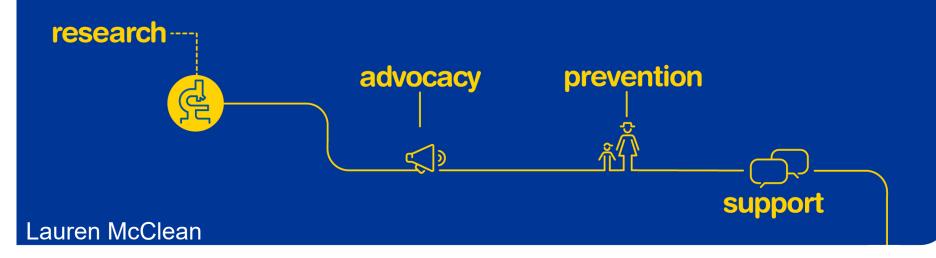
# Collaborating with Cancer Treatment Centres







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Centres to deliver a cost-effective and
sustainable model of program delivery
for cancer survivors.





### **Background and context**

- Cancer survivors experience complex health needs including chronic health conditions, some of which are preventable by adopting a healthy lifestyle.
- Cancer survivors experience increased risk of secondary cancers, other chronic health diseases and functional impairment<sup>1</sup>
- Lifestyle interventions and weight management may prevent chronic health conditions and improve quality of life of cancer survivors<sup>2</sup>
- Social interaction, eating a healthy diet and participating in physical activity can improve psychological functioning<sup>3</sup>





#### **ENRICH**

# ENRICH: Exercise & Nutrition Routine Improving Cancer Health

Partnership with the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Medical Research Institute

- 6 face-to-face education and skill development sessions
- Facilitated by health professionals
- Program includes:
  - Resistance training
  - Home walking program
  - Healthy eating education





#### **ENRICH RCT**

- Compared with the control group of cancer survivors, ENRICH participants:
  - Were more active, walking 1761 more steps in their day
  - Weighed on average 1.5kg less
  - Were consuming 3.5 more serves of vegetables each week<sup>4</sup>





#### **Aim**

To deliver the ENRICH program
in a cost effective and sustainable manner
through collaboration with
Cancer Treatment Centres (CTC)
& Health Professionals.





# **Strategy**

#### The ENRICH program realises mutual benefits;

Cancer Council NSW	Cancer Treatment Centres
Comprehensively evaluated & replicable program	Limited time & resources to develop & coordinate programs
Program resources	On-staff health professionals & venue
Program administration	Health professional referrals
Ability to triage participants into other support programs	Ability to triage participants into other support programs





#### **Outcomes**

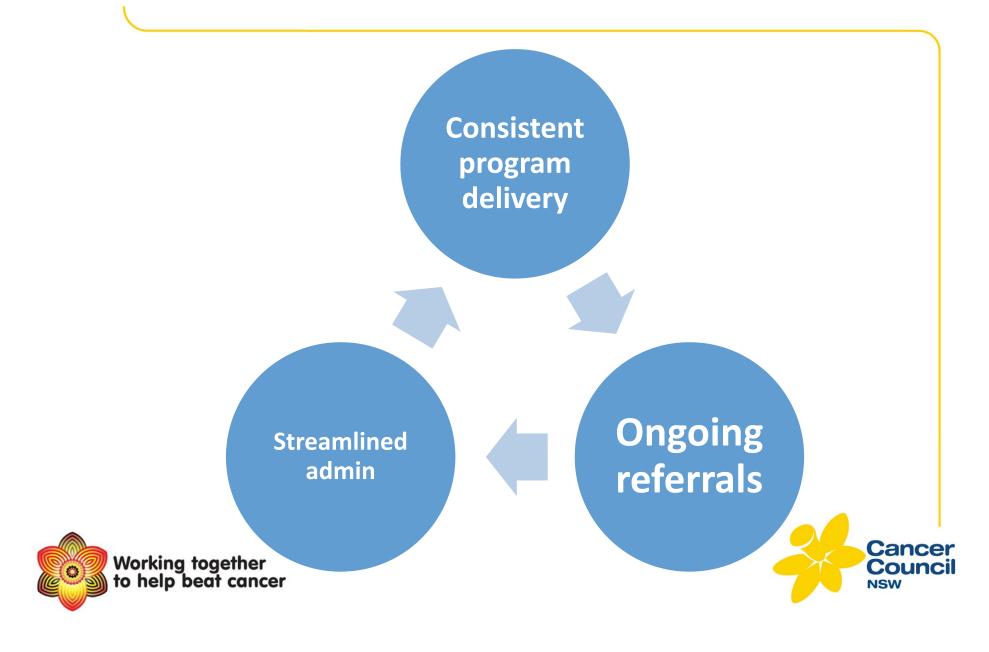
#### 2009 - 2016: 74 programs, 818 participants

	Programs delivered in collaboration with CTCs	Programs funded by Cancer Council NSW or external grants
Average cost per program	\$740	\$3820
Average cost per participant	\$37	\$190





#### **Additional benefits:**



#### **Collaboration enables:**

- A cost-effective and sustainable model of program delivery.
- Improved access for cancer survivors to healthy lifestyle programs.
- Increased opportunities to triage cancer survivors into other support programs.





#### Where to next?

- Explore the impact of health professional referral.
- Extend collaborative approach into regional and remote areas of NSW.
- Address emotional wellbeing of cancer survivors by developing a holistic program (ENRICHing Survivorship pilot).





## Thank you

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