

# WHEN CANCER'S IN YOUR LIFE, CANTEEN IS IN YOUR CORNER

**2021-2026  
STRATEGIC PLAN**

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# What success will look like in 2026

## 1 CANCER SUPPORT

Canteen will have **helped 32,000 families cope with the immense challenges of cancer** while also increasing our reach amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, the LGBTQI+ community as well as culturally and linguistically diverse young people.

## 2 LEADING SERVICE MODELS AND RESEARCH

Canteen led service models will **continue to inspire changes** in practice internationally and nationally while our research will remain at the forefront of psycho-oncology and youth specific psychosocial research in improving young people's wellbeing.

## 3 INNOVATION

Canteen will be at the **forefront of medical, digital and technological innovation** in order to enhance the treatment and support provided to young people and families dealing with illness in the family and other adversities.

## 4 ADVOCACY

Canteen will **advocate in national and international arenas** ensuring governments and other stakeholders prioritise the needs of young people dealing with issues which heavily impact their wellbeing.

## 5 INVESTIGATING THE EXPANSION OF OUR SUPPORT TO OTHER YOUTH HEALTH ISSUES

Canteen will investigate the needs of **young people dealing with the impact of significant health issues (other than cancer)** or struggling with **grief and loss** and explore the potential for extending our high-quality support services to them.

## 6 POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Canteen will apply our strong organisational capability **to build powerful partnerships with other charities** in a way that enhances the missions of all organisations and streamlines costs for the partners involved.



# Canteen's strategic framework

Canteen will operate across four strategic pillars to ensure that young people and their families get the best possible support to cope with the immense challenges of cancer:



## Pillar 1 Treatment & Support



Ensure young people & families get the support they need, when and how they need it

**Key Objective:**  
Support 32,000 families impacted by cancer

## Pillar 2 Research & Policy



Our research will deliver new ways to improve young people's health & wellbeing

**Key Objective:**  
Improve survival rates for young patients as well as mental health and wellbeing for all young people impacted by cancer

## Pillar 3 Leadership



Enable young people to achieve their full potential

**Key Objective:**  
Ensure young people's needs and voices are heard and their leadership skills developed

## Pillar 4 Sustainability



Run an effective, efficient and accountable organisation

**Key Objective:**  
Build organisational capability and strategic partnerships to increase impact or reduce costs

**Diversity and Inclusion - increasing reach to high-needs groups**

**Innovation - leveraging medical, digital and technological advances**

## Acknowledgement of Country

Canteen acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First Peoples and sovereign Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to providing inclusive and appropriate support for First Nations young people, their kin and community impacted by cancer. First Nations peoples are respectfully advised this resource may contain images, names or stories of people who have passed away.

**Ngalaya (Dharawal for ally or friend in battle), is an artwork commissioned by Canteen created by Kamilaroi and Jerrinja woman and artist Jasmine Sarin.**