

MEDIA RELEASE



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Jane McGrath's battle continues

With news of the tragic death of Jane McGrath from breast cancer earlier this week, women's cancers are front and centre in the media for a time.

Cancer Council Tasmania Director Community Programs Celia Taylor said Jane's brave fight against cancer was not simply one for her own life but also to raise cancer awareness among other women.

"Jane's death is a reminder to all Tasmanian women to have their regular check-ups and to visit their doctor if they notice any physical changes," Ms Taylor said.

"The Cancer Council can provide women with information about cancer, its prevention, detection and treatment," she said.

"For those women living with cancer, we have a range of support services to make their cancer journey easier."

Ms Taylor said services included Look Good...Feel Better workshops for women undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

"These workshops teach women practical techniques to restore their appearance and self-image.

"We also administer a scheme that provides financial support for some women who need breast prostheses following breast cancer surgery.

"In addition, we run support groups that offer a safe place for those living with cancer to share experiences and emotions, and to explore how to cope and how to manage stress."

Ms Taylor said the Cancer Council had four drop-in support centres around Tasmania: Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie.

She said the Cancer Council would introduce a mobile support centre later this year to visit regional and rural areas of the state.

Call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday for the cost of a local call, email helpline@cancertas.org.au or visit www.cancertas.org.au

Pic Caption: Friendly Cancer Council Helpline staff are ready to take your call.

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