

# LONGER BETTER LIVES FOR WOMEN THROUGH GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER RESEARCH



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## GIVING WOMEN HOPE

Today 18 women in Australia will be told they have a gynaecological cancer and around six will die. Ovarian cancer is particularly deadly, claiming the lives of 63% of women who are diagnosed.

Improving life for these women with gynaecological cancer is why the Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG) was founded in 2000 by leaders in clinical research in Australia. ANZGOG is now the peak national research organisation for Australia and New Zealand.

Supported by donations from generous people, we are ensuring the latest and best treatments for women with ovarian, uterine, cervical, vaginal and vulvar cancer.

We do this by improving access to cutting-edge clinical trials conducted by our members, collaborating at over 60 centres locally and globally, helping define new standards of care.

Projects include pre-clinical research and clinical trials exploring the causes, prevention and treatment of gynaecological cancers. Researchers may focus on symptom benefits, quality of life and enhancing treatment outcomes for specific diseases such as ovarian cancer.

Only thanks to our supporters can we continue to foster the new research concepts giving hope to women and those who love them.

“PROGRESS ONLY COMES THROUGH RESEARCH ... WE CAN'T MAKE PROGRESS OR CHANGE OUTCOMES UNLESS WE UNDERTAKE CLINICAL TRIAL RESEARCH.”

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL FRIEDLANDER AM**  
ANZGOG Co-Founder



“ IT WAS LIKE A LIFE RAFT BEING THROWN TO ME. I FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY MAYBE HELP MYSELF, BUT TO HELP OTHERS THAT FOLLOW. ”

**Ria**

Participant in the SOLACE2 trial

## RESEARCHERS PIONEERING DISCOVERIES

Our generous ANZGOG supporters continue to support pioneering discoveries made by clinical researchers at the frontline like Professor Clare Scott. In the clinic and the laboratory, her focus is identifying the individual genes powering a woman's cancer cells, then working out how to switch them off.

She is currently leading an ANZGOG clinical trial called SOLACE2, exploring ways to engage a woman's own immune system to delay the recurrence of their ovarian cancer. Participants are receiving immunotherapy and other treatments to help shrink their tumours.

Professor Scott is looking for a biomarker to identify which women with ovarian cancer will respond to different treatments so their treatment can be personalised.



“ OUR HOPE IS TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES FOR OVARIAN CANCER. PEOPLE'S DONATIONS ARE VITAL TO HELP US KEEP DOING RESEARCH LIKE THIS. ”

**PROFESSOR CLARE SCOTT**

Medical Oncologist, ANZGOG Director and researcher

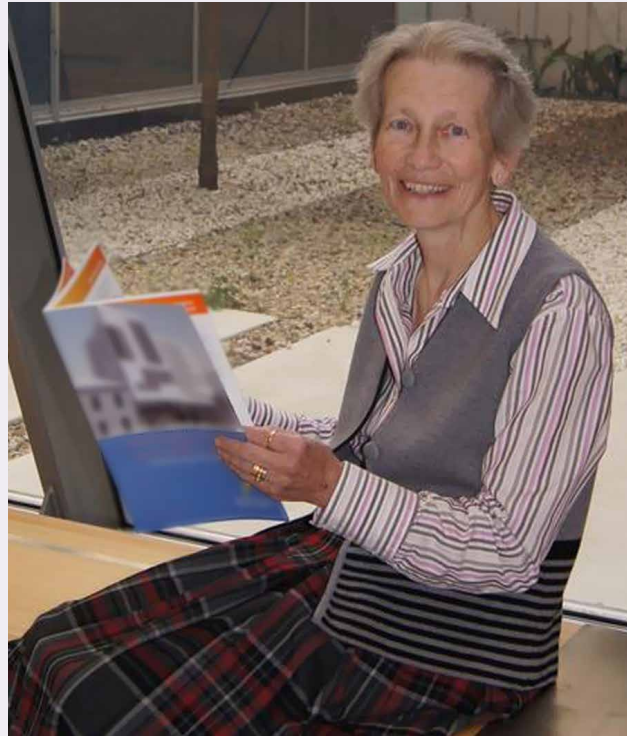


# A WILL TO SAVE FUTURE GENERATIONS

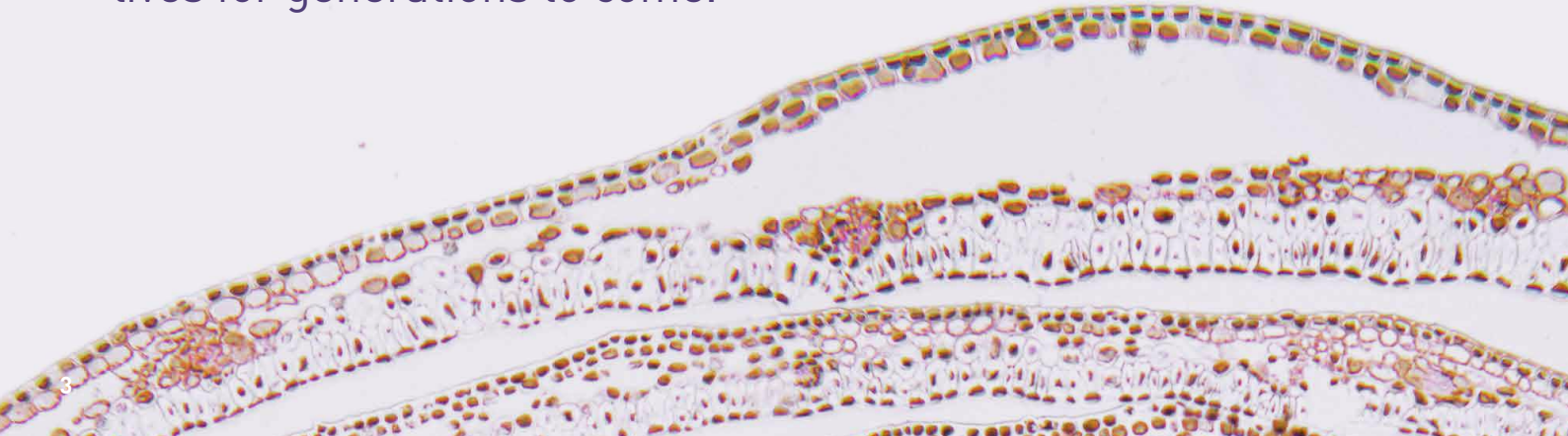
Rose Varga lived life on her own terms, travelling Australia in a Kombi van with her husband Des after they arrived as refugees from Hungary. She also understood the urgency of research into ovarian cancer. After her diagnosis, she participated in several clinical trials. She participated in several clinical trials and passed away at 81 years. Her belief in clinical trial research is making a lasting difference.

Rose left a gift in her Will and her generous legacy helped launch the OASIS Initiative – a world-class collaborative research program.

OASIS is short for Ovarian cancer Alliance for Signal-Seeking clinical trials. These trials are like scouting parties sent out to map the terrain ahead and show other researchers the way forward. Rose's gift has enabled a series of trials that personalise treatment for women affected by ovarian cancer.



When someone decides to leave ANZGOG a gift in their Will they change women's lives for generations to come.



# A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO ANZGOG CAN BENEFIT WOMEN NOW AND LONG INTO THE FUTURE

New treatments are still desperately needed for the 6,500 women diagnosed with a gynaecological cancer every single year in Australia. Their best hope is the clinical trial research conducted by ANZGOG with a goal of improving women's outcomes and their quality of life.

If you care about what happens to these women, a gift in your Will to ANZGOG can help ensure uninterrupted funding for our clinical trials, continuing research until definitive answers are found.

To make your Will, or update it with a Codicil, speak to a solicitor, the State Trustee, Public Trustee or a Trustee Company. They can help

you set out your wishes clearly. You will want to provide for your loved ones before considering a gift to a charity like ANZGOG.

## **THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS TO LEAVE ANZGOG A GIFT:**

**Residual** – leaving the remainder of your estate after specific gifts have been disbursed

**Pecuniary** – nominating a specific dollar amount you would like to give

**Percentage** – giving a percentage of either the residue or your entire estate

**A Specific Asset** – example are real estate, shares or bonds



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**Dianne**, with Oncologist-Researcher  
**Dr George Au-Yeung**



# YOUR GIFT WILL SUPPORT PIONEERING RESEARCH BY ANZGOG

## WORDING IN YOUR WILL

We recommend you consult with your solicitor, provide them the following wording to include in your Will, and advise them of your preferred method of giving:

"I [your name] give to the Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group:

- the residue of my estate, or
- \_\_\_\_\_ % of my estate, or
- the lump sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, or
- my property known as \_\_\_\_\_

(For example, real estate, artworks, shares, units or other securities in listed companies.)

– To be applied for general purposes by ANZGOG as determined by its Directors. "I declare that the receipt of an authorised officer of ANZGOG will be sufficient discharge to my executors who will not be bound to see the application of the gift."

## FUND FOR NEW RESEARCH – FOSTERING INNOVATION

Foster innovation with your gift. Support pioneering research projects that have the capability to lead to a significant clinical trial.

These are projects brought from the Australian and New Zealand research community to ANZGOG for funding to help make change.

Reviewed by research leaders and adopted as novel and innovative ideas warranting further work, individual grants up to \$100,000 are awarded annually for pre-clinical, pilot and feasibility studies that lead to a clinical trial. Research must be achievable and meet ANZGOG's strategic research priorities.

## NEW TREATMENTS FOR OVARIAN CANCER

New genomic knowledge has radically changed the way we view ovarian cancer. We believe that OASIS is the best chance we have had in decades to improve the survival of Australian women with ovarian cancer.

OASIS is continuing to fundraise to add new clinical trials to the initiative. These are rapid trials, designed to identify new, targeted therapies are selected from the 'best of the best' proposals submitted by academic researchers, in a rigorous selection and governance process.

OASIS trials will be performed more affordably and more quickly, thereby making optimal use of philanthropic seed funding and providing a model for other cancer studies.



## PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE THE LIVES AND SURVIVAL OF WOMEN WITH GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCERS BY ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS:

- ☐ I've already included a gift to ANZGOG in my Will.  
☐ I'd like to talk to someone, in confidence, about the opportunity to leave a gift to ANZGOG in my Will, and here are my contact details:

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My best time to speak to someone is: \_\_\_\_\_am/pm

- ☐ Please send me information about leaving a gift in my Will to ANZGOG to:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form in a stamped envelope to:

**ANZGOG**

**Locked Bag M45**

**Missenden Road NSW 2050**

Rest assured your details are confidential and will not be shared with anyone except the members of our team who respond to your request.





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