were deferred.

During the financial year, the Lung Foundation Research Fund invested more than \$4.2 million in lung disease and lung cancer research. Since 2020, \$29.82 million has been raised or pledged towards the Fund’s 2030 target of investing \$50 million, demonstrating strong progress towards this ambition.

The Board continued to prioritise program delivery and research while also investing in the organisation’s future capability, including the third year of the Digital Evolution and Information Technology Capabilities Project.

The Board continues to monitor the operating environment carefully, particularly the economic pressures affecting many Australians, including our beneficiaries and benefactors. Demand for services and research investment is increasing at

the same time as the fundraising environment becomes more competitive, reinforcing the importance of disciplined financial management and sustainable revenue growth.

Our governance maturity continued to evolve through the establishment of a dedicated Risk Subcommittee. The Subcommittee reviewed the organisation’s risk strategy to sharpen its focus on critical strategic risks, including funding sustainability and security; digital innovation and safety; health care stakeholder engagement and collaboration; and service delivery pressures.

Pleasingly, Lung Foundation Australia secured several new multi-year grants for core programs, including lung cancer screening resources, occupational lung disease programs, telehealth nursing and lung health awareness, while also achieving year on year increases in service participation and reach. Our brand continues to mature with Lung Foundation Australia independently ranked the 19th most trusted charity in Australia, and in the top ten for health charities nationally.

The Finance and Investment Subcommittee carefully monitored administration and fundraising expenses, which represented 7.9% and 8.7% respectively, to maximise the funds available for programs, services, lung health awareness and research.

Sean McGuinness
Chairperson
Finance and Investment Subcommittee

Lung Foundation Australia statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2026	12 months to 30 June 2026	12 months to 30 June 2025
Grants - Government	9,284,804	9,076,058
Grants - other sources	161,211	1,601,323
Sponsorships	1,912,512	1,927,677
Donations	5,038,524	3,648,673
Bequests	364,829	586,145
Other income	1,450,629	1,752,696
Total revenue and other income from continuing operations	18,212,509	18,592,572
Research expenses	4,089,301	2,605,169
Programs and services expenses	2,557,440	4,726,110
Employee Expenses	8,212,573	7,110,561
Fundraising expenses	794,384	429,271
Marketing expenses	1,060,842	1,479,463
Depreciation Expenses	504,493	532,130
Other expenses	1,072,027	1,002,529
Surplus / deficit from continuing operations before finance income	18,291,060	17,885,233
Net surplus / deficit	-78,551	707,339

Lung Foundation Australia statement of financial position As at 30 June 2026	12 months to 30 June 2026	12 months to 30 June 2025
Total assets	12,616,684	14,832,241
Total liabilities	6,196,008	8,333,014
Net Assets	6,420,676	6,499,227
Equity	6,420,676	6,499,227

How you can support us

Donate, fundraise, partner with us or leave a gift in your Will. Your support helps people access trusted information and specialist care today, while investing in research and advocacy for the future.



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