Robyn Lambley
Minister for Health

**Daffodils sent across the Territory to support cancer research**

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Minister for Health Robyn Lambley is encouraging Territorians to support the Cancer Council NT’s Daffodil Day tomorrow to help in the effort to beat cancer in the community.

“It is vital that we continue to invest in cancer treatment and research initiatives in order to help those affected by cancer,” Mrs Lambley said.

“This Daffodil Day, Cancer Council NT aims to raise $90,000 across the Territory to continue to help fund vital prevention programs and support services.

“Today I visited Cancer Council NT at its Casuarina office, which has received 1000 bunches of daffodils.

"About 350 bunches of daffodils have been sent across the Territory for events at Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

"Some of the events include fundraising stalls at Alice Springs Hospital and Royal Darwin Hospital, with every daffodil and every donation going toward helping those who are affected by cancer.

“Statistics show that 20% of all Territory deaths can be attributed to cancer.

"This is a statistic that we must work hard to reduce, and the Country Liberals Government is committed to improving access to cancer services for all Territorians.

"Patients from Katherine and the surrounding region will soon have access to chemotherapy chairs at the Katherine Hospital for the first time.

"This will allow Katherine patients to have easy access to high quality services closer to home, which helps with their physical and mental wellbeing.

“Last month I launched the BreastScreenNT Bus in Barunga that will give remote women the opportunity to have breast screens closer to home.

“The BreastScreen Bus will visit up to 20 remote communities and it will make a big difference to the lives of women living in the bush.
“Close to 500 women have already attended appointments at the new Palmerston breast screening service that was opened by the Country Liberals Government in April.

“It is also encouraging news that the number of Indigenous Territorians using radiation therapy services at Darwin’s Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre has doubled over the last decade, leading to promising results in the fight against cancer.”

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