



# Women's health and wellbeing

The Government is committed to providing health care that supports women at every stage of life.

The 2019-20 Budget builds on the Government's strong budget management, ensuring continued record investment in health care for Australians. Australia's more than 12 million women continue to benefit from the Government's investment in health care.

The 2019-20 Budget delivers additional investment in the health and well-being of Australian women. Specific women's health measures include:

- Indexing x-ray and ultrasound services on the Medicare Benefits Schedule from 1 July 2020 at a cost of \$198.6 million which will cover ultrasounds for pregnancy.
- Listing new diagnostic imaging services on the Medicare Benefits Schedule used in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer at a cost of \$32.6 million over four years, saving patients up to \$1,500 per scan.
- Prioritising perinatal mental health with \$26.3 million over five years from 2018-19 for a new Perinatal Mental Health and Wellbeing Program.
- Improving health system responses to family and domestic violence with a total of \$9.6 million included in the Fourth Action Plan package to improve training for GPs to respond to domestic violence and trial how Primary Health Networks can build the capacity of the primary health care sector to address domestic and family violence.







## Women's sport

The last two years have seen landmark achievements for women in sport across cricket, soccer, AFL, rugby, netball and basketball. Record crowds turned out to celebrate the achievements of Australia's female sports stars, while increased broadcast exposure saw elite women's sport delivered to more Australian households.

The 2019-20 Budget provides \$150 million over four years from 2019-20 to support the development of female change room facilities at sporting grounds and community swimming facilities across Australia.

Sport Australia's 2017 report Women and Girls Participation found that when it comes to non-sport related physical activity, women aged 15 years and above have a higher participation rate than men, but women are less active than men when it comes to participating in sport. 82 per cent of adult women participate in some form of physical activity weekly, but this drops to only 41 per cent participating five times a week.

The Government is also contributing to the development of women's sport facilities. This includes \$30 million in 2018-19 to support the construction of a new Brisbane Lions Australian Football League Women's (AFLW) facility in Queensland and to support the redevelopment of Carlton Football Club's Ikon Park in Victoria, building on its existing AFLW facilities and making it a focal point for the development and growth of women's sport.

The Australian Government continues to actively support the Women Leaders in Sport Program with funding of \$814,200 in 2019-20 through the Women's Leadership Development Program and Sport Australia.

