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■ OVARIAN cancer researchers **AMY WILSON** and **DR MAREE BILANDZIC** (pictured) are swapping their standard uniforms for fancy workwear in support of Frocktober this month.

The scientists from Hudson Institute in Clayton are taking part in the annual fundraiser to raise awareness of the insidious disease.

"As someone who usually wears pants on a daily basis, a simple 'you look nice today' from someone who sees me in a dress can spark this

conversation," Ms Wilson says.

In its 13th year, Frocktober encourages and empowers women to frock up, raise funds and "Frock cancer". Participants can join a sisterhood of passionate women and wear their favourite dresses for a day, a week or by taking on the original 31-day challenge and wear a different dress for the whole month of October.

"I love seeing so many people with diverse backgrounds and styles

uniting to support women with ovarian cancer.

"Working in the lab can sometimes be quite isolating, that's why the Frocktober campaign is particularly special to me," Dr Bilandzic says.

Funds raised will go towards finding an early detection test and offering personalised treatments

Ovarian cancer kills one woman every eight hours in Australia. Each year about 1500 new cases of are diagnosed in Australia.



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