



About ACRF

The last two years have been Australian Cancer Research Foundation's biggest funding years ever. Projects have been funded and commenced at many of Australia's leading cancer research institutes in **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Hobart.**

For **2008** we have awarded **\$10.9 million** in new funding for three breakthrough projects.

\$5 million has been awarded to the **Centenary Institute for Cancer Research and Sydney Cancer Centre** to help build Australia's second comprehensive cancer centre. (In 2006 ACRF awarded \$5 million to Melbourne's Comprehensive Cancer Centre).

\$3.2 million has been awarded to **Diamantina Institute** at the University of Queensland to boost and integrate cancer gene discovery, gene characterisation and translation to clinical practice. **Professor Ian Frazer** who discovered the cervical cancer vaccine is leading this research.

\$2.7 million was awarded to **Queensland Institute of Medical Research** to fund new equipment at the ACRF Centre for Epigenetics, studying factors that modify DNA structure and change the way our genes behave. This program is the first of its kind in the world.

In June 2007 a **\$3.1 million grant** was awarded to the **Children's Cancer Institute of Australia**. Every week three Australian children die of cancer. Many survivors experience long term effects from treatment. This new grant will fund the development of low toxicity treatments so children who are now surviving cancer will be able to live long, healthier lives. This grant was made possible by a generous bequest to ACRF.

In the last 12 months we received applications for **\$75 million** for brilliant cancer research projects.

One day we will be able to fund all the brilliant applications we receive for leading edge research – that's our dream!

Every cent of every dollar received by ACRF goes directly to cancer research

What makes ACRF different?

The Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF) fills a critical need for research funding in Australia. Established in 1984 by the late Sir Peter Abeles, the Foundation has evolved into one of Australia's leading not-for-profit organisations. It is **dedicated to finding a cure for this devastating disease which affects one in three Australians.**

The ACRF funds facilities which are not provided for by State or Federal medical grants bodies, thus filling a vital gap in Australian cancer research funding. We award grants over **\$1.5 million** and up to **\$10 million** for major projects at the leading edge in global cancer research, with the potential to produce **real breakthroughs for cancer patients.**

More about ACRF's results and our work

ACRF funding has made a real difference to the quality of life to patients with cancer. Foundation funds have supported the discovery of **new ways to detect and treat all the various types of cancers**, including **Breast and Prostate Cancer, Bowel and Colon Cancer, Children's Cancers, Lung Cancer, Brain Cancer, Pancreatic Cancer, Liver Cancer, Lymphoma and Leukemia.**

Our research has led to **improved survival rates** in breast cancer patients, as well as a clearer understanding of the **characteristics that cause cells to become cancerous.**

Absolute breakthroughs are rare in cancer research but ACRF is often at the forefront of innovative results because we encourage researchers to go for the big concepts. The breakthrough vaccine to treat and prevent cervical cancer, discovered by **Professor Ian Frazer, Australian of the Year**, was **kick-started in 1999 by a grant from the ACRF** when other funding avenues had been exhausted. In October 2007 Professor Philip Hogg announced work on an agent to **prove whether chemotherapy drugs are actually working.** The agent was synthesised at the ACRF Drug Development Laboratory funded by the Foundation.



How we fund critical cancer research

The ACRF Board of Trustees is resolutely and totally committed to low administration and fundraising costs. In 2007, as in previous years, our expenses will again be among the lowest in the charitable fundraising sector, with **every cent of every dollar received as a donation to the Foundation going directly to cancer research.**

The Foundation receives **no government assistance** whatsoever. Its income depends on **generous Australian individuals, companies** and community groups through memorial gifts, regular donations from salaries, matched donations from companies, bequests and special events.

The ACRF office is staffed by a small team of nine people based in Sydney. It is supported by hard-working **volunteer committees who raise funds on our behalf** in Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart, Launceston, Kempsey and many smaller cities and towns through Australia. It is due to the work of these volunteers that we are able to fund the big projects which are getting results.

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