

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Cure Cancer drives \$6M boost in research under new national collaboration.**

Cure Cancer Australia today announced a new national collaborative funding initiative to distribute over \$6 million to cancer research over the next 3-4 years.

The collaboration is a partnership between Cancer Council NSW, Leukaemia Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, and Cure Cancer Australia, who championed the venture to better administer available funding to young researchers.

“With all of us working together the number of applications a researcher needs to submit is drastically reduced,” explained Leanne Warner, CEO Cure Cancer Australia.

“Researchers spend a third of their time applying for grants...having access to more than one funding organisation gives researchers extra time working at the bench, or in the clinic, to identify trends which lead to breakthrough discoveries.

“Our donors expect us to make it simpler for researchers to obtain the funding they need to get on with the job...and that's exactly what we are doing. In short, we're all getting better value for our research dollar,” Ms Warner said.

“We are delighted to be working with these collaborative partners and look forward to developing many projects over the next three years to ensure cancer research monies are going further, and to encourage young Australian research talent.”

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Cure Cancer Australia is focused on finding a cure for all types of cancer and has channelled close to \$15 million to 400 extraordinary young Australian research scientists, giving them critical support early in their careers. Find out more at: [www.curecancer.org.au](http://www.curecancer.org.au)