

You can help bring hope to women with breast cancer.

Did you know that 15 934 women in Australia were diagnosed with breast cancer in the past year alone?*



That's 43 of our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends who today will hear the words "you have cancer."

Women like Clancy—a passionate Prep teacher—who had to leave the job she loved to undergo treatment for breast cancer at Mater after she found a painful lump in her breast.

Turn over to read her story ...

By supporting Mater Chicks in Pink this year, your school will be helping to fund support services and items for women, such as art and yoga therapy, counselling and mastectomy bras. You'll also be funding life-saving research so we can better understand, and treat, breast cancer in the future.

Ultimately, you'll be helping to make life easier for women with breast cancer today and saving more lives tomorrow.

For that, we simply cannot thank you enough.

*Source: Cancer Australia, 2016.

For more information on how your school can raise funds to help women with breast cancer, visit materfoundation.org.au/schoolsfundraising

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Clancy was a passionate Prep teacher when she was told she had breast cancer ...



At age 38 Prep teacher Clancy and her husband Craig were desperately trying for a baby, when one morning she discovered a lump in her breast.

"I was referred to Dr Jason Lambley at Mater Private Hospital Redland and he immediately sent me for a mammogram, ultrasound and biopsy," Clancy said.

Sadly, the news was not positive.

"When Dr Lambley explained I had breast cancer, all I kept repeating was *'But I haven't had children yet. I haven't had children yet'*," Clancy recalls.

"Not being able to have children was one of the biggest challenges I had to face. I remember seeing ultrasound images of babies on the waiting room wall and it broke my heart, because I thought *'I will never see my baby up there'*."

Dr Lambley performed a lumpectomy and later removed Clancy's lymph nodes. Six cycles of gruelling chemotherapy were followed by six weeks of radiation.

But through the support of people like you, Clancy was able to start the Creative Express Art Therapy Group at Mater. She credits the group with helping her get through some of her darkest times.

"I wanted to think positively rather than dwell on the doom and gloom of having cancer. We have enough of that as we go through the experience itself."

"We can experience a range of feelings in one art session, but we always end up much more positive than when we came.

"I find it gave women like me hope."

Art therapy is just one of the many support services that women with breast cancer can access at Mater, made possible because of people like you.

By raising funds for Mater Chicks in Pink through your school, you can provide invaluable assistance to women when they need it most.

