

Vale Ashleigh Moore, OAM

Many people get cancer, but few have raised a voice on behalf of others as effectively as Ashleigh Moore, OAM.

Sadly Ashleigh passed away last month, aged 56 years, after an epic battle firstly with head and neck cancer in 2005, and since 2010 with lung cancer.

Ashleigh was an inspiring pioneer in cancer advocacy, blazing a trail at the state, national and international level to 'raise a voice' for people affected by cancer.

Ashleigh's mission was to ensure 'good systems and not good luck' determined better cancer outcomes, and for patients and carers' voices and perspectives to be heard all the way to the highest levels of power and influence.

Ashleigh's cancer treatment and care was all coordinated through the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

He was a consumer representative on numerous committees related to Cancer, Safety and Quality.

Ashleigh was founding Chair of the volunteer advocacy organisation Cancer Voices SA since its creation in 2007.

Alongside conventional cancer advocacy, Ashleigh formed a cycling group in 2009 that encouraged people to get active and stay fit whether they are cancer patients, survivors, their friends, colleagues or supporters. Media about this novel approach has also helped raise awareness of cancer in the general community.

Ashleigh helped countless people going through cancer, often while he was undergoing treatment and his own health and future were uncertain.

The legacy of Ashleigh's advocacy work is formidable and will continue to 'make a difference' for a long time to come.

Julie Marker, on behalf of Cancer Voices SA Executive Team.

