

Gambaro Cancer Care Lunch 2025

Transforming care, renewing hope





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The vision

For over a decade, the Gambaro family's unwavering commitment to our community has created a powerful legacy of care and compassion.

What began as a deeply personal mission for John Gambaro and his family, inspired by their own experiences with loved ones affected by cancer, has blossomed into a remarkable community movement that has transformed countless lives.

The annual Gambaro luncheon has become a cornerstone of hope and generosity in our community, raising over \$1.7 million to fund cutting-edge technologies and vital support services at The Wesley Hospital.

This remarkable generosity has enabled us to acquire innovative equipment like the

NanoKnife system and establish crucial support roles such as our dedicated Prostate Cancer Specialist Support Nurse.

Thank you for exploring how your support could continue this legacy of care and create lasting change in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

Every initiative has the potential to enhance lives, create moments of comfort, and foster meaningful connections during challenging times.

From surgical expertise enhancing recovery outcomes to healing environments that provide dignity and peace, these projects could transform the care experience for hundreds of patients in our community.



Improving lives, one patient at a time

Critical diagnostic tools

Histolog Scanner

Precision in real-time. Hope in every moment.

Imagine a future where surgeons can see cancerous cells instantly - while the patient is still in surgery.

The Histolog Scanner makes this future a reality.

This cutting-edge digital microscopy technology will empower our surgical teams to assess tissue in real time, directly on the operating screen. With just one touch, cancerous cells are visualised immediately, allowing for faster, more accurate decisions during surgery.

Why it matters

Every second counts in the operating theatre. The Histolog Scanner offers a breakthrough in patient care by:

- Identifying cancerous tissue instantly
- Reducing the need for repeat surgeries
- Improving surgical precision

- Minimising the risk of leaving cancer behind
- Empowering surgeons to make critical decisions with confidence

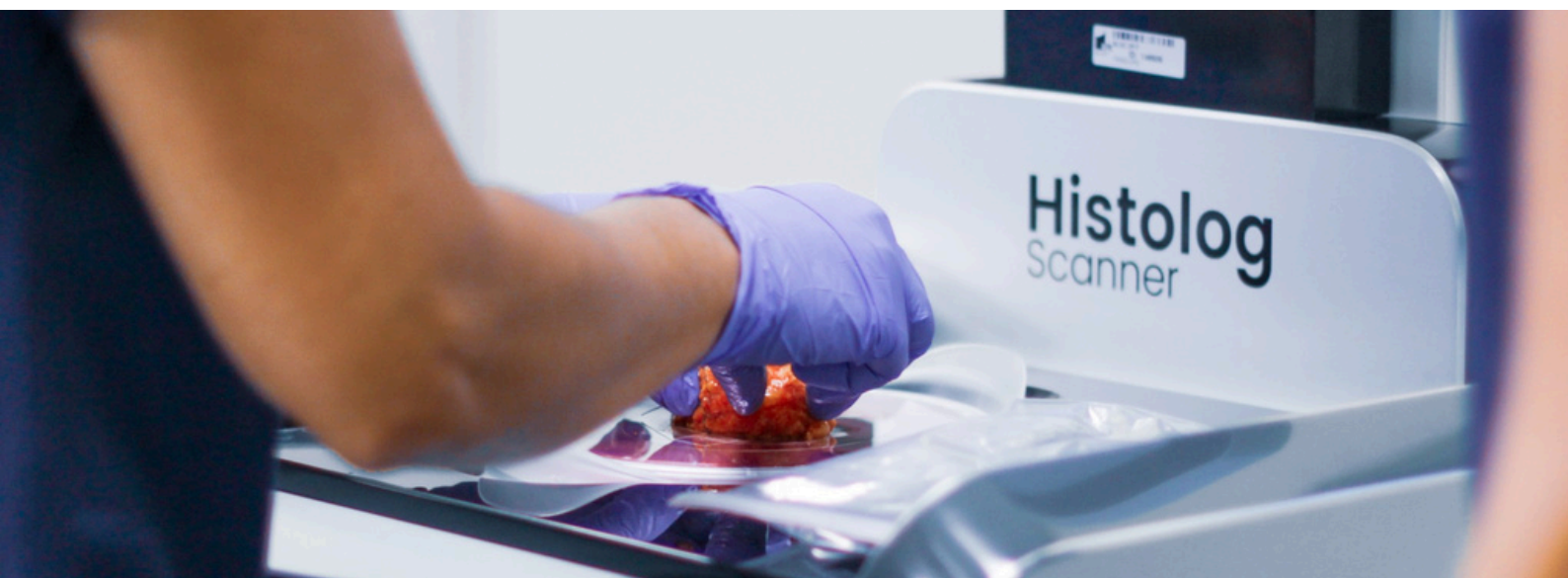
This is more than technology - it's a leap forward in how we treat prostate cancer.

It's about giving every patient the best possible chance at recovery, and every surgeon the best possible tools to succeed.

Your support can make it happen

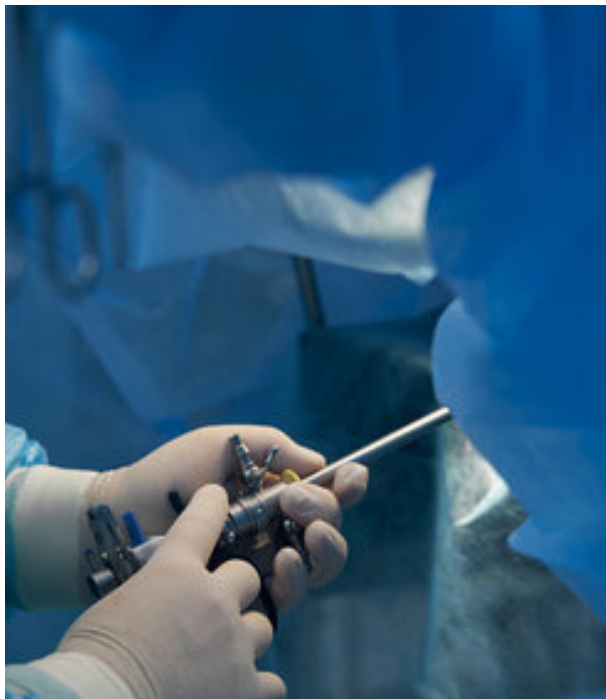
To bring this life-changing innovation to our hospital, we need an investment of \$535,000.

With your help, we can lead the way in prostate cancer treatment - setting a new standard for care, and saving lives in the process.



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Critical diagnostic tools



Flexi Cystoscopes

Ensuring reliable diagnostics for better patient outcomes

Cystoscopes are vital diagnostic tools that require regular replacement and maintenance to ensure optimal functionality and patient comfort during procedures.

Funding for this equipment ensures our urologists have access to reliable, high-quality diagnostic tools, reducing procedure delays and improving diagnostic accuracy.

This directly translates to better patient experiences and outcomes.

Investment required: \$125,000 will allow us to purchase 5 cystoscopes, ensuring better patient experiences and outcomes.

Creating healing environments

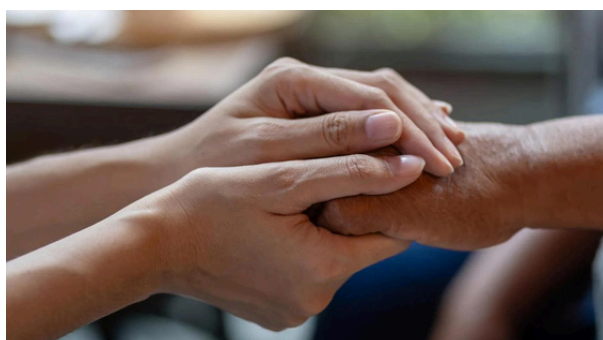
Palliative care ward improvements

Creating spaces of dignity, comfort, and peace

The physical environment plays a crucial role in patient care and recovery. The Gambaro family knows this firsthand, having recently experienced the patient journey with loved ones. Our facilities require significant upgrades to create more home-like, comfortable settings that honour the dignity of patients and support families during challenging times.

These collective improvements acknowledge that care is not just about medical management but about creating spaces where healing can occur and life's challenging moments can unfold with meaning, connection, and dignity.

Investment required: \$560,000 (\$20,000 per room) will allow us to refurbish 28 patient rooms and include bathroom upgrades that allow for easy access, bed headboards that encompass emergency equipment and lighting, emergency notification system as well as new flooring.



Improving lives, one patient at a time

Enhancing the patient experience

Perioperative Nurse Surgical Assistant (PSNA) robotic training bursaries

Investing in expertise, improving surgical outcomes

One bursary will allow dedicated nurses to become qualified surgical assistants for robotic procedures.

This additional expertise directly translates to improved surgical outcomes, reduced recovery times, and enhanced patient experiences.

For patients, this means shorter anaesthesia time, more precise surgical outcomes with better preservation of urinary continence and erectile function, and ultimately a faster return to normal life.

Investment required: \$15,000 will allow nurses to be robotic trained assistants for prostate cancer surgery.



Post operative outpatient clinic

Bringing comfort, convenience, and continuity to post-operative care

Currently, patients recovering from prostate surgery must remain in hospital for post-operative monitoring or return to the busy ward environment for follow-up assessments, which can be both inconvenient and uncomfortable.

This dedicated outpatient clinic will transform the recovery experience, allowing patients to return home sooner and receive follow-up care in a more comfortable, private setting.

This improves the patient experience while reducing emergency readmissions through better monitoring and support.

Investment required: \$120,000 per year allows for this dedicated prostate post operative clinic to enhance recovery experience in a comfortable private setting.

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Supporting emotional wellbeing

Psychological support for cancer patients

Healing the whole person, not just the disease

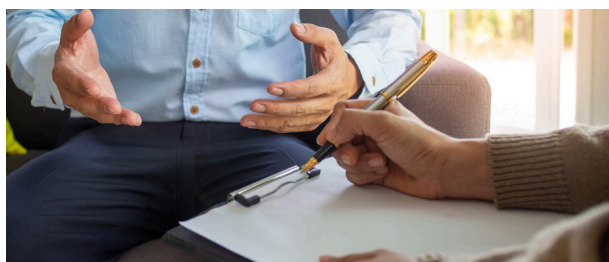
A cancer diagnosis affects not only the body but also the mind and spirit.

A new role for a dedicated cancer and supportive care psychologist will provide comprehensive mental health support throughout the cancer journey, helping patients develop coping skills, manage anxiety, and maintain emotional wellbeing.

The scope of this role extends beyond just cancer patients to include palliative care patients and the broader hospital community, creating an integrated approach to psychological wellbeing across multiple departments.

This holistic approach to care aligns perfectly with our vision of a Cancer Centre of Excellence and forms a crucial bridge to palliative care services.

Investment required: \$300,000 will provide 2 year funding for a dedicated cancer and supportive care psychologist.



Men's Choices Wellbeing Program

Strength in body and spirit during recovery

Physical wellbeing is intrinsically linked to mental health and recovery outcomes for cancer patients, yet structured support programs are limited.

Investment required: \$50,000 will provide crucial physical and emotional support, enhancing quality of life, improving functional recovery, and creating a community of support for men navigating cancer treatment and recovery.

Improving lives, one patient at a time



Honouring exceptional care

Staff recognition initiative

Honouring those who provide compassionate care

Our dedicated cancer care and palliative care staff provide exceptional support in emotionally challenging environments, often going above and beyond for patients and families.

The indirect benefit to patients through motivated, appreciated staff cannot be overstated.

Investment required: \$5,000 will create a monthly recognition program acknowledges the extraordinary commitment of our staff, boosting morale and ultimately enhancing patient care.



Patient care fund

Your contribution to this flexible funding pool allows us to respond to emerging patient needs, care that might otherwise go unfunded. By supporting these often-overlooked aspects of care, you help ensure every patient receives the most comfortable, dignified experience possible.

An example of how these vital but unfunded items could be used:

Rocket drains for home care

More time at home with loved ones

Many palliative patients require fluid drainage procedures that traditionally necessitate hospital visits, taking precious time away from being at home with family.

This unfunded therapy represents a simple but profound improvement to end-of-life care.

Investment required: \$30,000 will allow patients to remain at home while managing fluid build-up, significantly improving quality of life and allowing more meaningful time with loved ones.



Together, we can create change

Every enhancement has the potential to touch hundreds of lives, creating ripples of positive change throughout our community.

The impact of your support extends far beyond the immediate projects funded:

- **Surgical excellence** through a PSNA bursary will improve outcomes for hundreds of surgeries
- **Enhanced recovery environments** will allow patients to return home sooner
- **Psychological and wellbeing support** will create a holistic healing experience
- **Upgraded care environments** will transform patient spaces, creating dignity and comfort
- **A patient care fund** will address unfunded needs that make a significant difference to comfort and quality of life
- **Essential diagnostic equipment** will ensure timely and accurate detection
- **Staff recognition** will nurture the compassionate team providing exceptional care.

By supporting the Gambaro Prostate Cancer Care Luncheon, you're joining a community with a decade-long commitment to excellence in care that has already:

- Raised over \$1.7 million through annual luncheons
- Supported more than 7,000 patients through specialist nursing
- Performed over 160 NanoKnife surgeries
- Established Queensland's first NanoKnife surgery program

Thank you for considering how your support could help create spaces where dignity, comfort, and compassionate care can flourish.

Warmest regards,

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Heartfelt thanks

Because of you, excellence in healthcare can continue.
Because of you, patients will receive the care they need.
Because of you, our community will be stronger.

Thank you for making a difference.

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