



# Comedy for cancer - No laughing matter

## What's not funny?

Ovarian cancer is a common and growing concern affecting many Australian women and their families. Unfortunately ovarian cancer is on the rise. Alarming statistics show that approximately 1,400 Australian women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer every year of which approximately 780 women will die as a result of this disease. This is because ovarian cancer is a silent killer whose symptoms are vague and common. Almost 7 out of 10 women diagnosed have advanced stage ovarian cancer where the cancer has spread and is difficult to treat. The current survival rate at 5 year post diagnosis is only 42%. This makes funding for research into the care and treatment of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer vital.

Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG) is a network of clinicians and researchers dedicated to improving prevention, detection, treatment and end of life care for women with gynaecological cancers. Unfortunately, funding by the Australian government is limited. More funds are urgently required to complete clinical trials and to develop new research studies to help Australian women. Comedy for Cancer was launched for this reason - to support the work of ANZGOG.

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On Saturday 8 November 2008 the third Comedy for Cancer event was held at the UNSW Roundhouse. An audience of over 400 attended the very successful event, and helped raise over \$77,000. The evening was hosted by the very engaging and clever, Julie McCrossin and featured some of Australia's funniest comedians: the fabulous Jean Kitson; the weird and wonderful Sandman and Flacco; and the multi-talented Virginia Gay. James Valentine kept us warm with a few jazzy numbers in between.

All the money raised will go to ANZGOG to help run very important gynaecological cancer trials. Your support in improving the lives of women who suffer - or will suffer - from ovarian cancer is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,  
The Comedy for Cancer team  
www.comedy4cancer.org



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Comedy for Cancer  
ANZGOG coordinating centre  
NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre  
Locked Bag 77  
Camperdown NSW 1450

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