Myeloma Australia **Annual Report**2019-20



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Who we are

Myeloma Australia is the only Australian myeloma specific not-for-profit organisation.

We support, educate, inform, empower and bring hope to people who are living with myeloma, and their loved ones. We also facilitate myeloma research in Australia; educate health professionals involved in the care and treatment of those living with myeloma; raise community awareness and understanding of myeloma; and advocate for improved patient access to the latest treatments at affordable prices.

Our purpose

- To enable those affected by myeloma to take control of their situation and work in partnership with their health professionals
- To support specialist clinicians and researchers and raise funds for myeloma research
- To raise awareness and understanding of the condition among health professionals and the wider community
- To create opportunities for fellowship within the myeloma community

Our values

- The needs of people with myeloma will always come first
- We are passionate about assisting and improving the quality of life of Australians living with myeloma
- We understand the myeloma experience and empathise with patients and family members
- We will operate in an inclusive and transparent manner
- We will present an organised and professional operation



Our history

Myeloma Australia was formed in 1998 by a small number of driven people who were each profoundly affected by myeloma. They discovered for themselves that the path to myeloma diagnosis was often slow and uncertain, and that reliable information and access to support was scarce.

Their response was to come together to form Myeloma Australia, in order to make the path easier for others in the future. One of our founders – Brian Rosengarten OAM – is still actively involved with Myeloma Australia as our President. Another of our founders – Bob Moran OAM – was also actively involved as our Patron up until he passed away in June 2020.

12,807 people impacted in 2020

OUR IMPACT

In 2020 our services and programs had the following reach, creating ripples of impact for people living with myeloma, their loved ones, and the health professionals who are responsible for their care.



Service delivery

Our goal: to support, educate, inform, empower and bring hope to people who are living with myeloma, and their loved ones.

15 myeloma Support Nurses provided services across all Australian states and territories

412 people called the Telephone Support Line

2042 people attended Information and Support Groups

58 Information and Support Groups met regularly, with229 sessions held



Advocacy

Our goal: to increase awareness and understanding about myeloma.

5805 people received communications and publications from Myeloma Australia

3718 people attended myeloma information seminars, with

15 seminars hosted

26 myeloma magazines, books and fact sheets published



Education services for health professionals

Our goal: to support, inform and educate health professionals working in the myeloma field for the purpose of earlier diagnosis and improved patient outcomes.

830 health professionals attended education sessions, with

17 sessions hosted

*In March 2020, all Myeloma Australia's seminars and information and support groups moved from face-to-face to virtual due to COVID-19 restrictions







Brian Rosengarten OAM *President*

I start this report on a sad note, unfortunately. My very good friend and the co-founder of Myeloma Australia, Robert Moran OAM, passed away this year. For the ten years from when we started Myeloma Australia in 1998, he was the president and the driving force. His influence and passion will not be forgotten. The Myeloma Australia Board has set up the Bob Moran Memorial Research Fund to commemorate his importance to our organisation. He will be sadly missed by all.

When Bob and I started Myeloma Australia, we made a definite decision to provide education and support to the myeloma community through the employment of specialist myeloma nurses. We now have two nursing managers and thirteen myeloma support nurses spread throughout every state in Australia. Our CEO, Steve Roach, and our Nursing and Patient Services Manager, Nella Combe, recently made a presentation to the International Myeloma Foundation's Global Myeloma Action Network virtual conference, which was attended by over 40 myeloma organisations and eight international pharmaceutical companies. Their presentation focussed on how we deliver our nurse-lead services, and how we moved to online services so quickly in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This past year will be a year we will never forget. Thanks to our passionate group of myeloma support nurses, we were able to

President's Report

adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic very quickly. All seminars and support groups moved from in-person to virtual, with the assistance of Zoom technology. Despite the obvious challenges that the pandemic presented to the myeloma community, there were also some silver linings that arose from the unprecedented situation. We saw an increasing to numbers of people attending these meetings, with the virtual approach enabling us to reach out to far larger numbers of our community. People who live outside of the capital cities can now attend our seminars or be a part of a regular support group. The nurses have also been using this technology for professional training for health professionals, ensuring they are up to date with the latest information on myeloma. Taking our services virtual has been a winner for all, saving on travel time for both our nurses and those attending, and increasing the accessibility and reach of our services and thereby our impact.

Again, this year the Medical Scientific Advisory Group (MSAG) has been busy advocating for new treatments for myeloma. This year saw Daratumumab approved by the PBAC as a subsidised treatment for myeloma. We are now waiting for the Health Department to announce a release date. This vear MSAG ran the third National Myeloma Workshop, transforming it into a virtual conference due to COVID-19 restrictions. Four international speakers and a number of Australian clinicians and scientists presented their research. It was an extremely successful full-day program, which was well attended with about 320 medical professional registering and attending.

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to run many of the usual fundraising events that normally feature during our year. This resulted in a reduction to our income. We received beguests, which made a positive impact and for which we are incredibly grateful. We hope this is a reflection of our work in the community. We know there are many people in the community who are just waiting for the opportunity to help raise funds for us. We are looking forward to the restrictions being lifted so that our fundraising events and programs can become active again. We have plans to grow our fundraising team by employing a Manager of Philanthropy, Major Gifts and Corporate Giving in the next financial year. Raising additional funds is essential for us to continue to grow and provide our services in response to the needs of the myeloma community around Australia.

There is much myeloma research being undertaken both here in Australia and overseas, looking at all aspects of myeloma including improving quality of life, prolonging life and the search for a cure. Researchers have discovered much about how the myeloma cells communicate and protect themselves in the body. This is now leading to the development of new drugs that stimulate the body's immune system and natural ability to attack and defeat the myeloma cells. The more they learn about the myeloma cells, the faster we can develop new and better treatments. We are hoping that this research and the work we are doing in the community will provide more hope to people living with myeloma, and their families and loved ones.

I would like to thank the Myeloma Board for their support and assistance over the past year. We have met six times during the year, helping to manage the governance and the finances of the organisation.





Our small head office team, led by our CEO Steve Roach, has worked very hard again during the past year to support and enable the work of our nurses and MSAG to provide and grow patient services and support medical professionals working in myeloma. Over the past 10 years, Steve and the team have grown Myeloma Australia, building on both our services and our profile, and grown our reputation in Australia and also abroad. I thank the entire team for their support.



Vale Robert George (Bob) Moran OAM,

2/9/1933 - 28/06/2020

Robert George Moran OAM was the co-founder, past President and Patron of Myeloma Australia. He passed away in June 2020 and will be deeply missed by all of us at Myeloma Australia. Our organisation would not exist without Bob's passion, drive and commitment. He has left a lasting impact on the myeloma community of Australia.



A word about Bob from co-founder and President, Brian Rosengarten OAM:

"I first met Bob in 1998 when we were introduced with the idea of starting a support organisation for people living with myeloma. It was his drive and enthusiasm that lead the early years, initially from his home and then from our small office in Kew. In the beginning, Bob worked in the office and managed our first myeloma Support Nurses both in Melbourne and Sydney. I fondly remember the passion when we had differences of opinion when communicating late at night in those early days, by email or phone, and then we would meet the next day for coffee and resolve the issues that had us at loggerheads the evening before. It was Bob's drive and enthusiasm that set Myeloma Australia on the road to what we are now, and he was always excited to hear what we had achieved and what we were planning. Bob was a real gentleman, and he will be very sorely missed by all who knew him."





Steve Roach CEO

The last year has seen Myeloma Australia continue to grow and go about its good work. We continued to deliver quality programs, strengthen our support networks and develop quality literature, for the benefit of the 18,000 Australians who are living with myeloma, and their loved ones. The final quarter of the year saw us face the unprecedented, once in a lifetime challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, which will in many ways be what marks this year apart from the rest. We have shown resilience and innovation in the face of the challenges COVID-19 presented, and we look forward with strength to the year ahead.

The fantastic people who work and volunteer at Myeloma Australia work hard on the day to day tasks of delivering our core programs, fundraising, promoting awareness and generally taking care of the running of our not-for-profit organisation. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and capable team.

We particularly saw this as the COVID-19 pandemic hit and we moved our services online. Not only did we not drop any services, we actually increased their number and reach. Online services have grown enormously and although we look forward to seeing everyone face to face again, we have managed to Zoom into the 2020's keeping in touch with our community via virtual platforms.

CEO's Report

Our nurses are an integral part of this work. Under the passionate and expert guidance of our Nursing and Programs Manager, Hayley Beer, and our Nursing and Patient Services Manager, Nella Combe, our nursing team grew considerably this year, as we further cemented our national footprint.

Jacqui Keogh, NSW State Manager and Senior Myeloma Nurse in that state, has built a great nursing team in NSW. Jacqui's team are a pillar of strength to the myeloma community there. This year the NSW nursing team welcomed Cath Bowley who replaced Gio Sobrio after his return to the Philippines. Juliet Hill and Rachel McCann in Newcastle and the Hunter Region expanded NSW support groups and services. Jo Gardiner continued her great work in South Australia and was joined by Alicia Hopper. Alicia and Jo also look after the Northern Territory patient support services. Narelle Smith and Kerin Young have done a brilliant job developing the community and delivering services in Western Australia, and Meagan McDowell and Natasha Clarke have grown service to patients significantly in Queensland and are really having an impact in that state. In Victoria, Elli Foley left our employment in January, but continues to be a strong Myeloma Australia advocate. Laura Jones returned from maternity leave and we appointed EJ Furphy to a full-time position after she initially filled Laura's maternity leave vacancy. Deborah Thompson in Tasmania has been amazing at getting services up and going there.

Jaqueline Tate co-ordinates the activities and meetings of the professors, doctors and researchers in our Medical and Scientific Advisory Group (MSAG) to enable the members to concentrate on their work treating and researching myeloma.

Our office staff are as devoted as ever to the foundation. Alex Dawson looks after finance, accounts, bookkeeping and payments as well as providing general support in the office. Pina Civitarese co-ordinates our MyNews publication and provides general administrative support including updating the website and social media sites and dealing with subscriptions and the database. Samantha Zeps has a science and research background and adds much value in supporting nurses and patients and providing specific support for our nurses and publications.

Matt Maudlin has made a big impression on the organisation since joining us in the role of Community Engagement and Fundraising Manager. In NSW, Santosh Ojha unfortunately left our employment in December and due to the impacts of COVID-19 is yet to be replaced.

Our fundraising events were few after COVID-19 struck, and fundraising has proven difficult in this period. The January to June period is normally very active for us and so the onset of the pandemic and the shutdowns have had a major effect on us. Despite this, our team adapted, and we have worked through it with online events and community engagement replacing (in part, not full) our usual face-to-face activities and events.

We have continued advocating on behalf of our community and providing feedback and information to the PBAC for drug submissions. We have seen several successes, with improved treatment regimens being approved for myeloma.

I would like to acknowledge the support of our sponsors from





the pharmaceutical sector, our philanthropic supporters and our donors, who provided muchneeded funding towards our programs and services over the past year and helped enable and sustain our good work.

My thanks go to our board, for both the great work they do and for the support they have given me and the team. In particular I would like to personally thank Brian Rosengarten for his support of myself and the staff and for his vision and dedication in continuing the work he started over two decade ago and the other members of the executive team – Peter Allen and Peter O'Brien.

I am looking forward to a great 2020-2021



The Myeloma Australia team.







Peter O'Brien *Treasurer*

The financial year of 2019/20 for Myeloma Australia was significantly impacted both operationally and financially by the COVID-19 pandemic. All of our face to face operations ceased in March 2020 and all of our offices were closed.

Fortuitously, we had commenced using Zoom technology many months prior to the pandemic. As a result, we were able to leverage this knowledge to be able to offer virtual programs such as support groups and seminars reasonably quickly after the lockdown. It was encouraging that so many people were able to take advantage of these virtual offerings. It also enabled us to reach a larger audience that may not otherwise have been possible.

Treasurer's Report 2019/20

There were a number of large fundraising events that were unable to be held due to the crisis. We also suffered from a lower level of donations and other revenue sources during this period. Due to the drop in some sources of revenue, we qualified for the support offered by the Government's Jobkeeper and other programs that assisted Myeloma Australia to maintain its staffing levels and services during this period.

Pleasingly this year marked the first full financial year of our extended national coverage with nursing staff in most Australia States and Territories. Through having this national coverage in place we have had a corresponding increase in the number patients and carers we are in contact with as well as the number of support groups within Australia.

During the year Myeloma Australia received a number of bequests, including a significant amount in excess of \$1m from a very generous estate of a family touched by myeloma. This has

enabled Myeloma Australia to plan for the long term and for more services to be offered directly to the myeloma community.

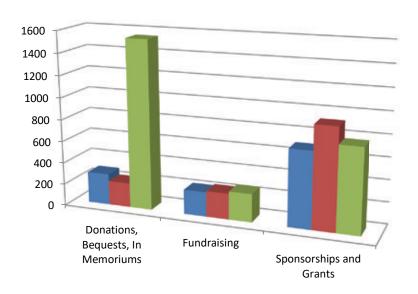
Financial result

Due to the receipt of the significant bequest during the year, Myeloma Australia showed a surplus of \$1.079m that compares favourably with last year's deficit of \$0.129m.

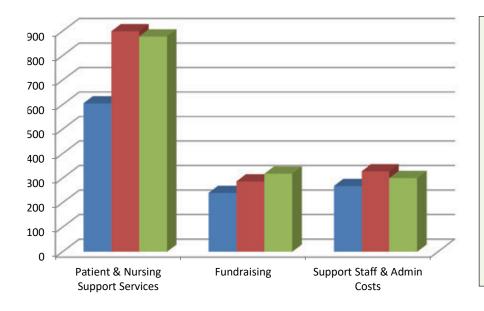
Fundraising was slightly up on the prior year. During the year, Myeloma Australia participated in Charity TV Global's Adventure All Stars series, where six ambassadors were involved in fundraising and then completed an adventure that was filmed for television. This raised a significant sum of funds and was very successful in raising awareness for Myeloma Australia too. It was completed prior to the pandemic. A similar event is being planned for next year.

Sponsorships and grants were down slightly against the prior year mainly due to lower funds being received from pharmaceutical









Expenditure by function 2018 - 2020

- 2018
- **2019**
- **2020**

Support Staff and Administration costs have been allocated by function based on estimates of time spent on each activity and an allocation of occupancy costs.

companies which was partly offset by Jobkeeper funding received from the Government.

Total expenses were slightly down on the prior year. Patient and nursing support services were lower mainly due to lower costs associated with the Medical and Scientific Advisory Group Scientific (MSAG) Event which has a larger audience every second year when focussed on doctors.

Fundraising costs were higher mainly due to costs associated with the inaugural Charity TV partnership.

Support staff and administration costs were also slightly lower during the year.

Resourcing

Myeloma Australia has only one full time employee and 20 part time employees. This includes 15 nursing staff, four support services staff, one fundraising staff and one MSAG assistant. Given the national coverage Myeloma Australia has attained with its nursing staff, we do not intend to

add significantly to this resource in our current plans. Given the larger suite of services that are being provided due to the national coverage of nursing services, it is planned that two additional roles will be required to provide patient services, marketing and administration support in the next year.

Volunteers also have a hugely positive impact on the operations of Myeloma Australia. Our volunteers assist with workshops and seminars, support groups, fundraising activities and administration support. Our Board members are also all volunteers. They are a vital addition to the services to the myeloma community.

Outlook

We are hopeful that we will be able to return to more normal operations in the 2020/21 financial year and continue to provide the services that are so valued by the myeloma community.











Hayley Beer *Manager Nursing and Programs*



Nella Combe *Manager Nursing and Patient Services*

Wow, what a year at Myeloma Australia!

Over the last twelve months, our national myeloma support nurse team have done an outstanding job, working hard and adapting to continue to deliver and grow our services for the Australian myeloma community. Our team is always looking for new and innovative ways to improve our services and broaden our reach even amidst all the changes and uncertainty that came with the start of a global COVID-19 pandemic.

We had some staff movement in our team over the year. We welcomed back Nurse Manager Hayley Beer from maternity leave in October and Laura Jones (Vic) in February. In January 2020 we farewelled Elli Foley (Vic) who took a full-time role at the Alfred as a Myeloma Nurse Consultant and Geo Sobrio (NSW) who moved to the Philippines. We also welcomed a new addition to the SA/NT team, Alicia Hopper, and were excited

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that Emma-Jane Furphy became a permanent member of the Vic team. In the last quarter of the year we also welcomed Cath Bowley to the role of NSW Support Nurse.

There has been a huge body of work produced by the nursing team this year as outlined by service below.

Telephone Support Line

The Telephone Support Line continued to be a source of information and support for people living with myeloma and their loved ones. The COVID-19 pandemic further reinforced how valuable the is, with an increase in call numbers of 20-50 percent and average call length increased by 25 percent.

The nursing team embarked on a project to evaluate the Telephone Support Line. The results showed that the Telephone Support Line it is an extremely valuable service, with 90 percent of respondents reporting that they felt their needs were met. We have concentrated on increasing the promotion of this service amongst health care professionals, as we received feedback that treatment centres weren't always aware of it.

Information and Support Groups

Once the threat of COVID-19 became apparent, we put all face-to-face services on hold. Our nurses worked swiftly and creatively to deliver our Information and Support Groups online via Zoom, providing some sense of normality in an otherwise not normal world. The addition of Zoom allowed us to reach more members residing in rural and remote areas and enabled them to connect with peers they may not have had contact with otherwise.

The use of video conferencing enabled new initiatives, including the implementation of state-based

younger persons' support groups and a combined interstate younger persons' group. This enabled those in this niche age range to connect with people on a similar path to them. Similarly, our newly launched carer-specific support groups allowed our well-deserving carers a space just for them without the fear of leaving their loved one with myeloma alone.

The nurses also instigated statewide 'cuppa and catch-ups' which are less formal support group meetings open to anyone in the state, as a platform for people feeling isolated by the pandemic to reach out for a chat.

Prior to COVID-19, we were in the planning phases of a project with the Rotary Club of Camberwell. The Rotary Outreach Myeloma Program aims to initiate more Information and Support Groups in rural and regional areas in partnership with local Rotary clubs. We launched a group in Horsham before COVID-19 forced us to reimagine the program. We are currently working on developing the program further with Rotary to ensure a COVID safe program that is ready for full roll-out in the future.

Seminars

In October 2019 we took our biennial MSAG clinical workshop to Sydney. This event included concurrent education events for health professionals and patients and carers. We had an excellent turnout of 150 in each arm of the event, with positive feedback received from the delegates.

The pandemic posed a massive threat to our flagship National Myeloma Month events in May, but with the support and expertise of CVP Events, Film and TV, we were able to take the events virtual. We ran four two-hour live online seminars and a social media awareness campaign. Our nurses



were involved in the program design, delivery and presentation and due to the virtual delivery, many more people were able to be reached, not only in Australia but worldwide. The recordings of these events are available on our website. We are pleased that our collaboration with CVP continues, and we have developed an online seminar program for people living with myeloma, health professionals and scientists.

Health care professional education

In October 2019, the majority of our nurses attended the annual Blood Conference in Perth. The Myeloma Australia stand was well attended by health professionals and industry partners from around Australia as we showcased our resources and services. Nella Combe, Manager Nursing and Patient Services, presented on the Myeloma Australia nurse model in the nursing stream of the conference. Myeloma Australia nurses, Narelle Smith and Kerin Young were on the conference organising committee. The Telephone Support Line evaluation project poster presentation attracted much interest from those in attendance. We were pleased to work with one of the international speakers of the conference, Dr Paul Richardson from the Dana Faber Cancer Institute, Boston, to film some Q&A videos with some MSAG members. These video resources are now available on our website.

In addition to the MSAG clinical workshop, our nursing team attended many treating centres around the country to deliver inservice education to their peers.

We also developed a suite of presentations on commonly requested topics, with a plan to present these in an online education evening in August 2020. These presentations will be recorded and available for hospitals to use in their own education programs in circumstances where we can't be there in person.

International conferences

In December 2019, when international travel was possible, Nella Combe attended the American Society of Hematology (ASH) conference in Orlando. Florida USA - the largest haematology conference in the world. Myeloma Australia CEO, Steve Roach, and President, Brian Rosengarten, also attended, all as guests of the International Myeloma Foundation. In addition, the Global Myeloma Action Network met at the conference. Myeloma Australia represents Australia alongside 40 members representing myeloma support organisations from other countries around the world. This gives us the opportunity to learn from, mentor and collaborate with our international colleagues to improve the lives of people living with myeloma around the globe.

Advocacy

During this year, every Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) meeting had submissions relating to myeloma on the agenda. Many people contacted us for support for making submissions. Our nurses worked closely with our myeloma community, empowering patients and carers to submit their comments and opinions regarding treatment access and availability. Myeloma Australia made submissions on behalf the myeloma community as a patient support organisation.

We were pleased with the positive recommendations the PBAC made for the reimbursement of lenalidomide maintenance after autologous stem cell transplant and the combination of lenalidomide, bortezomib and dexamethasone for the newly diagnosed. These two changes were long awaited and are incredibly important for improving survival and outcomes of the Australian myeloma community.

Resources

This year we developed a resource for people undergoing stem cell

transplants. The publication is called Autologous Stem Cell Transplant – a guide for people with myeloma and is available for download from our website. The book aims to take some of the fear out of the lead up to an autologous stem cell transplant. The feedback so far from patients and clinicians is that it has achieved this aim with flying colours.

We regularly made contact with the community through our quarterly MyeNews magazine, the monthly Muster e-newsletter and our social media platforms.

There are many people living with myeloma who are yet to be introduced to our services. To that effect, our nurses have implemented a referral form to allow staff in treating centres to gain permission for their patients to be contacted by Myeloma Australia and offered the chance to engage with us and our services.

Collaboration

This year we worked again with Community and Patient Preference Research (CaPPRe) on a new pilot project testing an app specifically designed for myeloma patients to assist with conversations about starting a new treatment with their treating team. The pilot project recruited participants across several hospital sites, and we look forward to sharing the results in the coming year.

Acknowledgments

We are very proud to now have 15 nurses around the country delivering services to the myeloma community in every state and territory of Australia. They all show incredible dedication and commitment to the Myeloma Australia mission by working hard to deliver our nurse-led services and also supporting our fundraising and community ventures. This is nothing short of remarkable given the challenges the pandemic has thrown at us in the latter part of the year. We are so grateful for the team we have, and the support they have shown each other is to be commended.





"I was devastated when I was diagnosed with myeloma. I'd never heard of it and neither had my family or friends. It was a real shock to the system. I was in no-man's land having found out that I had this strange disease. I did a google search for myeloma and discovered Myeloma Australia. I phoned the Telephone Support Line and spoke to one of the nurses. We chatted for over an hour that first call, and many times since. The nurse was very reassuring and at the end of the session we had built up a rapport. I was reassured that I wasn't going to die tomorrow, that there were opportunities to live a

reasonably productive life. I've been to some Support Groups which have really helped too.

Focusing on the positives is critical, and you have to take up a hobby and focus on that. For me, that's flying. I've owned my own five-seater light aircraft for the past ten years and I've flown all over Australia and clocked up almost 2000 hours of flying. Flying has been absolutely fantastic for me. When I'm flying I feel amazing. There was a period of a couple of years when I couldn't fly due to my treatment, and that was really rough. To come back to flying, I'm a different person, it's made a huge difference."

My message to others who are living with myeloma is: talk. You need somebody in your life who you can talk openly to, whether it's a family member, a friend or a myeloma nurse, you need someone to be able to tell them what's going on in your head.

And to Myeloma Australia I want to say: keep doing what you're doing, I think it's a fantastic organisation. It is a need that has to be fulfilled and you're doing a great job."

Fred has been living with myeloma since late 2017.





Professor H Miles Prince AM *MSAG Chair*

Myeloma Australia's MSAG is recognised as the peak body for physicians and scientists working in multiple myeloma and related diseases. This year MSAG continued to impact in the clinical and research areas of myeloma with our advocacy, education, clinical guidelines development, collaboration, and support of research initiatives.

In 2006, Myeloma Australia established MSAG as a sub-committee of the Board of Myeloma Australia, and in 2016 it expanded to include members from NZ and every Australian State and Territory. Myeloma Australia is represented on MSAG by its President, CEO and two Support Nurse Managers. Jacqueline Tate is the MSAG Project Manager and Liaison, and co-ordinates the activities of MSAG for Myeloma Australia.

For a list of our MSAG members, please visit our website.

Clinical practice guidelines

As the peak body for clinicians and scientists working in multiple myeloma and related diseases, MSAG prepares and updates various guidelines and publications.

The Australian Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Multiple Myeloma underwent a significant review in this reporting period. The guidelines focus on drugs that are either reimbursed or can be accessed through other avenues in Australia.

Medical and Scientific Advisory Group (MSAG) Report

Systemic AL Amyloidosis
Clinical Practice Guidelines also

underwent a significant review in this reporting period and were re-published in September 2019. Systemic AL amyloidosis has limited high quality evidence to guide management and therefore limited consensus on what constitutes 'standard' treatment. The guidelines have been prepared by the MSAG to provide Australian clinicians with a current, practical, and evidence-based approach to the management of AL amyloidosis.

The Clinical Practice
Guidelines for the
treatment of Waldenström
Macroglobulinaemia is a
consensus established by MSAG
in collaboration with local experts.
These guidelines did not require
review in this reporting period.

COVID-19 and myeloma, consensus document

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, MSAG endorsed a COVID-19 and Myeloma Consensus Document for the treatment of myeloma. This statement was intended to support clinical decision making during the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Clinical Practice Statement for imaging of patients with Multiple Myeloma and associated Plasma Cell Disorders.

This clinical practice statement was compiled by MSAG during this reporting period. The aim was to standardise imaging modalities in plasma cell disorders and multiple myeloma and provide an evidence-based clinical practice statement that can assist clinicians in the care of patients with these disorders.

PBAC Advocacy

MSAG is committed to advocating for equitable access to important therapies for Australian patients with multiple myeloma. During the reporting period two major and three minor submissions were listed on the PBAC agenda. In response to each, MSAG wrote to the PBAC chair outlining their analysis of the appropriate research and the position of the group. The submissions and their outcomes are as follows:

- Major submission for lenalidomide (Revlimid®): accepted, July 2019;
- Major submission for daratumumab (Darzalex®, new listing): pending 2020 meeting;
- Minor Submission for pomalidomide (Pomalyst®): accepted, November 2019;
- Minor submission for daratumumab (Darzalex®): result due July 2020 (accepted);
- Minor submission for carfilzomib (Kyprolis®): result due July 2020 (accepted).

Additionally, in March 2020, MSAG wrote to the PBAC to urgently request an out of session change to the PBS access to bortezomib (Velcade®). MSAG anticipated that the COVID-19 pandemic would enforce changes in practice. In response, the PBAC recommended a temporary suspension to the current limit on the maximum cycles of treatment. This recommendation was accepted in April 2020.

MSAG was invited to comment and answer a set of questions from the drug utilisation subcommittee (DUSC) of the PBAC in September 2019. DUSC assesses estimates





on projected usage and financial cost for medicines. MSAG submitted an extensive response to this request. MSAG was also represented by Chair Prof Miles Prince and member Prof Andrew Spencer at the PBAC Multiple Myeloma Clinical Stakeholder Meeting in October 2019 in Melbourne.

MSAG education

MSAG provides education in world's best clinical practice in multiple myeloma. Members of MSAG regularly contribute to Myeloma Australia patient support events as well as educating health professionals.

Myeloma Australia and MSAG presented the **2nd Clinical Education Workshop & National Workshop** in Sydney on 5th October. This was a full day event providing health professionals with a national perspective and the latest in multiple myeloma care and treatment. Topics included myeloma bone biology, imaging practices, renal and cardiac involvement in myeloma, a

case study panel event, a clinical and research update on immunotherapies and CAR-T cell therapies, infection and immunity. This event attracted haematologists, trainees, nurses, allied health and industry attendees from New Zealand and every state and territory of Australia.

Myeloma Australia's Guided Interactive Cases (MAGIC Program)

These educational panel events have both live and virtual audiences. MSAG members and colleagues present clinical cases and discuss them as a panel. This discussion is presented to a live audience, an individual online audience and at satellite events organised around Australia and New Zealand.

Myeloma Interest Group

MSAG regularly circulates the latest research and relevant myeloma events and opportunities for health professionals. The interest group is a core part of engaging the medical and scientific community. Over the

reporting period the number of health professionals subscribing to this group has increased by 250 percent (from 73 to 255).

Patient education in conjunction with Myeloma Australia Support Nurses

Members of MSAG regularly present at support groups and seminars with Myeloma Australia nursing staff. This provides a valuable chance for patients to hear from leading experts in myeloma, and have their questions answered.

With rising concern regarding COVID-19, MSAG members appeared in a series of videos coordinated by Myeloma Australia Support Nurses. This was an opportunity to communicate information detailing risks and preventative measures specific to the myeloma population.

I'd like to thank all MSAG members for their contribution, Myeloma Australia staff for their support, and in particular Jacqueline Tate for her role in ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of MSAG projects.





Matt Maudlin Community Engagement & Fundraising Manager

Community Engagement and Fundraising in the 2019/2020 financial year can really be divided into two distinct periods of time: July through February as the pre-COVID period and then March to the end of June as the impacts of the pandemic began to be felt.

Encouragingly, despite the pandemic, our community fundraising figures continue to rise year on year.

At the end of January we farewelled Santosh Ojha, the first NSW-based Community Fundraiser

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we had employed. Santosh made some very significant contributions to the development of our NSW community engagement plans during his time with us. We wish Santosh every success as he takes on the next challenges in his career. Our plans to replace Santosh were hampered by the pandemic and as of now the position he has vacated is yet to be filled.

Our community continued to raise significant dollars for Myeloma Australia this year through their fundraising efforts. These took many forms, from joining in with Team Myeloma events to hosting bespoke awareness and fundraising events including haircuts, school project events, a lawn-bowls day, art exhibitions, BBQs, an outback car-rally and an individual walking the Bibbulman Track in Western Australia, to name but a few. The creativity of

the myeloma community is always something that inspires me. No event this year showed this more than that Palettes Idols group in Perth who, upon learning that the May 2020 HBF Run in Perth was cancelled, decided to do their own walk/run, adding their own colour and spark.

Alongside the afore-mentioned fundraising events, we generated revenue from sales of items from our web-shop. These included The Entertainment Book, People's Choice Lottery tickets and from the good2give workplace-giving programme.

In February 2020 our partnership with Charity TV Global (CTVG) saw us taking our six fundraising ambassadors away for five days and nights along The Great Ocean Road in Victoria, as their reward for the 12 months of significant fundraising they had undertaken



The six Myeloma Australia Charity TV Ambassadors, during their All Stars Adventure along the Great Ocean Road in Victoria in February 2020.



for us. The ambassadors had each agreed to reach a fundraising target of \$10,000 to be achieved in the 12 months prior to the Adventure. It was an absolute treat to be involved with the ambassadors as they pursued many differing avenues to achieve their fundraising goals. The Adventure was filmed for TV and will be shown on Channel 7 as a part of The Adventure All-Stars series in 2021. The Adventure was a great success, with the ambassadors tackling many 'once in a lifetime' experiences. Such was the success of this project, from both community awareness and

fundraising perspectives, that we are partnering again with CTVG for a future adventure. In hindsight we were very fortunate to just get our adventure in prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic being felt.

Our community engagement and fundraising efforts were brought to a near standstill throughout the last quarter of the financial year. This slow-down in community activity allowed us some breathing space to enter into serious planning for the future. There is little doubt in my thinking that the future of Myeloma Australia's community engagement and

fundraising is incredibly bright. Next year we plan on employing a Major Gifts, Philanthropy and Corporate Partnerships Manager and grow our team of community fundraisers operating all around Australia. The success of these roles will be pivotal in the future success of Myeloma Australia.







The year in photos





Board of Directors

Our volunteer Board of Directors provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation.

Brian Rosengarten OAM – President



After his wife was diagnosed with myeloma, Brian was put into contact with Robert and Glenys Moran and together

they founded Myeloma Australia. Brian was a founding member and Vice President of Myeloma Australia from 1998 and became President in November 2008. He is Chairman and Chief Executive of Rossan Distributors Pty Ltd and a former pharmacist. Roslyn and Brian have two adult children and six grandchildren. Brian is very involved in his local lawn bowls club and he also enjoy overseas travel.

Jeffrey Hanlon – Secretary



Jeffrey is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Institute of Company Directors and

Governance Institute of Australia. He holds a Bachelor of Economics and various post graduate qualifications. He has considerable public and unlisted company experience and has held senior executive and Board level roles within the innovative technology, biotech and life science sector. He is currently a senior executive with a private welfare to employment service provider. He joined the Myeloma Australia as Board Secretary in July 2015.

Peter O'Brien - Treasurer



Peter joined the Board as Treasurer in May 2011. He graduated in 1985 from Melbourne University

with a Bachelor of Commerce. A member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants since 1988, Peter spent ten years at Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants, both in Australia and the UK, in the audit division, before joining Toll Holdings Ltd in 1993. He held various senior financial roles during his 24 years at Toll and was the Group Financial Controller of Toll Holdings Ltd when he departed in 2017.

He was diagnosed with myeloma in November 2008 and underwent stem cell transplants in September 2009 and April 2014. He is married with three children.

Peter Allen OAM – Director / Executive Committee Member



Peter was elected to the Board in November 2004, following a long and rich history in community

service and governance. He is a Fellow of Institute of Company Directors (FAICD) and has previously served as Executive Director of the Boroondara Cares Foundation, Chair of Finance at Latrobe University, Chair of Expo Hire (Aust) P/L and Ventura Bus Lines, Director of Neville Jeffress Advertising and Managing Director

of Armstrong's Advertising. He is a past President at the Rotary Club of Camberwell, Melbourne Cricket Club, Hawthorn Football Club and RACV. Peter has received various honours including Paul Harris Fellow (Four Sapphires) for Rotary International, Citizen of the year for City of Boroondara, and a Service Award from Hawthorn Football Club.

Professor H. Miles Prince AM MBBS (HONS) MD FRACP FRCPA AFRCMA AFRACD

- Director / Chair of MSAG



Professor H.
Miles Prince
AM has been
a member of
the Board since
March 2008
and a medical
adviser since

Myeloma Australia's inception. He is presently Chair of Myeloma Australia's Medical and Scientific Advisory Board. Professor Prince is an internationally recognised Australian Haematologist. He is a Professor at both Melbourne and Monash universities. He is a Fellow of the prestigious Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences. Professor Prince has portfolio of national and international Haematology appointments, major research projects and clinical trials. He is also a founding Director of the Centre for Blood Cell Therapy at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre which delivers the cutting edge new therapy of CAR-T cells. He is also a Director of the Australasian Lymphoma Alliance and the LymphomaHub and multiplemyelomaHub, an international group of experts providing education to blood and cancer experts around the world. In January 2016, Professor Prince was appointed the Professor



Director of Molecular Oncology and Cancer Immunology at Epworth Healthcare. This is a joint Melbourne University appointment. Professor Prince holds major Australian, American and European research grants and has published over 450 journal articles. He is a member of the Australian, America and European Societies of Haematology. His work has been recognised with an Order of Australia.

lan Driver - Director



lan was elected to the Board in May 2007, after having been the Co-ordinator and Chair of Myeloma

South Australia, a support group for people living with myeloma, and their loved ones, in South Australia. Myeloma South Australia joined Myeloma Australia in 2007. lan has been living with myeloma since 1997. He is Chair of the Board at the Encounter Centre, a community based not-for-profit organisation in Victoria Harbor which provides programs and facilities for adults with disabilities throughout the Fleurieu region of South Australia. He has an almost 50-year old history in service to the Brighton Districts and Old Scholars Football Club in the South Australian Amateur League and the Adelaide Footy League. He is currently a Life Member and Historian/Statistician and has previously served as an Administrator.

Adam Schwab - Director



Adam worked as a corporate lawyer specialising in mergers and acquisitions at Freehills until 2005,

before becoming a founding

director of privately-owned corporate accommodation and services group, Living Corporate Apartments. In 2010 Adam cofounded the Lux Group and is the owner of the Luxury Escapes travel website. Adam has also been a financial journalist and business commentator for online publication, 'Crikey,' and is the author of 'Pigs at the Trough: Lessons from Australia's Decade of Corporate Greed.' He has been a Director of Myeloma Australia since 2010 and has run two Melbourne Marathons completely barefoot to raise funds for the organisation.

John McLennan - Director



John joined the Board in 2014 and has been interested in helping raise awareness and research into myeloma after

he lost his father to the disease. John has contributed to a number of committees and organisations over the years, including recently being on the Victorian Committee of Support Act. He is a keen supporter of volunteerism, having been a volunteer with the Victorian SES for 25 years and the CFA for 12 years. John's current work involves travel and he is particularly interested in Native American culture. He is the proud father of three children.

Dr Elizabeth Johnson – *Director*



Dr. Elizabeth Johnson is a biomedical research scientist with experience in cell biology

research overseas and in several Melbourne research organisations. Subsequently, she moved into the field of facilitating collaborations among research and clinical organisations and in this role

has worked at the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre for four years. Her interest in myeloma arose when her mother Dorothy was diagnosed with the condition. Elizabeth was instrumental in creating Myeloma Australia's Medical and Scientific Advisory Group (MSAG), which formally came into being in 2006, and she convened the group until the end of 2018. In November 2019, Elizabeth and her family moved to Europe, and she therefore resigned from her position of Director.

Ajay Bhatia – Director



Ajay Bhatia is currently the Managing Director of Carsales Australia. He has over 17 years'

experience in executive leadership and over 15 years' experience of P/L management in pure digital businesses. During this time he has held several technical and commercial leadership positions. He sits on various for profit and not for profit boards. Ajay is an Alumni of the Harvard Business School, having completed an Advanced Management Program. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and a Masters in Management from the University of Technology, Sydney. Ajay was awarded Australian CIO of the year for 2015 by CEO Magazine Ltd. He has been a Director for Myeloma Australia since November 2018.





Our team

Head Office

Steve Roach - CEO



Steve has a business background in management and marketing in business, sport and the not for

profit sector. He has been general manager and CEO of organisations in the education, business services, equipment/vehicle rental, transport and marketing industries. Steve is also an ex sportsperson, having played VFL/AFL for Richmond, Collingwood and St Kilda and having played and coached in the VFA/VFL and at country and suburban levels. Outside of work, Steve is a musician, singer/songwriter, a martial artist fighting with European longsword and Scottish backsword. He is married with two children, two grandchildren and his beloved Irish Wolfhounds.

Alex Dawson – Finance and Support Services



Alex has been with Myeloma Australia for over 12 years, and is responsible for managing the accounts,

payroll, and finances for Myeloma Australia, under the direction of our treasurer, Peter O'Brien. She also looks after human resources, administration and the ongoing management of the database. When not at the Foundation, Alex works as a contract bookkeeper/BAS agent and in her spare time she enjoys gardening, cooking, reading and singing in a choir. She is the proud mum of two.

Pina Civitarese – Fundraising and Support Services



Pina joined the Myeloma Australia team in 2009, initially employed as an administration assistant. In her time here her

role has developed to incorporate many different facets of Myeloma Australia. Over the years she has worked in support services, project managed fundraising events, designed and developed the MyeNews and Myeloma Australia associated collateral and branding products, as well as photographed seminars and major fundraisers and overseen website updates. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her "Brady Bunch" blended family.

Samantha Zeps – Support Services



Sam joined Myeloma Australia in 2018 and is part of the support services team. Coming from

a laboratory research background in the field of cancer in Western Australia, the move to Victoria has led her to explore another component of cancer care - the provision of personal support to those with cancer. Outside of work she is a proud mother of two children and two stepchildren that keep her busy along with her passion for long distance triathlons.

Medical & Scientific Advisory Group (MSAG)

Jacqueline Tate – Project Manager and Liaison – MSAG



Jaq is Myeloma Australia's Project Manager and Liaison working with the group of clinicians and scientists

we call the MSAG (Medical and Scientific Advisory Group). Before joining Myeloma Australia, she worked as a scientist investigating deafness, cell transplantation and the cochlear implant. She also has international experience working in cancer bioscience and clinical trials. Outside Myeloma Australia Jaq is a passionate advocate for equal access to STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths). In 2019 she was honored to be a Future Makers Fellow through CSL Australia and named a Superstar of STEM by Science and Technology Australia. When not at work she loves outdoor adventures with her family.





Fundraising

Matt Maudlin – Community Engagement & Fundraising Manager



Matt joined Myeloma Australia in 2017, as our first Community Engagement and Fund-

raising Manager, responsible for working with our community of supporters to grow community fundraising income. He works part-time for Myeloma Australia, spending the balance of his time working for an anti-human trafficking charity. Outside of work, Matt has plenty to keep him busy – one wife, four kids, a cat and a Kelpie. He is an avid fan of the English heavy metal band Iron Maiden, the Boston Red Sox in baseball and Cambridge United in English football.

Santosh Ojha – Community Engagement and Fundraising – NSW



Santosh joined Myeloma Australia as NSW Fundraiser in 2018. He has over five years' experience

in fundraising and project implementation in Nepal, where he spent time educating children in rural communities.

Nurses

Hayley Beer – Manager Nursing and Programs



Hayley joined Myeloma Australia in 2010, initially employed as the Victorian Support Nurses and later

promoted to her current role of Manager Programs and Services. In this role she coordinates the nurse-led programs and resources and oversees the progress and development of our services Australia wide alongside Nella Combe. Her love of haematology nursing first began in 2004 at the Royal Melbourne Hospital where she worked in both the inpatient, outpatient and clinical trials settings. In addition to her role with Myeloma Australia. she currently works as a Clinical Nurse Consultant at Peter MacCallum as part of the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre and is the Victorian State Chair of the HSANZ Nurses' Group. Outside of work she loves being outdoors with her two young children and getting up to Bendigo to see her extended family.

Nella Combe – Manager Nursing and Patient Services



Nella has been with Myeloma Australia since 2015 and is responsible for overseeing the planning and delivery

of future projects and projects, expanding our national support services and supporting our team of nurses. She has been a haematology nurse since 2007 and currently works as a Myeloma Clinical Nurse Consultant at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in addition to her role with Myeloma Australia. Previously, Nella worked

at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in a variety of roles: inpatient oncology/haematology/bone marrow transplant, outpatient oncology/haematology, oncology research and nursing education. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her family, making ceramics and gardening.

Jo Gardiner – Senior Specialist Myeloma Nurse – SA



Jo is our Senior Specialist Myeloma Nurse and has worked and/ or volunteered for Myeloma

Australia for over 10 years. She has over 30 years' experience in a range of haematology nursing roles, from clinical to research. Based in Adelaide, Jo works one day per week for Myeloma Australia and two days per week as a Myeloma Research Nurse for Royal Adelaide Hospital. Jo contributes to writing our educational material, attends local support groups and seminars for South Australia and the Northern Territory, provides health professional education and works on the myeloma support line. Outside of work, Jo is a mum to three now adult children who are in varying stages of flying the coop. This gives her more time to enjoy drawing and painting, gardening and bushwalking.





Alicia Hopper, Myeloma Support Nurse – South Australia



Alicia joined the team in January 2020 as the second support nurse for South Australia. She has

worked for 15 years in nursing and management roles in several chemotherapy units across Adelaide. In addition to her role with Myeloma Australia, Alicia also work as a clinical nurse for Chemo at Home, which delivers chemotherapy and supportive treatments to cancer patients in the comfort of their own home. She is passionate about the difference that cancer nurses can make in disease management, understanding of side effects and improving quality of life. In her downtime Alicia enjoys exploring the beautiful wine regions that South Australia has to offer in the company of her husband and two golden retrievers.

Jacqui Keogh – Senior Myeloma Nurse and State Manager – NSW

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Jacqui joined Myeloma Australia in 2016. She currently managers the NSW team and facilitates

the Myeloma Telephone Support Group run in partnership with Cancer Council NSW. Jacqui also works on the Myeloma Support Line and assists with the running and coordination of the thirteen support groups throughout NSW and the ACT. Jacqui has over 20 years' experience in oncology nursing and has held many different positions, including clinical nurse specialist working in a combined oncology/haematology and bone marrow transplant unit, CNC for solid tumours, Nurse Unit Manager and Program Manager of a Children's Cancer Centre.

Outside of work, Jacqui is a busy working mum with two girls (aged 12 and eight), she likes to keep fit (to keep up with the girls!) and enjoys running and reading for relaxation.

Geo Sobrio – Myeloma Support Nurse – NSW



Geo joined Myeloma Australia in 2019, after six years' in haematology nursing. He has held clinical

nurse advisory roles, and currently runs a medical oncology chemo unit and is active in in-patient care in the areas of emergency and intensive care.

Juliet Hill – Myeloma Support Nurse – Newcastle, NSW



Juliet joined Myeloma Australia in 2019 and is one of two myeloma Support Nurses working from

the Newcastle office in New South Wales. Juliet has worked in the Hunter Haematology Unit at the Calvary Mater Newcastle since 2001, working in both the inpatient and outpatient units, apheresis unit and as a clinical trial coordinator.



Rachel McCann – Myeloma Support Nurse – Newcastle, NSW



Rachel joined Myeloma Australia in 2019, as one of two Myeloma Australia Support Nurses working from

the Newcastle office in New South Wales. Rachel has worked in oncology since 2013 in Melbourne and South West Victoria, working between day chemotherapy units and oncology wards. In addition to her role with Myeloma Australia, Rachel also works in haematology at The Calvary Mater Hospital in Newcastle. Outside of work Rachel loves going hiking, travelling and is a self-confessed chocoholic.

Deborah Thompson – Myeloma Support Nurse – TAS



Deborah joined Myeloma Australia in 2019 as the first Myeloma Support Nurse in Tasmania. She currently

divides her time between working for Myeloma Australia two days a week and as the Haematology Clinical Nurse Consultant at the Royal Hobart Hospital five days a fortnight. Deborah has worked in haematology/oncology since 2009 and held various positions throughout her career. She holds a Master of Teaching which provides her with valuable experience to facilitate patient and health professional education and seminars. Outside of work, Deborah tries to keep fit by playing squash, walking her dog, and attempting to lift a weight or two.



Laura Jones – Myeloma Support Nurse – VIC



Laura joined Myeloma Australia in 2017 and looks after the delivery of Myeloma Information and

Support Groups in the north and east of the State. Laura has been a Haematology nurse since 2011, having worked as Clinical Nurse Specialist and Associate Nurse Unit Manager at St Vincent's Hospital. She still spends two days per week here, as a Myeloma Clinical Nurse Coordinator. Outside of work she enjoys spending days with her friends and young family, travelling, exploring new cuisines, as well as time working in her garden in the Dandenongs.

Elli Foley – Myeloma Support Nurse – VIC



Elli joined the Myeloma Australia team in 2017 as one of the Victorian support nurses, facilitating the Myeloma

Information and Support Groups in the south and west of the state. She also works at The Alfred Hospital as a myeloma clinical nurse consultant. In January 2020 Elli left Myeloma Australia to take up a full-time role at the Alfred as a Myeloma Nurse Consultant.



Emma-Jane Furphy – Myeloma Support Nurse – VIC



Emma-Jane joined Myeloma Australia in 2019. Emma-Jane has worked in Haematology for 21 years

in both Australia and the UK. Alongside her work for Myeloma Australia, Emma-Jane works clinically at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre with the Myeloma Nurse Consulting Team. She has a particular interest in nursing research and improve outcomes for Myeloma patients. Outside of work she loves to travel with her family and enjoys open water swimming.

Natasha Clarke – Myeloma Support Nurse – QLD



Natasha Clarke joined Myeloma Australia as one of the Queensland support nurses in 2018. She has over 20

years' experience in haematology and oncology nursing working clinically and in nurse education. She currently spreads her time between Myeloma Australia and Princess Alexandra Hospital where she works clinically in the oncology day unit and as a data manager for the Myeloma and Related Diseases Registry. Outside of work Tash can be found with her head in a book when she's not spending time with her family – husband and two teenage daughters. Tash also loves music, a good film and browsing around vintage/antique stores.

Megan McDowell – Myeloma Support Nurse – QLD



Megan commenced work for Myeloma Australia in 2018, based in Brisbane. Megan has

been working in heamatology nearly 20 years, having worked in both the public and private sector. She has a special interest in Apheresis, Transplant and Patient Coordination. Megan continues to work in a clinical day oncology treatment centre while maintaining her position with Myeloma Australia. She is also a post graduate student at the University of Tasmania, working on her Masters of Oncology Nursing. Outside of work you will find Megan either in the pool, whirling around with her family's various activities and usually tucked into bed by 8:30pm.

Narelle Smith – Myeloma Support Nurse – WA



Narelle joined the Myeloma Australia team in 2017. She has worked as a nurse in haematology and oncology

for 16 years clinically across sites in Western Australia and also in Scotland and Ireland. In addition to her clinical work, she has also been involved in developing education modules for health professionals and collaborating in research projects. Currently, Narelle works clinically in the cancer centre at Fiona Stanley Hospital in Perth, alongside delivering on her role for Myeloma Australia. Outside of work she loves to spend time with her young family, her dog Lionel and her five chooks. She really enjoys pilates, going to the beach, crocheting and reading books. often several at a time.



Kerin Young – Myeloma Support Nurse – WA



Kerin joined Myeloma Australia in 2017. Kerin has worked in various nursing capacities in haematology/

oncology for over 20 years both in Australia and in the UK. In addition to working at Myeloma Australia she also works three days per week with the North Metropolitan Health Service as a Cancer Nurse Coordinator for haematology. Kerin holds a Masters in Nurse Practitioner Haematology. Outside of work she spends her time hanging out with her husband Neil and chasing around after son Ethan and Jamie and a crazy dog Milly. To relax she enjoys sewing and crochet and watching tennis.

Catherine Bowley – Myeloma Support Nurse – NSW



Cath was due to start work with Myeloma Australia in March, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were only

able to bring her on in June. Cath has been nursing for over 17 years and for most of that time has been working at Gosford Hospital on the Central Coast. The first half of her career was spent in intensive care, but in 2013 she made the move to cancer services. In addition to her role with Myeloma Australia, Cath works part-time in the outpatient chemotherapy day unit at Gosford Hospital. In her spare time, Cath enjoys being outdoors hiking or at the beach, and she loves camping, music and sport. Her husband, daughter and a couple of big dogs also keep her busy.





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Our impact on the myeloma community of Australia was made possible in 2020 thanks to the generous support of our partners and supporters.

From the individuals who made personal donations, to those who asked their friends to make donations in celebration of their birthday or other special occasion. From our incredible Charity TV Ambassadors who each raised over \$10,000 for Myeloma Australia, to those who left a

legacy by contributing a gift in their Will. From those who made donations in memory of a loved one, to those who contributed regularly via workplace giving programs. We are deeply grateful for each and every generous contribution and partnership.

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- Become a corporate partner
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On behalf of the 18,000 Australians currently living with myeloma, and their loved ones, thank you for being here with us.



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