



# The Jean Colvin Cancer Centre, Sydney

Specialised accommodation for country  
people affected by cancer and their carers.



The Jean Colvin Cancer Centre is operated by Can Assist, a charity dedicated to supporting country people affected by cancer.

## Our Vision:

Every country community,  
family and individual  
has equitable access to  
cancer care and support  
services.





## The Jean Colvin Cancer Centre

The Jean Colvin Cancer Centre (previously known as the Jean Colvin Hospital) has a long tradition of providing specialised accommodation and care for country people affected by cancer. It is renowned for its caring, happy and welcoming environment.

Set in a beautiful location overlooking Sydney Harbour, it offers accommodation for 40 guests, a convenient inner city location and free daily transport to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital and the Prince of Wales Hospital.

The Centre provides a self-catering, self-care bed and breakfast service. A continental breakfast is included with the fee and a fully equipped kitchen is available for guest use. It is a safe, friendly home away from home where country people undergoing cancer treatment can rest, relax, share their experiences and recover.

*"In September I was leaving my family in Dubbo for six weeks of treatment in Sydney. It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do. My husband was concerned about the loneliness of me being on my own in a hotel in Sydney for six weeks. Going to the Jean Colvin Cancer Centre was so lovely, so homely... It was just wonderful."*

*~ Sharon Lane, Dubbo ~*

## About Can Assist

The Jean Colvin Cancer Centre is operated by a not-for-profit organization called Can Assist, previously known as the Cancer Patients Assistance Society (CPAS). We've been providing financial assistance and supported accommodation to country people for over 55 years and we understand how tough it can be. Can Assist is a community based charity with a rapidly growing volunteer network of Branches in country towns across NSW.

## Who can stay?

Our facilities are available to rural and regional people affected by cancer and their carers who are travelling to Sydney for their treatment. We do accept other patients under special circumstances. To check if you are eligible, please contact us directly.





## Our Services

A range of special programs and supports are available to people receiving treatment and their carers.

The Viva Wellness program provides health education, cancer information, relaxation, exercise programs, motivational sessions, as well as a very large dose of fun and laughter. This couples with an activities program that includes entertainment, outings and interesting daily events. These can include city tours, sailing, meditation, music, laughter therapy and concerts.

Staying at the Jean Colvin Cancer Centre also provides an opportunity for you to ensure you understand your treatment, have access to the latest information and more importantly, get the added support, comfort and guidance that you need to ensure that you are as well as possible on your return home.

Transport is co-ordinated and bookings for treatments are organised. A continental breakfast, tea, coffee and fresh fruit is included. Self-catering amenities are available for lunch or the evening meal.

*“It has been a wonderful experience, sharing and living among wonderful people each with their own problems, yet all able to greet you with a cheery smile and a warm heart.”*

*~ Paul Cosier, Orange ~*

## How much will it cost?

Please visit our website for room rates:

[www.canassist.com.au/jean-colvin-cancer-centre](http://www.canassist.com.au/jean-colvin-cancer-centre)

Can Assist is a registered charity and Isolated Patient Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) reimbursements may be available to guests who live more than 100 kms away. The fee includes bed and breakfast, the Viva Wellness Program and daily transport to and from treatment.

For those eligible for IPTAAS, the Centre staff will bill IPTAAS directly where possible. Your booking applies for the whole period of your treatment episode in Sydney. Please refer to the IPTAAS website below to check your eligibility and conditions.

**For more information about IPTAAS visit:**

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/living/transport/iptaas.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/living/transport/iptaas.html)

## We're here to help

The cost of staying at the Jean Colvin Cancer Centre is subsidised by the fundraising efforts of our Can Assist volunteer Branches and generous donations from the community. Most of our Branch volunteers have been touched by cancer in some way. They understand how tough it can be and often spend their weekends and spare time fundraising to support local families in need. Your privacy will be respected and confidentiality is assured. Your local Branch contact details can be found at [www.canassist.com.au/branches](http://www.canassist.com.au/branches)





## Our Facilities

We have a well-stocked library, flat screen televisions, a computer with internet access, board games, country and Sydney newspapers, a piano, coffee and tea-making facilities, water coolers and air conditioning in central areas. Public phones and a laundry are also available.

Bathrooms are not ensuite but there are many conveniently located throughout the building. Whenever possible, guests with carers will have their own private rooms.

Fridges and a well equipped kitchen allow for home cooking by guests. Edgecliff Shopping Centre is a short walk away. Public transport for those who want to explore Sydney is close at hand and a weekly bus service to take you shopping is available at a small cost.

*“How can you keep the place running so smoothly yet have to time to offer a comforting word and a listening ear? The staff here have a really special talent – compassion. Thank you.”*

*~ Jane and Peter McGuire, Perthville ~*

# Jean Colvin Cancer Centre

A home away from home for country people affected by cancer.

- ✓ Self-catering, home-style bed and breakfast accommodation at IPTAAS rates
- ✓ Conveniently located to major Sydney hospitals, public transport and CBD
- ✓ Short walk to shops or take the weekly bus
- ✓ Free daily transport to major treatment centres
- ✓ Continental breakfast provided
- ✓ Well equipped kitchen and laundry for guest use
- ✓ Viva Wellness Program, education, support and recreation programs for guests and carers
- ✓ Full time Facility Manager
- ✓ Great views and spacious lounge areas
- ✓ Public telephones
- ✓ Links to other Can Assist services and supports

The Jean Colvin Cancer Centre is designed for independent self care. Please consult your referring doctor if you are in any doubt as to whether this form of accommodation is suitable for your needs.

## Bookings

Please contact us to discuss your requirements. Guests may be referred by doctors, specialists and social workers; however a referral is not necessary. You can call us between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm to book your accommodation or send us an email.

Ph: 02 9362 3429

Email: [bookings@canassist.com.au](mailto:bookings@canassist.com.au)

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