

## WHAT IS NEUROFIBROMATOSIS?

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a set of three complex genetic disorders (NF1, NF2, and Schwannomatosis) that affects almost every organ system, causing tumours to grow on nerves in the brain and throughout the body.

NF can lead to a range of significant health issues, including deafness, blindness, paralysis, physical differences, bone abnormalities, cancer, learning difficulties and chronic pain.

NF can affect anyone regardless of ethnicity or gender. It is impossible to predict how mildly or severely someone with NF will be affected and roughly half of all cases arise in families with no history of the condition.

There is currently no cure and treatment options are limited.



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## HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH US



### CUPID'S UNDIE RUN

Cupid's Undie Run is an annual event that isn't about running or winning...or even undies. It's about fundraising for a cure and it takes place in major cities and regional centres across Australia.



### NF HERO CHALLENGE

A national fundraising campaign that challenges you to step outside your comfort zone, overcome a fear or give up something you love to raise funds and start a conversation about NF.

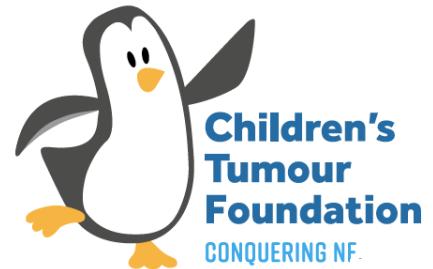
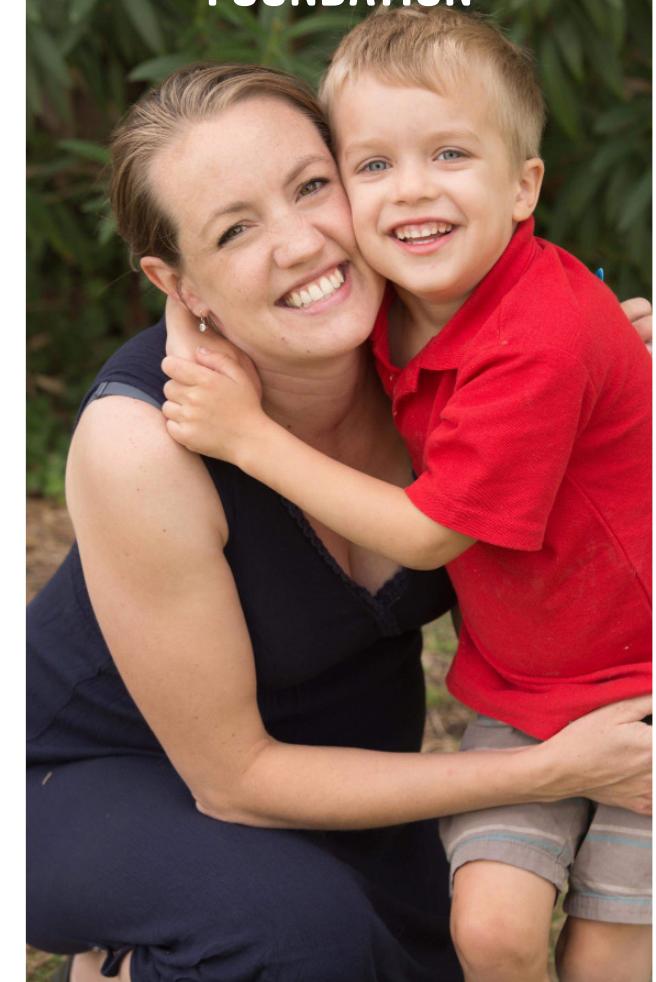
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## ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S TUMOUR FOUNDATION

The Children's Tumour Foundation (CTF) is the leading and only national charity in Australia for those living with or impacted by Neurofibromatosis (NF).

Due to the complexity of the condition, a diagnosis of NF presents many challenges. Our role is to help empower individuals and families by providing knowledge, connections and support at every stage of life.

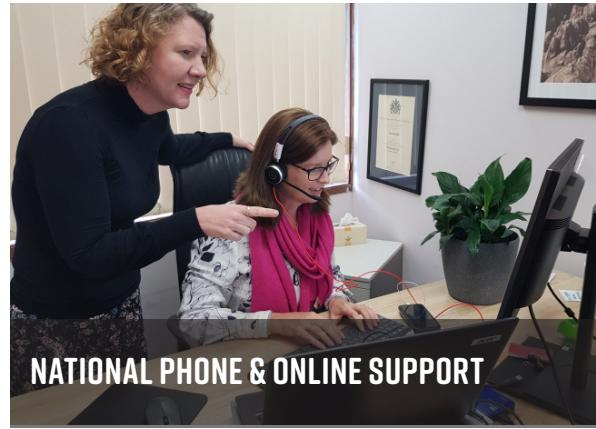
This includes funding multi-disciplinary clinics at major hospitals and investing in vital research that can lead to more effective treatment options for patients.

We help families find a pathway from fear to hope.

**WE BELIEVE THAT TUMOURS SHOULD NEVER BE A PERSON'S NORMAL.**

## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

The Children's Tumour Foundation has a dedicated support team that provides reliable and balanced information, while helping to strengthen and empower the NF community in Australia.



## PARENT & PEER SUPPORT NETWORKS

We provide peer support programs to promote relationships and enable better support networks within the community.

Peer support programs are run by trained individuals who have NF, or have a child with NF.

The CTF is also piloting a parenting program, with plans to rollout additional support programs as funding allows.



## SPECIALISED NF CLINICS

We fund support coordinators and specialist clinical nurses who help patients and their families navigate the complex hospital system.

The clinics provide information on diagnosis and treatment options for the monitoring and ongoing care of NF symptoms.



## INFORMATION & RESOURCES

We run seminars, webinars and online chat sessions. We also distribute toolkits, booklets and health management kits to help educate and empower the NF community, schools and healthcare professionals.

We also share the latest information on research and clinical trials via our website, newsletters and social media.