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WOMBAT'S WISH NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Wombat's Wish

We are very excited to be heading back to the Goulburn Valley Region at Camp Kookaburra on the 30th of September to the 2nd of October 2022 for our new families weekend camp program. Our camp program has increased from 2 camps a year in 2019 to 11 camps a year servicing families throughout Victoria.

Due to the increase in demand of our services we are seeking additional Psychologists to attend our weekend grief camps as facilitators at camp. This is an extremely rewarding weekend supporting children/young people and their families through their grief. You could make a difference in the life of child or young person after a death of a parent/carer. If you would like to attend please contact

Nicki on

03 90690314 or email at nicki@wombatswish.org.au

Family Day At Inflatable World Oz

On the 7th Of August we held our family day with over 30 children/young people and their parent/carer attend. It was great to see the families reconnecting from post camp and for the new

*families to learn about our weekend grief camp programs from those who have attended.
Our next family day will be held at Fairy Park Anakie on the 29th of October.*



Pilot Youth Camp

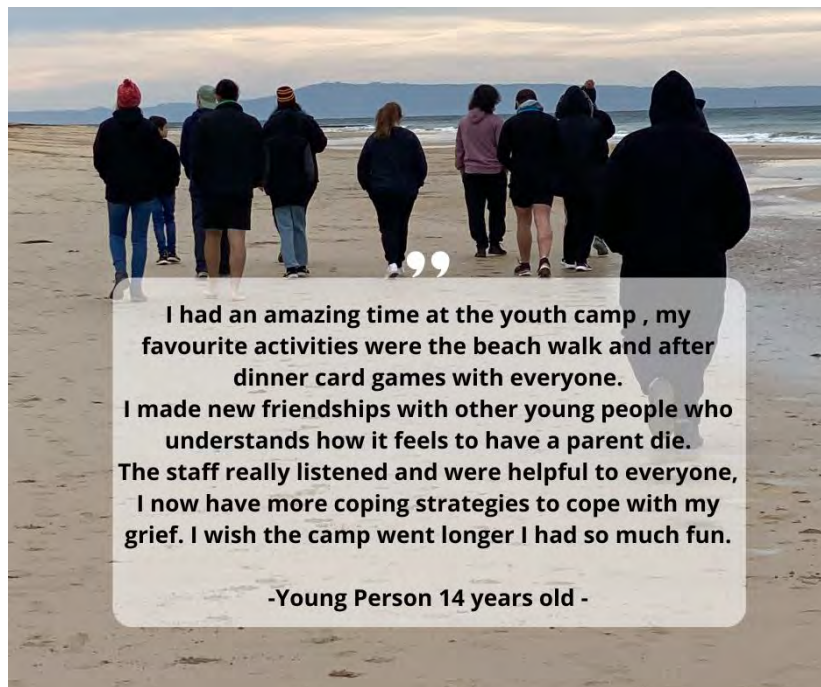
*We held our first Youth Camp for young people aged between 12 to 17 years old at
Cottage By the Sea on the 15th to 17th of July.*

This pilot camp was developed for young people who had attended a Wombat's Wish weekend family camp to re connect with each other. The camp program provided an extension to the family camp on supporting young people through their grief. Schuurman highlights that community based child bereavement services are about prevention. "Without the right conditions for healing, young people will carry these emotional wounds into the the rest of their lives. We know that young people who have a parent die are at risk. They are more than likely than other young people to experience higher levels of depression, an increase in health problems and accidents, poorer school performance, more anxiety and fear, lower self-esteem, a destructive belief that all events in their lives are beyond control, and less optimism about succeeding later in life". Wombat's Wish youth camp provided a safe, supportive environment for the participants to receive further grief support whilst developing life long friendships, and further coping mechanism over the 3 days.

A Special thankyou to Raghu, Doc Walder , Cottage By The Sea, the Wombat's Wish youth team

leaders and the catering team.

If you would like further information on our youth program please complete a referral form at www.wombatswish.org.au/referrals or contact our office on 03 90690314



Wombat's Wish AGM

Annual General Meeting

WOMBAT'S WISH WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR.



Thursday September 15th, 2022

6pm
Level 1 No 6 High Street Drysdale
or via zoom link

RSVP by 13th September 2022 to
admin@wombatswish.org.au
(please advise attendance in person
or zoom)

Agenda

- Accept the minutes of 2020/2021 annual general meeting
- Present and accept the annual report including Chairperson, Treasurer and Manager
- Accept the auditor's report
- Appoint an auditor
- Elect board members
- General Business (must be submitted prior to meeting)

Telling a child someone has died

Telling a child someone has died may be the hardest thing you ever do and often you may worry how much should I tell them ?

Often adults want to protect children from death and it's normal to think children need to be shielded, however in reality it is better to be honest and use clear and direct language with children. Use the word 'died' and 'dead ' rather than passed away or lost when telling them , these terms can often lead to confusion in young children who may wonder if they can go and find the lost person.

In the absence of clear information children will tend to fill in the gaps and try to make sense what is happening, this can mean that children imagine all sorts of things about death which are often worse than reality, it is best to be open, honest and direct when a loved one has died.

To find out more continue reading the article below from our friends at Winton's Wish
at <https://www.winstonswish.org/telling-a-child-someone-has-died/>



Thank you

Stockdale & Leggo
ON THE BELLARINE

Wombat's Wish is so grateful to Stockdale & Leggo On The Bellarine for their continued support to Wombat's Wish as an **Platinum Sponsor** for this financial year.

Stockdale & Leggo On The Bellarine are a award winning and established team servicing the entire Bellarine Peninsula their expert team always strive for exceptional service and consistently exceeds clients expectations. Please show your support by contacting them for all your real estate needs.

Thank you your donation will provide make a huge difference in the lives of bereaved children/young people today.

Corporate Sponsorship

Wombat's Wish relies solely on the generosity of the others through corporate sponsorships, donations and philanthropic grants we may receive to support children/young people after a death of a parent.

It costs Wombat's wish \$1200 for a child to attend our weekend grief camp. Due to the increasing demand throughout Victoria our camp program has increased from 2 camps a year in 2019 to 11 camps a year.

Donations received under our corporate sponsorship packages are now more than ever vital for the continued growth of Wombat's Wish so that we can continue to provide support and service to every family that reaches out to us after the death of a parent.

Would you like to make a difference in the life of grieving child/young person through Corporate Sponsorship please contact Nicki Dunne at nicki@wombatswish.org.au or 03 90690314.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and every \$ received supports grieving children/young people.

The benefits of becoming a corporate sponsor in all packages of Wombat's Wish are:

- A sense of community and belonging in supporting a non-profit organisation*
- 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*
- Tax deductibility options for your business*.*

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSORSHIP - Investment: \$20,000 ex GST per annum ·10 corporate tickets to all Wombats Wish events and fundraisers during the year ·Naming rights available for 1 x Wombat's Wish major event. ·The opportunity to provide a booth or stand at all Wombat's Wish events or fundraisers promoting your business. ·2 x ½ page newsletter articles throughout the year as well as business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter promoting your business and sponsorship. ·4 x social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter) per quarter promoting your business and sponsorship. ·Prominent placement of your logo and business synopsis on Wombat's Wish's website sponsors page with a direct link to your business. ·Certificate of sponsorship and thank you 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 SPONSORSHIP - Investment: \$10,000 ex GST per annum ·6 corporate tickets to all Wombats Wish events and fundraisers during the year. ·An information booth or stand at all Wombat's Wish events or fundraisers promoting your business. ·1 x ½ page newsletter article throughout the year as well as business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter promoting your business and sponsorship ·2 x social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter) per quarter promoting your business and sponsorship. ·Prominent placement of your logo and business synopsis on Wombat's Wish's website sponsors page with a direct link to your business. ·Certificate of sponsorship and thank you to be displayed at your business.

SILVER LEVEL SPONSORSHIP - Investment: \$5,000 ex GST per annum ·4 corporate tickets to all Wombats Wish events and fundraisers during the year. ·Your ability to provide printed material to be displayed at all Wombat's Wish events or fundraisers promoting your business. ·1 x ¼ page newsletter article throughout the year as well as business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter promoting your business and sponsorship ·2 x social media posts (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter) per quarter promoting your business and sponsorship. ·Placement of your logo and business synopsis on Wombat's Wish's website sponsors page with a direct link to your business. ·Certificate of sponsorship and thank you to be displayed at your business.

BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORSHIP - Investment: \$2,500 ex GST per annum ·2 corporate tickets to all Wombats Wish events and fundraisers during the year. ·Your ability to provide printed material to be displayed at all Wombat's Wish events or fundraisers promoting your business. ·Business mention in every Wombat's Wish newsletter throughout the year promoting your business and sponsorship. ·1 x social media post (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter) per quarter promoting your business and sponsorship. ·Placement of your logo and business synopsis on Wombat's Wish's website sponsors page with a direct link to your business. ·Certificate of sponsorship and thank you to be displayed at your business.

Please join us at Fairy Park

PLEASE JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S WEEK

WOMBAT'S WISH FAMILY DAY

DAY	DATE	TIME
Saturday	29th October	12:00pm

CITY OF GREATER
GEELONG



2388 Ballan Road, Anakie

BBQ lunch & refreshments provided

RSVP by Friday 21st Of Oct with
child/ren's age to
admin@wombatswish.org.au



Freeman's Burrow

For just a cup of coffee per week you could join Freeman's Burrow as part of our weekly contributions package for \$5,\$10,\$15 or \$20 a week to support a child or young person through their journey with grief.

Every donation we receive goes directly to supporting a child or young person and their family following the death of a parent or carer. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Head to our website www.wombatswish.org.au/donate Follow the link to Give Now Choose 'setup a regular donation' Type in the amount you would like to donate Complete your details and in 'message to organisation' type "Freeman's Burrow" or contact us on 0390690314

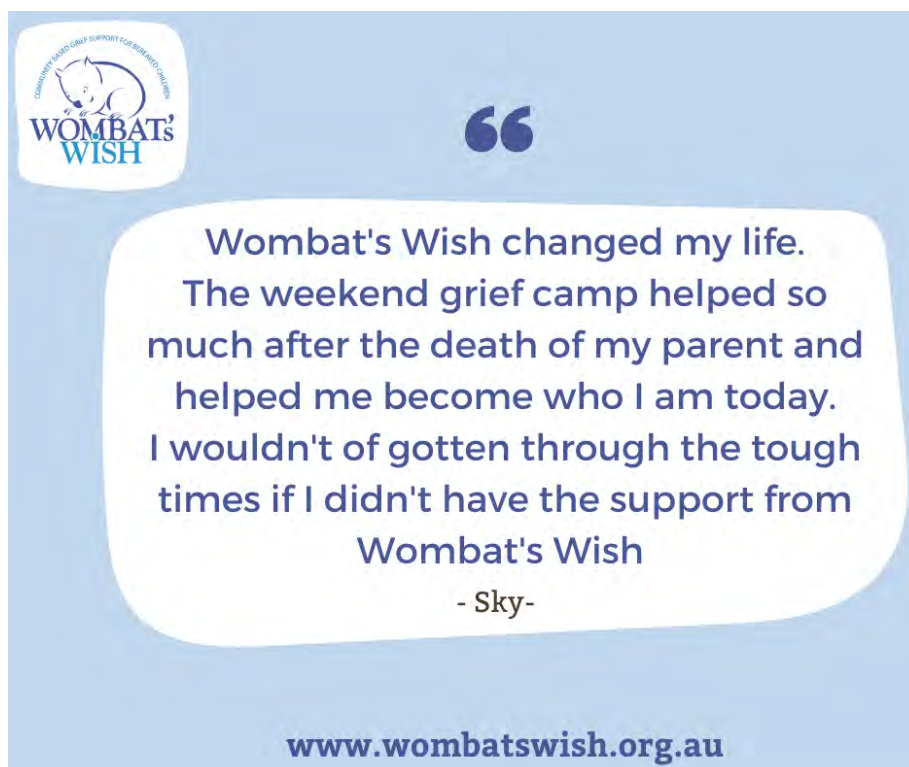


Freeman's Burrow
Donation Platform

WOMBAT'S WISH
COMMUNITY BASED GRIEF SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED CHILDREN

Contribution	Weekly Amount	Annual Amount	Benefits
\$5 PER WEEK	\$260 PER YEAR	You will receive a Wombat's Wish Pack Your contribution fully funds 2 families to attend a family day	
\$10 PER WEEK	\$520 PER YEAR	You will receive a Wombat's Wish Pack & Mug Your contribution fully funds 7 hours of 1:1 counselling for a child	
\$15 PER WEEK	\$780 PER YEAR	You will receive a Wombat's Wish Pack, Mug & Bag Your contribution fully funds 6 hours of group counselling for 1 child	
\$20 PER WEEK	\$1040 PER YEAR	You will receive a Wombat's Wish Pack, Mug, bag, & 1 ticket to every event Your contribution fully funds 1 family to attend camp	

[Donate Now](#)



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COMMUNITY BASED GRIEF SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED CHILDREN

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Wombat's Wish changed my life.
The weekend grief camp helped so much after the death of my parent and helped me become who I am today. I wouldn't of gotten through the tough times if I didn't have the support from Wombat's Wish

- Sky-

www.wombatswish.org.au

Have your say

We are always looking at ways to improve the way we do things , if you have any suggestions you would like to see in the newsletter, or an idea on how we can expand our programs of support or maybe have a question you would liked to have answered please let us know at

admin@wombatswish.org.au

We are here to help

If you require assistance or would like more information about supporting parentally bereaved children and young people, please contact Wombat's Wish on 03 9069 0314 or 0499 966 228.

Or email us at coordinator@wombatswish.org.au

Take a look at our website: www.wombatswish.org.au

Referrals can be filled in through our website or by contacting us directly.

HELPFUL ORGANISATIONS

Wombat's Wish – www.wombatswish.org.au

Kids help line – www.kidshelpline.com

Life line – www.lifeline.org.au

Beyond Blue – www.beyondblue.org.au

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service – www.barwonhealth.org.au

Headspace Geelong – www.headspace.org.au

Bethany Community Support – www.bethany.org.au

Hope Bereavement Care – www.bereavement.org.au

Compassionate Friends – www.compassionatefriendsvictoria.org.au

Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement – www.grief.org.au

Canteen – www.canteen.org.au

Barwon Child Youth & Family – www.bcyf.org.au

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Winston's Wish – www.winstonswish.org

Bereavement Care Centre – www.bereavementcare.com.au

Good Grief – www.goodgrief.asn.au

Grieflink – grieflink.asn.au

Griefline – griefline.org.au

Hope for Life Suicide Prevention and Bereavement Support

www.salvos.org.au/need-help/professional-counselling-and-bereavement

The National Centre for Childhood Grief – www.childhoodgrief.org.au

Support after Suicide – www.supportaftersuicide.org.au

Dougy Centre – www.dougy.org

SAVE THE DATES

Camps

30th Sep -2nd Oct - New Families Camp- Corop (Goulburn Valley Region)

11th to 13th Nov-New Families Camp- Burnside

Social Events

29th Of Oct- Wombat's Wish Family Day at Fairy Park- Anakie

TBA Dec- Wombat's Wish Xmas Family Day

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