



Port Phillip City Council: The Facts

Money raised in Victoria, stays in Victoria. This means that no matter where you live, your fundraising will benefit people in your local community. Every dollar you raise helps.

In the past 11 years, Relay For Life events in the City of Port Phillip have raised \$1,736,108. This money is helping the 442 people diagnosed in the City of Port Phillip every year.

Survival

Five year survival is now at 64%, the highest it has ever been. Two decades ago, this figure was just 47%. This increase is largely due to breakthroughs in early detection, prevention and treatment.

Support

If you or someone close to you is facing cancer, we can help. Call our [Cancer Council Helpline \(13 11 20\)](#) and speak to friendly cancer nurses who can answer questions, provide advice and information and link you to other support programs.

In the City of Port Phillip in 2011:

- 222 people called the Helpline.
- 243 people affected by cancer were linked to a trained volunteer who had been through a similar experience via our Cancer Connect program.
- We supported one face-to-face Cancer Support Group, which joins the 183 across Victoria. On average, 11 people participated in each group.
- Over \$2050 in small financial grants were given to people experiencing financial distress due to their cancer experience.
- 168 expert facilitators delivered our Living With Cancer Education Program throughout the state to people with cancer, their family and friends. This free program provides information and support.

Prevention

The best way to fight cancer is to prevent it before it happens. We support a range of [education and prevention programs](#) to help people in the City of Port Phillip reduce their risk of cancer.

- Seven out of nine primary schools and 31 out of 36 childcare centres in the City of Port Phillip are members of the SunSmart schools and early childhood program, to educate young people about ultraviolet radiation and skin cancer.
- In the City of Port Phillip in 2011, 64.8% of women had a Pap test, placing the City of Port Phillip above the state average of 60.7%.
- Last year, 24,000 Victorians called the Quitline for information and support about quitting smoking. Eight Quit Educators also worked in the City of Port Phillip to provide one-on-one cessation support.
- 131 facilitators delivered the Victorian Cancer Clinicians Communications Program to other clinicians across Victoria. This program provides communication skills training to improve patient/clinician communication during consultations.





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Research

We fund the best researchers in Victoria with the greatest potential to make big breakthroughs. There are over 200 different cancers and we're committed to finding answers to them all.

In 2011:

- 401 people in the City of Port Phillip were able to fund a specific cancer research project through our Research Awards program.
- Did you know? By raising \$5000 or more your team will be eligible for a **Research Award** – which will give you the chance to fund a world-class cancer research project.
- Over \$26 million was spent on world-class cancer research to find new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer.
- We supported biomedical and clinical researchers in leading universities, hospitals and medical institutes, as well as Cancer Council researchers in tobacco control, epidemiology and behavioural studies.
- A world-first study was launched into 15 less common, but highly dangerous, cancers like bladder, multiple myeloma and kidney. The Forgotten Cancers Project aims to understand the causes, find ways to prevent them and improve survival. Visit forgottencancers.com.au for more info or to take part.
- We supported over 200 clinical trials in hospitals right across Victoria to test new treatments. Visit cancervic.org.au/trials to search for trials in your area.

Cancer Council Victoria

- Cancer Council Victoria has been leading the fight against cancer for 75 years.
- We are committed to finding answers to all 200 cancers by funding world-class research into the causes and treatment of cancer, prevention and advocacy campaigns to help people reduce their risk, and support services for patients and their families.
- We have the support of a **60,000 strong army of volunteers** who we rely on to help fight cancer.
- One in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer by age 85.
- Every hour, three Victorians hear the words “you have cancer” – that’s 78 people every day.
- “Our ability to fight cancer is only as strong as the passion and support we have from people like you. Nearly half of our revenue comes from our supporters and volunteers who fundraise for us - **thank you** for giving your time and energy for a Relay For Life event.

I encourage you to visit our website, www.cancervic.org.au, to find out how you're playing a part in delivering the best cancer outcomes for all Victorians. **Thank you** for joining us in the fight against cancer.”

Todd Harper
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