

10 YEARS OF IMPACT: YOUR VOICE IN ACTION



YOUR VOICE

Celebrating 10 years
2016-2026

Head and Neck Cancer Australia (HANCA) was launched in 2016 by a group of clinicians who saw first-hand just how deeply Head and Neck Cancer affects people and knew things needed to change. They could see the gaps in patient care and support, and when a generous act of philanthropy made it possible to act, they stepped forward with a simple but powerful vision.

What started as a promise to offer free, trusted information and support has grown into something far bigger. Over the past ten years, we've learned and evolved by listening closely to the people who face this disease every day – patients, families, carers and clinicians who shared their stories, challenges and hopes with us.

Today, HANCA has become a national movement improving education, connecting patients and carers, shaping public policy and striving for better outcomes for everyone affected by Head and Neck Cancer. This milestone reflects how far we've come together – and what's possible when a community speaks up and its voice is turned into meaningful action.



715K Website visitors

3.1M YouTube views

1,267 Total helpline sessions

150+ Advocacy meetings

100+ Media mentions

80k Printed materials

400+ Representations at stakeholder meetings

2,800 GP / Dental module enrolments

6 Federal Government submissions

8K+ Followers across social media channels

2014–2016

Established Australia's first national charity for Head and Neck Cancer

Founded by leading Head and Neck Cancer healthcare clinicians and enabled by a transformational philanthropic gift, Beyond Five was established to provide trusted information and support for patients, families, carers and clinicians across Australia.

2016–2019

Building knowledge and strengthening support

Launched Australia's first comprehensive Head and Neck Cancer online resource library and directory of support groups, strengthening access to evidence-based information and connecting patients and families.



2020–2023

Expanding education resources and community reach

We changed our name to Head and Neck Cancer Australia and secured our inaugural Federal Government grant. We launched the *Changing Face of Head and Neck Cancer* education module for GPs and dentists, strengthened community engagement and increased clinician referrals across metropolitan and regional areas

2022–2024

Growing partnerships and regional outreach and supporting research

We expanded partnerships and regional engagement across Australia and South East Asia and supported research collaborations, strengthening HANCA's reach and position as a trusted national organisation and emerging regional thought leader.

2023–2025

Driving advocacy and influence built on strong foundations

Raising Awareness, Providing Vital Support, Influencing Public Policy and Sustainable Partnerships become the foundation for HANCA's programs and national impact.

We deepened our work with the Federal Government, peak bodies and stakeholders to encourage prevention, early diagnosis, equity and greater awareness across the healthcare system.

2025

A landmark year

We improved access to expert support by launching Australia's first specialist Head and Neck Cancer Helpline, staffed by nurses and counsellors offering real-time navigation and personalised care throughout the cancer journey.

We also brought together clinicians, survivors and supporters at a landmark event with the Australian and New Zealand Head and Neck Cancer Society, strengthening national leadership, launching the inaugural Head and Neck Cancer Awards and raising vital funds to accelerate HANCA's next decade of education, support and advocacy.

LOOKING AHEAD: 2026 – 2036



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As HANCA enters its next decade, we stand as a nationally connected and trusted thought leader for people affected by Head and Neck Cancer, shaped by strong clinical leadership, lived experience and enduring partnerships.

In a rapidly changing health landscape, we will continue to listen, adapt and lead.



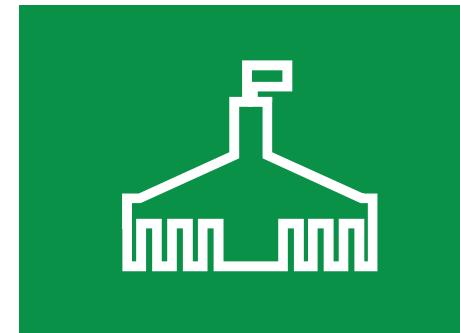
Raising awareness nationally

Increase early diagnosis and encourage prevention



Providing vital support

Empower patients and carers to better navigate their Head and Neck Cancer journey



Influencing Public Policy

Advocate for policies and funding to improve early detection, prevention and patient outcomes



Driving sustainable partnerships

Harness long-term support to advance health equity and drive systemic change that delivers lasting impact.

Together, we will amplify Your Voice and ensure no one faces Head and Neck Cancer alone.