

Summary of Patient Organisations supported by Medicines Australia Member Companies

Company: MSD  
 For the period: 1 January - 31 December 2025  
 Total support: \$357,182

Name of Patient Organisation	Description of and/or purpose of support	Nature of support (monetary value or equivalent) or description of non-financial support
Rare Cancers Australia	This funding supported a charity event 'Kosi Challenge 2025' held by Rare Cancers Australia to raise awareness about the impact of less common cancers in the community.	\$5,000.00
Rare Voices Australia	This funding supported Rare Voices Australia for the Round Table of Companies Membership Fee for 2025	\$20,000.00
Rare Cancers Australia	This funding supported Rare Cancers Australia towards the Rare Impact Lunch to foster closer connections and meaningful conversations between Rare Cancers Australia and committed supporters, stakeholders and partners.	\$5,000.00
Inherited Cancers Australia	The funding supported the Inherited Cancers Australia towards the following:  Conference attendance at CNSA Conference on 18-21 June 2025 at Adelaide Convention Centre  Conference attendance at APNA – Festival of Nursing on 24-26 July 2025 at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  Conference attendance at FAC & IMPAHC on 25-28 August 2025 at Mantra on Salt, Kingscliff  Conference attendance at Australian Society for Breast Disease (ASBD) on 9-11 October 2025 at Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre  Inherited Cancers Awareness campaign. The campaign will focus on two key groups: the general population and individuals at risk of inherited cancer. This campaign aims to raise awareness and provide a platform for affected people to share their stories.	\$25,000.00
Lung Foundation Australia	This funding supported the Lung Foundation Australia towards the Enhancement and Digitalisation of Lung Foundation Australia website.	\$10,000.00
Lung Foundation Australia	The funding supported the Inherited Cancers Australia towards the following:  <b>Advocacy – Leaders in Lung Health &amp; Lung Cancer.</b> The Foundation convenes meetings and events each year with Parliamentary Friends coinciding with key advocacy dates.  <b>Live well, breathe better webinar series - Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH).</b> Webinars provide consistent opportunities for consumer and carers to engage in education opportunities targeting both generic self-management issues, including exercise, support for carers, and psychosocial well-being, as well as specific topics including pulmonary arterial hypertension.  <b>Lung Cancer Support Nurse Program.</b> To address the gap left by a shortage of specialist lung cancer nurses, Lung Foundation Australia established the Lung Cancer Support Nurse program, a nurse led telephone-based intervention to support people living with lung cancer, their families, and carers.	\$42,000.00
Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network (MSCAN)	This funding supported the Melanoma & Skin Cancer Advocacy Network (MSCAN) towards the Parliamentary Friends of Melanoma & Skin Cancer Awareness: Start of Summer BBQ and Content development: Patient community.	\$10,000.00

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Rare Cancers Australia	<p>This funding supported the Rare Cancers Australia towards the following:</p> <p><b>Policy Roundtable Series.</b> Clinical Trials are a critical part of cancer care, essential for developing new treatments and improving existing therapies. Ensuring that people with rare cancers are aware of trials, supported to make decisions and participate is a key priority for improving cancer outcomes and experience, and addressing the current inequities. The Roundtable Series will explore rare cancer trials from every angle, including rare cancer research and evidence generation, access to clinical trials, and the translation of research into clinical practice.</p> <p><b>Thought Leader Series.</b> This Thought Leader series supports awareness, policy influence, and system reform by engaging Parliamentarians and global genomics leaders to elevate the lived experience of rare cancer patients, strengthen political understanding and commitment, and accelerate the integration of genomics and personalised care into Australia’s cancer policy and practice.</p> <p><b>CanForum 2025.</b> A key focus is addressing long standing inequities faced by people with rare and less common cancers, particularly in access to diagnosis, information, support services, clinical trials, and treatments.</p> <p><b>Policy Report to be launched at CanForum.</b> It provides deeper insight into the experiences and unmet needs of people with rare and less common cancers and their carers, forming a key pillar of “A Rare Cancers Moonshot: Equity for everyone with cancer.” The report establishes an essential baseline to track progress and inform future policy and system improvements.</p> <p><b>Policy Development &amp; Influencing</b> Rare Cancers Australia’s policy development and influencing work exists to ensure people living with rare and less common cancers have an equal voice in national decision making, by advocating for fair, timely access to medicines, genomic testing, financial support, and high quality cancer data, and by holding governments and decision makers accountable for delivering equitable cancer care across Australia.</p> <p><b>Health Literacy for the patient community.</b> This health literacy support aims to empower patients and carers affected by rare cancers with clear, practical and accessible information about genomics and rare cancer awareness, helping them confidently navigate genomic profiling, engage in informed discussions with their care team, and better understand their diagnosis and treatment options throughout the cancer journey.</p>	\$150,000.00
NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia	<p>This funding supported the NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia towards the following:</p> <p>Develop a VHL Practitioner Directory to be placed on website</p> <p>Patient Resources for Portal (Booklets and FACT Sheets)</p> <p>Develop Portal of VHL resources for HCPs &amp; patients</p>	\$11,181.81
BEAT Bladder Cancer Australia Inc	<p>This funding supported the BEAT Bladder Cancer Australia Inc towards the Health Professional Education Project.</p>	\$5,000.00
Head & Neck Cancer Australia	<p>This funding supported the Head &amp; Neck Cancer Australia towards the HANCA Education and Support for 2025. Support to maintain, develop and distribute HANCA's free online and printed evidenced based education materials to HNC healthcare professionals, patients and care givers.</p>	\$15,000.00
NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia	<p>This funding supported the NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia towards the National Rare NET related Support Service. Provide expert clinical advice to patients, carers and other health care professionals, and develop, facilitate, implement and evaluate care management plans for patients. Co-ordinate the development and implementation of Support Program activities. Stakeholder and community engagement</p>	\$48,000.00
Patient Voice Initiative	<p>This funding supported the Patient Voice Initiative towards the Patient Voice initiative activities as a Silver Sponsor.</p>	\$11,000.00