



MPN MATTERS

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Rare Cancers Awareness Day



MPNs are rare blood cancers. In Australia, they affect an estimated 2,000 Australians each year, and because they are spread across several subtypes (ET, PV, MF), each individual condition is even rarer. That rarity has consequences: fewer clinical trials, fewer dedicated researchers, and far less funding compared with more common cancers. Yet the impact on patients is lifelong, often complex, and in some cases life shortening.

This is why the MPN Alliance Australia has now opened a charitable fund. For the first time, we can direct donations specifically toward Australian MPN research, patient support, and advocacy. Rare cancers struggle for visibility, and without targeted funding, progress is slow. Your support helps change that.

If you'd like to contribute, tax deductible donations can now be made directly to [the MPN Alliance Australia fund](#). Every contribution—large or small—helps build momentum for better treatments, better understanding, and better outcomes for people living with MPNs.

One of the most powerful things you can do is simply share this message. Because MPNs are rare, many people have never heard of them. Awareness grows person by person, network by network. Passing this on could be the reason someone learns, donates, or gets the support they need.

Thank you for helping us mark Rare Cancer Day in a way that truly makes a difference.

Warm regards,
the small volunteer team at
MPN Alliance Australia

BRISBANE COFFEE AND CHAT

Friday June 26 @ 10:00 am -11:30 am

**Brisbane
MPN
Community
Support**

Friday 26th June
2026 10:00 am -
11:30 am

Connect with others over coffee
and share your MPN stories

Merlo Coffee Café,
Coorparoo,
Woolworths Centre,
19 Harries Road

If you would like to attend, please
RSVP to Sandra at
mpnaa@mpnallianceaustralia.org.au

If you would like to connect with other Brisbane MPN patients over a coffee and share your stories, please save the date of:

Date: Friday 26 June at 10:00am

Venue: Merlo Coffee Café, Coorparoo

Woolworths Centre,
19 Harries Road

RSVP to Sandra at mpnaa@mpnallianceaustralia.org.au

If you are unable to attend on 26 June but would like to catch up at a later date, please email Sandra at mpnaa@mpnallianceaustralia.org.au

SYDNEY MPN CATCH UP

Saturday June 27 @ 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm



The poster features a light pink background with decorative floral and leaf motifs on the left. At the top, a heart icon is above the text 'MPN PATIENT Get Together'. Below this, a tagline reads 'Connect, share and support with others who understand.' The date and time '27 JUNE at midday' are highlighted in a green rounded rectangle with a calendar icon. The venue 'FARM COVE EATERY (formerly Botanic Gardens Café)' is listed with a coffee cup icon, followed by the address 'Botanic House, 1 Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney NSW 2000' with a location pin icon. A circular inset on the right shows the exterior of Farm Cove Eatery. A green circle contains the text 'Everyone living with an MPN and their family member or friends are welcome'. At the bottom right, a quote states 'Lunch is self-funded but friendship, support and laughter are free' with a heart icon. A small note at the bottom left mentions 'Botanic House is located inside the Botanic Gardens near the pond and Gift shop.'

MPN PATIENT
Get Together

Connect, share and support
with others who understand.

27 JUNE
at midday

Venue:
FARM COVE EATERY
(formerly Botanic Gardens Café)

Botanic House
1 Mrs Macquaries Rd
Sydney NSW 2000

Botanic House is located inside the Botanic Gardens
near the pond and Gift shop.

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living with an MPN
and their family
member or friends
are welcome

Lunch is self-funded but
friendship, support and laughter
are free ❤️

An MPN patient in Sydney has kindly organised a catch up for other MPN patients to chat, learn from, and support each other.

Date: Saturday, 27 June at midday

Venue: [Botanic gardens café \(now called the Farm Cove Eatery\)](#)

located downstairs in Botanic House, below the Botanic House restaurant.

Address: 1 Mrs Macquaries Rd, Sydney NSW 2000

Botanic House is located inside the Botanic Gardens near the pond and Gift shop.

RSVP: Please RSVP via the MPN AA mailbox

at mpnaa@mpnallianceaustralia.org.au

and we'll pass your details onto the organiser, Sally along with Sally's phone number.

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION LIVED EXPERIENCE ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Leukaemia Foundation runs a Lived Experience Engagement Program which may be of interest to some MPN patients. It's about sharing personal experiences to help shape and improve the Leukaemia Foundation's services, programs and advocacy. So if you'd like to help improve experiences for people with blood cancer, more information is available [HERE](#).

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION PATIENT INFORMATION AND SUPPORT EVENTS

The Leukaemia Foundation runs Online Support Groups and Webinars throughout the year. They are open to all blood cancer patients. Details of the events and how to register are [HERE](#)

Share Your Story

To help raise awareness of Myeloproliferative Neoplasms and to support other newly diagnosed MPN patients, we are seeking patient stories for the MPN Alliance Australia website. If you feel you would like to share your MPN journey, we would be very pleased to hear from you via our [Contact email](#)

[Send us an email](#)



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