



You can make a difference
in the life of a grieving child



2026 - 2027

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Wombat's Wish is Victoria's only specialised charity supporting children and young people after the death of a parent. We're based on the Bellarine, servicing the whole of Victoria. Wombat's Wish was founded in 2005 by a Mum and Psychologist.

1 in 20 children will grieve the death of their Mum or Dad. We're here to ensure they don't have to go through it alone.

All of our grief support programs and services are:

Evidence-based

Provided by qualified and compassionate mental health professionals

Designed to support bereaved children & their surviving parent

Offered at no cost to grieving families

Learn more  @wombatswish  wombatswish.org.au

Wombat's Wish General Manager of Operations, Programs and Partnerships and Mascot Freeman the Wombat





Our Vision

To show leadership and encourage collaboration in child bereavement support, influencing thriving communities for generations

Our Mission

To support parentally bereaved children, young people and their families through the lifecycle of grief

How you can help

Wombat's Wish only survives with financial support from people just like you, and your kind donations.

We do not receive any Government funding and we do not charge for the services we provide to children, young people, and their families.

Wombat's Wish was established as a charity in 2005 and is predominantly operated by community volunteers. We are a registered Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), which means every donation over \$2 is tax deductible for the donor.

Every dollar donated goes towards providing direct services and support to a child experiencing grief.



OUR SUPPORT TO FAMILIES LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, 2025/2026

With the help of our sponsors, Wombat's Wish was able to support parentally bereaved children with their grief...

320

1:1 Counselling individual sessions were conducted last financial year for children and their surviving parent/carer

1700

Grief Community Information Packs have been sent to every State primary and secondary school in Victoria

7

Major Community events were held. Over 1000 people attended the Wombat's Walk held in October 2025. 6 community organisations hosted fundraisers, nominating Wombat's Wish as the beneficiary.

290

New referrals have been received from July 1 2025 to June 30 2026



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Youth Weekend Grief Program held at Cottage by the Sea had 21 young people, 97% of young people eligible attending without their parent.

5

Weekend Grief Programs were held in the last 12 months 3 in Queenscliff, 1 in Corop and 1 in Grantville for 104 children, young people and 63 surviving parent/carers throughout Victoria

3

Family Days were held at Clip and Climb, Park in Lara Xmas, Tree planting in memory with Geelong Cemeteries Trust and Kyabram Fauna Park

26

Guest speaking appearance at Service Clubs, community organisations etc.





No child should walk through grief alone.

WHAT WE DO

Wombat's Wish supports children and young people aged 5–17 years who have experienced the death of a parent, and their surviving parent or carer.

We walk alongside families through the grief journey with programs that build **resilience**, **connection** and **hope**.



WEEKEND GRIEF PROGRAMS

Two-day residential programs for children and their surviving parent or carer. A supportive, safe space to share, learn and heal together.



YOUTH CAMP (12–17 YEARS)

A weekend camp just for young people to connect with others who understand, build coping skills and have fun. A parent workshop is held at the same time.



1:1 COUNSELLING

Free, professional counselling with our psychologist and mental health social worker. Typically 6 sessions per child to support their individual grief journey.



FAMILY DAYS

Fun connection days for families to build memories, friendships and community. Examples: Clip & Climb, Aero World, Lara Christmas Park, Tree Planting and more.



SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKS

Resources for school wellbeing teams to help them support students experiencing the death of a parent.

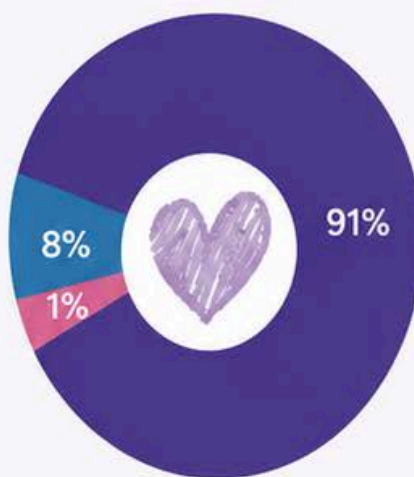


Our Promise

All our programs are **FREE** of charge for families to reduce financial stress. No child or family is ever turned away.

WHERE YOUR DONATION GOES

We are a small, grassroots charity with big hearts and a big impact.



91% Programs

Directly funding programs and services for bereaved children and families.

8% Administration

Keeping our charity running efficiently.

1% Fundraising

Raising vital funds to support our community.

YOUR DONATION HELPS PROVIDE



Accommodation, meals and resources for weekend programs and camps
~\$1500 per person



Free 1:1 counselling for a child (6 sessions)
~\$960 per child



Family connection days and special experiences
Priceless

YOU CAN MAKE
a lasting difference

Every donation helps a child know they are not alone.

DONATE TODAY

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What your donation supports

\$35,000

- Fully funds a camp of 25 children and their parent/carer or
- Provides 30 children with 6 x 1:1 counselling sessions

\$70,000

Supports program development, research and best practice of grief support and provides every school in Victoria with resources to support students through the grief process

\$5,000

- Funds Pre and post camp assessments of children
- Funds all resources to be given to families

\$2,500

- Fund guest speakers, specialist health workers & entertainment for a camp or
- Provides specialist publications to be distributed to families for a year

\$25,000

- Fully funds a Youth Program for 25 young people

\$700

- Fully funds 1 family to attend a family day event or
- Funds 100 candles to be given to children at camp

\$1500

Funds 1 Child & their parent or carer for camp

\$960

Funds 1 child for 6 sessions of group counselling



Corporate Donation Opportunities

Show your support of Wombat's Wish with one of our premium donation opportunities.

Simply choose from one of our packages below, and our finance team will send you an invoice. We can provide the invoice for annual, quarterly or monthly instalments.

The benefits of becoming a corporate donor of Wombat's Wish may include:

A sense of community and belonging in supporting a children's charity in Victoria

Maximisation of your investment within the community

Heightened awareness of your business throughout Victoria

Promotion of your business throughout our media platforms

Develop further business networks throughout Victoria

Be among the first to receive invitations to Wombat's Wish events and fundraising activities, with opportunities for complimentary tickets at selected events where possible.

Tax deductibility options for your business*.



*Please check with the ATO regarding your company and tax-specific circumstances.

Platinum Level Donation



Investment: \$20,000+

- A business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter, promoting your business.
- Monthly social media posts with a link to your social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn) promoting your business.
- Prominent placement of your logo and business synopsis on Wombat's Wish's website, donors page, with a direct link to your business.
- Certificate of thanks to be displayed at your business.
- Authorised use of the Wombat's Wish logo for your own corporate use, stating that you support the organisation.



Gold Level Donation

Investment: \$10,000

- A business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter, promoting your business.
- Bi-Monthly social media posts with a link to your social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn) promoting your business.
- Prominent placement of your logo and business synopsis on Wombat's Wish's website, donors page, with a direct link to your business.
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Silver Level Donation

Investment: \$5,000

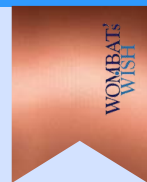
- A business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter, promoting your business.
- Quarterly social media posts with a link to your social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn) promoting your business.
- Prominent placement of your logo and business synopsis on Wombat's Wish's website, donors page, with a direct link to your business.
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Bronze Level Donation

Investment: \$2,500

- A business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter, promoting your business.
- Six monthly social media posts with a link to your social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn) promoting your business.
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Workplace Giving Platforms

Workplace giving is a cost-effective way for your team members to make regular donations using their pre-tax dollars. You can nominate to regularly donate through automatic pay roll deductions. It is as easy as choosing a nominated amount to Wombat's Wish and that amount is sent directly to us each pay. It is a quick and simple way to help Wombat's Wish.

Each and every donation is welcome, by making a monthly donation you support our efforts in making a difference in the lives of grieving children all year round.

Wombat's Wish is a member of workplace providers in Give Now and Good 2 Give.

Salary donation per month	Equates to per year	SUPPORT
\$5.00	\$60.00	Provides grief support resources to the family. Supports the cost of 1 child to attend Wombat's Wish Family Day Event. These are held up to 4 times a year.
\$10.00	\$120.00	Provides 1 x 1:1 counselling session for a child during their grief journey.
\$20.00	\$240.00	Provides a guest speaker or children's entertainer to attend a program on a Saturday night.
\$50.00	\$600.00	Funds materials and allows for the activities to run throughout the program.
\$125.00	\$1,500.00	Funds 1 child with their surviving parent/ carer to the 3-day program.



Freeman's Burrow

Support a child or young person through their grief by becoming a member of Freeman's Burrow. This donation program is aimed at families or individuals who would like to make a weekly/monthly contribution. For just the cost of a cup of coffee a week, you will be contributing to a meaningful change in the life of a child after the death of a parent/carer. Every donation directly supports a child or young person through one or more of our programs.

To set up a Freeman's Burrow donation, go to www.wombatswish.org.au/donate. Click on "Set up regular donation via the Give Now platform. Enter the amount you wish to donate and include "Freeman's Burrow" in your message to us.

\$5 PER WEEK
\$260 PER YEAR

Your contribution fully funds 2 families to attend a family day

\$10 PER WEEK
\$520 PER YEAR

Your contribution fully funds 5 sessions of 1:1 counselling for a child

\$15 PER WEEK
\$780 PER YEAR

Provides all material for 10 children at a weekend grief program

\$27 PER WEEK
\$1404 PER YEAR

Your contribution fully funds 1 child to attend our program





Wombat's Wisdom

Fun Fact: A group of wombats is called a wisdom. Join Wombat's Wish's wisdom today and support children/young people after the death of a parent/carer.

Wombat's Wish, through its weekend grief programs, counselling, family days, and peer support groups, provides grief support to the most vulnerable children in Victoria at no cost to families.

With an annual donation of \$1000, you will be a valued member of our wisdom, making a difference in the life of a grieving child.

To donate, click the link or go to www.wombatswish.org.au/donate - make sure you reference Wombat's Wisdom with your name or family name.

Help us reach our goal of 125 Wombat's Wish Wisdom members by June 2027





One - Off Donation

Every dollar donated will make a difference in the life of a grieving child and empower them to heal and grow. Each donation enables Wombat's Wish to provide grief education and support to bereaved children and have a lasting impact on their future.

To make a one-off donation either:

- Donate on our webpage donate button: www.wombatswish.org.au/donate
- Donate by Direct Bank deposits: contact nicki@wombatswish.org.au for account details
- Send us a cheque: to Wombat's Wish at PO Box 627 Drysdale Vic 3222
- Request an invoice to be sent for your donation to nicki@wombatswish.org.au

You will receive a tax receipt and confirmation email with all donations of \$2 or more.



Invite us to speak at your Group / Workplace

We would love to share our story of Wombat's Wish with you. If you would like to invite us to talk at your community group, school, workplace or event, contact us at nicki@wombatswish.org.au.



Memory Donations

Are you looking at a more personalised way of donating or would like to donate in the memory of a person who has died? Have you considered a bequest in your will to Wombat's Wish?

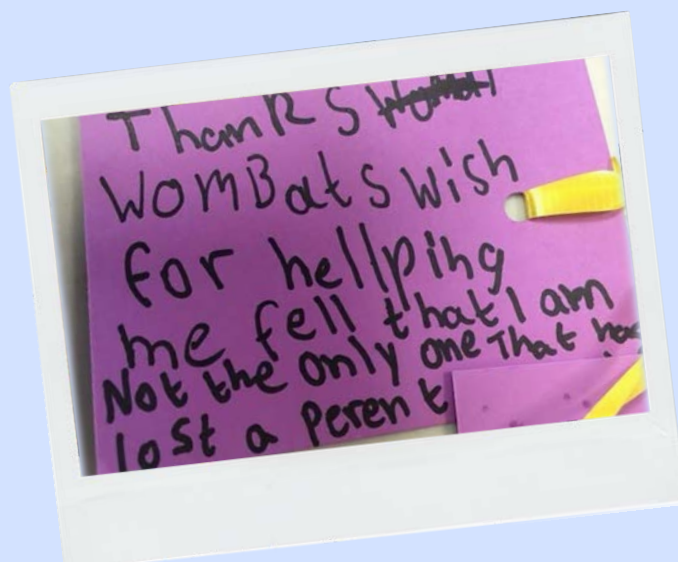
If yes, please enquire with the team on how to put this in place.

Host a Fundraiser / Event

There are many ways you can make a meaningful difference for Wombat's Wish. Whether it's creating a birthday fundraiser, taking part in a marathon, cycling event or community walk, organising a golf day, lunch, dinner, high tea or movie night, or setting up your own online crowdfunding campaign, every effort helps us support children and young people who have experienced the death of a parent.

You can also get involved in our annual **Wombat's Walk**, encourage friends, family or colleagues to join your team, create a fundraising page, or support us by donating goods and services for our auctions, raffles and fundraising events throughout the year.

Whatever you choose to do, be sure to share your fundraising journey far and wide through your networks and social media. Contact the admin team for help, marketing materials or support for your event. Don't forget to tag and keep Wombat's Wish in the loop so we can celebrate your efforts along the way





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