



A gift of hope



**Chris O'Brien
Lifehouse**

Cancer care, choose hope

Transforming the lives of
people affected by cancer



*Thank
you*

Professor Michael Boyer AM

As a medical oncologist for over 30 years, I have seen the extraordinary progress in medicine and cancer care that has transformed treatment and outcomes for patients.

As a doctor and now Chief Executive Officer at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, I've also seen the incredible impact that philanthropy has on the care we provide and the experience of our patients. Philanthropy enhances our services, funds vital research, and gives hope to everyone who walks through our doors. Every day I meet patients who are navigating their own journey with cancer, and I witness these life-changing impacts made possible by the generosity of our donor community.

I am so grateful that you're considering leaving a gift in your Will to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you leave a legacy that will have a profound and lasting impact on patients and their families, and will help transform the future of cancer care, technology and research at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse.

I hope this booklet is helpful and answers some questions on how your gift could help others.

For a confidential discussion, please don't hesitate to contact us on 02 8514 0006 or development.office@lh.org.au

Thank you,

Professor Michael Boyer AM
CEO, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse

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for life unaffected by cancer



Chris O'Brien Lifehouse was once just an idea.

When my husband Chris O'Brien was diagnosed with brain cancer, he instinctively used his diagnosis to advocate fiercely for his vision of a comprehensive cancer centre that brought together every aspect of cancer care under one roof.

Chris passed away on June 4, 2009. In November 2013, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse opened as the state's first comprehensive, not-for-profit cancer hospital, treating both public and private patients.

Today, we treat all cancers and are the leading referral centre for rare and complex cancers across Australia. We offer the latest in cancer treatment and holistic care through traditional treatments and complementary therapies.

Our clinicians are world-leaders in cancer research, determined to find better ways to treat patients and deliver uncompromising, patient-centred care.

As a not-for-profit hospital, our model of care relies on the generosity of our donors, who impact many lives with their generosity and vision.

A gift in Will to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse is a lasting legacy in transforming cancer treatment and care.

Thank you for your interest in making a difference in the lives of people with cancer.

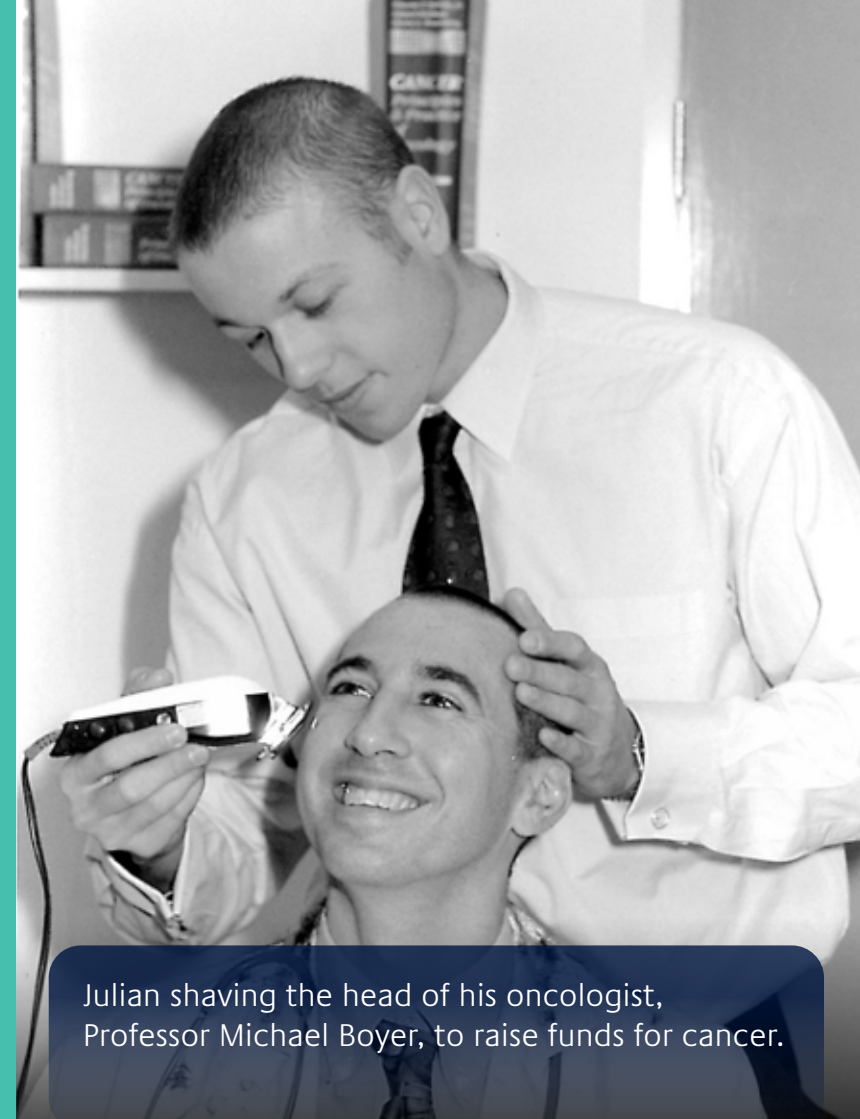
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail O'Brien".

Gail O'Brien AO
Patient Advocate and Board Member



“By coming together, our lives can touch and affect many individuals whom we may never meet.”

- Professor Chris O'Brien AO



Julian shaving the head of his oncologist, Professor Michael Boyer, to raise funds for cancer.

What value do you put on *your life?*

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**Julian was twenty-four
years old when he
discovered a lump on
his right shoulder.**

“I was sent for a scan... I remember opening the envelope to read the scan notes before I went in,” says Julian. “The doctor had written, ‘Lymphoma?’”

Julian was diagnosed with stage four Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. During the process of meeting doctors and oncologists, he crossed paths with Professor Michael Boyer AO, Chief Clinical Officer at Chris O’Brien Lifehouse.

“We had an instant connection. That’s when I knew I was in the right place for my treatment.”

“Chris O’Brien Lifehouse is an integrated building, a one-stop-shop, where people can have all their clinical treatments, surgical procedures, whatever they need, all in one area. It’s just amazing.

“With a young family, life is expensive, but I wanted to give something greater back. That’s why I saw my solicitor and changed my Will to leave a donation to Chris O’Brien Lifehouse.

“I want to thank them for what they’ve given me; a life of good health after my illness.”

“It feels good to give back.”

- Julian Hofer



Julian with his family

Discovery, research and *uncompromising care*

When I started over 20 years ago as an oncologist, there was only one drug for metastatic colorectal cancer. This was all we had. Now we have more than half a dozen. Much of this progress is driven by continued investment in research.

Research leads to breakthrough treatments and more effective approaches to treating cancer. At Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, our researchers are often the same clinicians who treat our patients. This approach means the gap between the lab and the clinic is eliminated, and our patients benefit earlier from access to the most cutting-edge treatments and therapies.

Funding for research is incredibly competitive and many researchers spend more time applying for research funding than doing the actual research. As a not-for-profit hospital, many of our

innovative research projects are made possible through donor support.

The generosity and vision of our donors enables our scientists and clinicians to push boundaries and explore new frontiers where the greatest discoveries are made.

By supporting Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, you are supporting more discoveries and breakthroughs and a greater likelihood that patient outcomes and lives will be improved both now and into the future.

I am deeply grateful to you for supporting a future where life is unaffected by cancer.



Professor Lisa Horvath
Chief Clinical Officer
Director of Research



Professor Lisa Horvath



Jennie's gift

Jennie Connolly was a highly skilled lace-maker and much-loved mentor in Chris O'Brien Lifehouse's art therapy program, where she would often be found teaching the novice knitter the perfect garter stitch.

Jennie was also a patient at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, being treated for ovarian cancer. Sadly, Jennie passed away in 2018.

In the months before her passing, Jennie felt a deep desire to do something meaningful for the thousands of other women who are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year. Jennie left a significant gift in her Will to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, to be directed to gynaecological cancer research.

Jennie's legacy now lives on at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse in the hearts and minds of those who loved and cared for her, and in the thousands of women who will never know her, but who will benefit from the advancements in research made possible by her gift.





Associate Professor Rhonda Farrell
Director of Gynae-oncology

Jennie's amazing gift supports innovative research into a new chemotherapy technique for treating ovarian cancer. This research is being driven by the Director of Gynae-Oncology, Associate Professor Rhonda Farrell.

Jennie's legacy...

This new technique involves delivering heated chemotherapy directly into a patient's abdomen after surgery, to 'clean up' any remaining microscopic cancer cells.

"There is evidence that cancer cells are targeted more effectively when this technique is used," says Dr Farrell. "But we don't know if it's the heat, the direct contact with the drug, or the combination of both that's effective."

Dr Farrell's research aims to find an answer to this vital question. "We are working to improve the survival rate and wellbeing of these women and delay the return of their cancer."

"I'm honoured by Jennie's generosity," says Dr Farrell. "She wanted to help other women who are going through what she went through, and that is exactly what her gift is achieving."

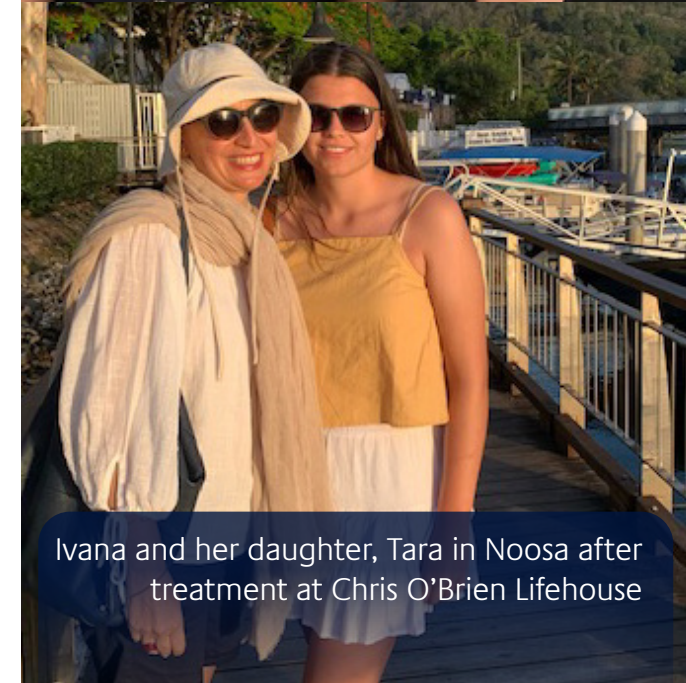
...gives Ivana hope

"I was a busy individual - a full-time working parent with a daughter about to start her HSC studies. I had none of the risk factors. Ovarian cancer is a wicked disease; there are no typical symptoms.

As a widowed single parent, my health is very important. I had to make the best decision for my daughter.

I received treatment under the care of Dr Farrell and her team, and I'm so grateful – grateful to have been able to receive this new treatment, and for the excellent care Dr Farrell gave to me. It's so crucial to find a specialist you truly trust, and I trust Dr Farrell and her team. I cannot thank them enough for the treatment that saved my life."

Ivana Rapajic-Moran
Patient at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse



Ivana and her daughter, Tara in Noosa after treatment at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse

“*Catriona has kept me alive.*”

Tom McNamara always brings a bunch of flowers for his doctor, Associate Professor Catriona McNeil, whenever he returns to Chris O’Brien Lifehouse.

Tom was living with a terminal melanoma diagnosis and was told he had just three months to live when he joined dozens of Australian patients taking part in a clinical trial of the new immunotherapy drug pembrolizumab, or Keytruda.

“Catriona has kept me alive. When I was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma, Catriona organised my acceptance on the clinical trial. She gave me confidence that I could live for another two years.”

After joining the trial Tom celebrated his 76th birthday, having been told he would not reach his 75th. The clinical trials program at Chris O’Brien Lifehouse is part of our commitment to ensuring many more people like Tom have early access to the world’s newest medications, treatments, therapies and surgeries.

As the first purpose-built cancer-only clinical trials facility in NSW, at any one time there are more than 100 clinical trials being undertaken by or in collaboration with our researchers and clinicians.

As for Tom, he makes the most of each day by gardening and visiting his friends. He has also chosen to leave Chris O’Brien Lifehouse a gift in his Will, for a simple reason: “Lifehouse has helped me. I hope my gift to Lifehouse might help others.”



“In the last decade, we’ve seen massive breakthroughs in treatments for melanoma. The scope and potential for drugs like pembrolizumab is truly amazing and will probably revolutionise cancer care.”

- A/Prof Catriona McNeil
Medical Oncologist

Options

for leaving a gift in your Will



Chris O'Brien Lifehouse holds Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status Item 1 and is fully tax exempt (ABN 70 388 962 804).

Residuary

After taking care of your loved ones, you can leave all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse.

Fixed

Leave a fixed monetary gift to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. This amount will remain the same over time, as compared to a Residuary Gift which remains inflation proof.

Assets

You can gift specific items from your Will to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, such as property, shares or life insurance funds.

Many people are happy for us to use their gift in the area of most need. However, if there's a particular area of our work that speaks more deeply to you, please let us know. We'll work together to ensure your gift has the greatest impact for future generations.

Capital Gains Tax on estate assets & transfer of shares 'in specie'

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not for profit Commission (ACNC). We are fully tax exempt. A transfer of real estate or shares direct to Chris O'Brien Lifehouse from your estate can reduce the tax paid by your estate, which can significantly benefit Chris O'Brien Lifehouse and your other beneficiaries.

We are happy to discuss with you your preferences and answer any questions you may have. We also strongly encourage you to seek legal advice in regards to gifts in Wills.

Suggested wording

"I give, devise and bequeath to Lifehouse Australia Trust ABN 70 388 962 804 of registered office Level 5, 119-143 Missenden Road, Camperdown, New South Wales 2050

- [...] % of the residue of my estate
- the sum of \$ [...]
- a gift of [specify details of the gift]

free of all duties for the general purposes of and declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge for my executor."



Associate Professor Judith Lacey,
Head of Supportive Care and Integrative Oncology
caring for a patient

Our promise to you

To allocate 100% of your gift to your intended purpose.

To always communicate openly and honestly.

To keep you updated and informed of the impact your gift will have.

To acknowledge and recognise your generous donation.

To respect your right to privacy.

To be held accountable to our vision, values and mission.

To provide prompt responses to any questions you may have.

We understand this is a big decision for you and your family.

We'd love to hear from you and we're here to answer any questions you may have.

We encourage you to get in touch with us for a confidential discussion with a member of our team.

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Chris O'Brien Lifehouse patient, Celeste, with her partner, George.



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