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Travel and Accommodation Assistance

If a patient has to travel long distances from their home to the treatment centre, they may be eligible for travel assistance.

Call the [Cancer Helpline](#) 13 11 20 for information about the travel assistance scheme in Tasmania.

In Tasmania volunteers are available to help country patients travelling to treatment .

If the patient needs **help paying for accommodation** while they are receiving cancer treatment, they should first contact the social worker at the hospital where they are receiving or will receive treatment. He or she will be able to advise the patient of financial assistance and other services available.

Call the [Cancer Helpline](#) 13 11 20 for information about affordable accommodation and assistance schemes.

Further Information:

Patient Travel and Assistance Scheme

North west	6440 7073 / 6421 7997
South	6222 8225
North	6348 7249

Referral to be filled in by treating doctor - blue form
13 cents / kilometre for travel; eligibility requirements apply

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Practical and Financial

[The Cancer Council Tasmania](#) has excellent information on :

Practical support

Aspects of cancer and cancer treatment can make it more difficult to manage day-to-day living.

Having cancer and cancer treatment does not necessarily mean that the person must stay in hospital or move in with family or friends. There are services available to help them live in their own home.

For information about **home nursing** services, the person should contact the hospital where they received their medical treatment. Some hospitals have home nursing services for former inpatients; others will refer the person to home nursing services in their area.

Financial support

A cancer diagnosis and treatment creates an added financial burden and may result in temporary or ongoing financial difficulty.

It may be difficult for a person to talk about their financial situation, but it is important that their needs are discussed with the staff at the treatment centre or with their General Practitioner.

Government agencies, The Cancer Council Tasmania and other organisations offer financial assistance programs to help people affected by cancer.

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- There are benefits available from the [Department of Family and Community Services](#) to assist with financial and practical concerns.
- Information about **Sickness Allowance** can be obtained by calling [Centrelink](#) on 13 27 17.
- For advice about **Childcare Benefits** call the [Family Assistance Office](#) on 13 61 50.
- The Cancer Council Tasmania also offers **no interest loans and welfare grants** to those effected by cancer. It provides practical help for people undergoing cancer treatment burdened by the cost of their care. The scheme is able to pay bills such as hydro, telephone, rates, repairs and rent (to name a few).

To find out about financial support which might be available to you and your family call the [Cancer Helpline](#) 13 11 20.

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Prostheses

Statewide Breast Prosthesis Scheme

13 11 20

- Financial assistance for obtaining breast prosthesis. Eligibility criteria apply.
- Application obtained and processed through [The Cancer Council Tasmania](#)
- Obtain prosthesis from Registered Providers, provider list available from [The Cancer Council](#).

The Cancer Council Tasmania Contact Details

To find out about your nearest Cancer Support Centre
call 13 11 20 for the cost of a local call, or email us at:

infotas@cancertas.org.au

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Wig and Hat Scheme

Statewide

The Department of Health and Social Services (DHHS) provides a **\$170** entitlement subsidy for a wig or two hats. Eligibility requirements apply

Obtain a referral from doctor administering chemotherapy

Northern and Southern regions

Ring Occupational Therapy to set an appointment for a wig or turban:

North	6348 7143
South	6222 8186

North West **6440 7094**

Ring Aids & Appliances Coordinator to arrange an appointment

NOTE: turbans can be purchased at cost from The Cancer Council Tasmania

The Cancer Council Tasmania
13 11 20 for the cost of a local call, or
email : infotas@cancertas.org.au
<http://www.cancertas.org.au>

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This information was provided by the Cancer Council of Tasmania for further information please contact :

[The Cancer Council Tasmania 13 11 20](http://www.cancertas.org.au)

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The Cancer Council Tasmania

is an excellent resource for a range of information including

- Practical information
- Support
- Support for children, partners and friends.

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Phone: (03) 6233 2030

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Southern Cancer Support Centre

184 Collins Street

HOBART 7000

Phone: (03) 6233 2030 / (03) 6233
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North West Cancer Support Centre - Burnie

54 Cattley Street

BURNIE 7320

Phone: (03) 6434 6363

Northern Cancer Support Centre

216 Charles Street

LAUNCESTON 7250

Phone: (03) 6336 2030

North West Cancer Support Centre - De- vonport

103 Oldaker Street

DEVONPORT 7310

Phone: (03) 6421 7887

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My Journey Kit

The Breast Cancer Network of Australia has developed an excellent kit for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. This Kit is also a useful resource for health workers working with women with breast cancer.

My Journey Kit is a comprehensive free information kit for women diagnosed with breast cancer within the last 12 months. Telephone our automated request line on **1300 78 55 62** for your copy, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Order on line www.bcna.org.au

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