

# Adopt a Room.

Cancer Council WA's Adopt a Room program allows you to provide a home away from home and vital support for country families during cancer treatment.



## Country cancer patients face an increased burden

A cancer diagnosis can mark the beginning of a journey full of emotional, psychological, physical and practical challenges. These challenges are amplified for country cancer patients.

With limited treatment centres in regional WA, many country cancer patients have no choice but to travel to Perth for treatment. Here, country patients are isolated from their home, support networks and face the added financial burden of finding temporary accommodation in Perth.

As a result, cancer survival outcomes are 20-30 per cent worse for regional patients compared to those living in metropolitan areas.



## Cancer Council WA's Lodges

Cancer Council WA's Crawford and Milroy Lodges help to reduce the added hardship country cancer patients face by providing accommodation and support services close to treatment centres.

For over 20 years, Cancer Council WA's Lodges have been providing a home away from home for thousands of country cancer patients. Each year, around 5000 country patients and their carers find comfort, support and a place to rest at our Lodges while accessing life-saving cancer treatment in Perth.

Feedback shows that 98.4 per cent of guests felt the service and support received at the Lodges reduced their stress. 84 per cent of Lodge guests believe that without the Lodges and the Transport to Treatment they wouldn't have started treatment as early as they did.

This feedback demonstrates that the Lodges help reduce some of the added burdens faced by country patients. It also shows that the Lodges can help improve survival outcomes by encouraging patients to seek treatment early.



## More than a place to sleep

Our Lodges are more than just a place to stay. Cancer Council WA's Lodges also provide an array of free support services to help families during this difficult time.

- Guidance and assistance from a qualified Cancer Support Coordinator
- Wig Service, where trained volunteers assist patients with fitting a wig, turban or beanie to overcome the psychological challenge of hair loss
- Weekly access to an exercise physiologist
- Transport to Treatment to reduce stress and the cost burden of getting to appointments in the city
- Complementary therapies such as massage, reiki and reflexology to help patients cope with side effects of treatment and to improve overall wellbeing.



**Adopt a Room at a Cancer Council WA Lodge to help ensure no country cancer patient has to face cancer alone.**

## How you can help

You can adopt a room of your choice at Cancer Council WA's Crawford or Milroy Lodge for a year. Your generous gift will provide accommodation and other vital support services to country cancer patients and their carers when they need it most.

Donations to this program start at \$5000 per annum for a single room and vary by room size.

Your donation will help improve outcomes for country patients by easing the increased burden they experience when facing a diagnosis.

You will be helping to provide a home away from home for country cancer patients when it is needed most, allowing them to concentrate on what is most important - getting better.

***“As a country cancer patient living 1200km from Perth we have found Crawford Lodge to be of great comfort when travelling to Perth for treatment. The care and comfort afforded from staff and the facilities certainly make treatment a lot more bearable.”***

Ern and Val Seaman, Exmouth WA - Crawford Lodge Guests 2019.



## How your adoption is recognised:

- Opportunity to choose the room you wish to adopt (subject to availability)
- Your adopted room will display a plaque recognising your support
- Biannual report to demonstrate the impact of your adoption
- Official certificate recognising your support
- Opportunity for a photo presentation at your adopted room
- Tax receipt for your donation
- First option to renew the adoption of your chosen room.

By adopting a room at a Cancer Council WA Lodge, you are providing vital support, comfort and a home away from home for every country cancer patient and carer who stays in your room over the year.

Your donation will ensure no country cancer patient has to face cancer alone.

**For more information or to arrange a tour of one of our Lodges please contact**

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