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ANNUAL REPORT

HOPE
BEREAVEMENT
CARE
2022



...no-one alone in grief

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

"Life is a continuous process of adjustment" - Indira Gandhi

Adjustment (coping) is behaviour and decisions we make that permits us to meet the demands of the environment. To achieve psychological fulfilment, we must act - not just react. Adjustment allows us to grow as individuals. It is so hard to see growth during the adjustment journey of grief, illness, COVID restrictions, organisational management and budget pressures, personal retirement and all the daily challenges life throws up. Hope Bereavement Care is all of this but more... kindness.

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." - Lao Tzu

Our Passion, Purpose and Vision for Hope Bereavement Care remain steadfast. We remain committed to undertake a Bereavement Support system that enhances greater understanding of death, grief and bereavement so that everyone associated with a loss is offered support when sudden and unexpected death of any age across the Region arises. This support includes face-to-face counselling, support groups, providing education and bereavement packs to hospitals, schools and funeral homes, Memorial Services and Walks to Remember, newsletters and more. We thank our many Clinical and Corporate partners for their generosity, support and encouragement - special mention to Freemasons Foundation Victoria and the many lodges and members of Freemasons across the region, Geelong Community Foundation, Anthony Costa Foundation, Ruth Fagg Foundation, Give Where You Live, Ryan Gatgens Golf Day and Barry Plant Highton.

"Compassion and Support of those most vulnerable are key markers of a Successful Society" - BMJ

Our Staff, Volunteer Board and numerous organisational Volunteers and Parent Supporters also must be congratulated; they are exceptional people with such community spirit, leadership, dedication and vision. As we receive neither government nor recurrent funding, we depend on the generosity of amazing individuals, organisations and groups at so many levels. A sincere thank you to you all. We are very honoured to have Salli Hickford as Executive Officer leading an exceptional team of counsellors in Catharina Dumaesq, Caroline Gubb, Christine Rawson and Sue Eddy. Annie Norrish rounds up this amazing team in a joint employment partnership with Jesuit Social Services. Melinda Hopper, Maree Burn, Wendy Leigh, Rylie Jabornik and Ben Pollard provided much-needed administration and support to the team and clients. We said 'au revoir' and thank you to Rylie Jabornik, Sue Eddy and Wendy Leigh but have been lucky enough to welcome Ben Pollard and more recently to welcome back Tracey Paech.

It remains a humbling privilege and inspiration to be associated with you all. Thank you to all Board members past and those present Keith Fagg OAM, Peter Norrish, Peter Berrisford, Pam Virgona, Danny Keating, Tara Iacovella, Kate Barlow, Mark Harris, Chris Bitmead, and recent additions Zoe Waters and Max Dedjar. I very much personally appreciate your kindness and support of me during my recent adjustment and health issues.

"Those we Love don't go away, They walk beside us Every Day, Unseen, Unheard but always near Still Loved, Still Missed But always dear" - Alex MacLean

I wish you all well for the year ahead.

Dr Bernie Jenner OAM, President

a year's overview

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



It seems so long ago, but we started this financial year in lockdown. We moved our sessions and groups online, and went back to weekly team Zoom meetings to connect with each other. Then we ended the year with our first in-person major event in a couple of years: the Hope Charity Sports Breakfast.

This was the first year in 25 years that we did not have an employment partnership with Red Nose to deliver the Baby and Child program. However, we were lucky enough to have the Geelong Community Foundation help us by providing 12 months' funding. This gave us the capacity to continue to deliver our services while planning for the future - and that's what we did. We have secured funding from Give Where You Live for the next financial year and remain committed to continue to run this much-needed program.

This year also saw us successful in gaining multi-year grants for the first time - three years from the Anthony Costa Foundation for the Kids Grieve Too program and two years from the Geelong Community Foundation to evolve the Hope model. Amazing! We can't thank them enough. Other grants have also assisted: The Freemasons Foundation Victoria not only continued to fund the Support After Suicide program but increased the funding to provide for a new initiative, which is now being implemented with the aim of improving access to bereavement support - such as developing models to better support bereaved men.

So, another extraordinary year - but then, I do work for an extraordinary organisation. Hope is one of those rare organisations that not only was born from the community but remains firmly located there.

Bereaved people in the Geelong community, receiving local services delivered by Geelong community members and supported by the Geelong community: It's the way Hope has always been and the way we remain committed to being.

I am supported by a Board of skilled and resourceful people, led by the incredible Bernie Jenner. The staff team that deliver all we do are passionate and committed people who feel honoured to do this work, and I thank each and every one of them.

The larger Hope community is also extraordinary; 38 years from the organisation's inception and they have again rose to the challenge of identifying need and providing support and funding.

We hope to be here in another 38 years, and we remain committed in supporting everyone who is bereaved - ensuring they are not alone in grief.

Salli Hickford
Executive Officer

The History of Hope-

How we got here...

Community Need identified

Barwon Pediatric Bereavement Program was established in 1985 following concerns about the lack of regional services supporting families following the death of a child.

Dr Bernie Jenner and other concerned people formed a committee that fundraised and partnered with Barwon Health to employ our first counsellor. In 1992, Hope formed a working relationship, with the Sudden Infant Death Research Foundation, known today as Red Nose, which endured until 2020.

1985

Increase in need

1997

25
referrals

2002

52
referrals

2009

66
referrals

2016

250 referrals
300 clients

2021

321
referrals and
549 clients

1992

Hope is born

Hope Bereavement Care became an Incorporated Association in 1992 with Dr. Bernie Jenner becoming the first Chairperson, a position he still holds.

In 2004, Hope Bereavement Services adopted the trading name Hope Bereavement Care.

Hope continues to co-locate at Barwon Health but moved to the Kitchner House location.

Remembrance events are developed in response to articulated need including the Walk of Hope.

2004

Sudden and Unexpected Deaths

After years of referrals from families who had an adult child die, as well as clients returning for additional support after subsequent deaths of their partner or parents, Hope expanded the service to include all sudden and unexpected deaths. After service mapping there appeared to be supports for individuals where a death was known.

Over the years Hope has formed many partnerships with Red Nose, Road Trauma Support Services, and Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement in order to deliver local services to bereaved families. Referrals increase to approx 70 families per year

2016

Support After Suicide Program

A group of concerned people, (including now Board member Danny Keating), involved with and affected by suicide, identified a gap in the support of people bereaved by suicide. They worked with other organisations to develop a partnership model, resulting in the establishment of Hope Support After Suicide (SAS) delivered in partnership with Jesuit Social Services. Danny now sits on the Hope board. Referrals increase to 250 people per annum.

2020

First Executive Officer Employed

Up until 2020, Hope was managed by Board members in voluntary roles. In 2020, partnerships were reducing or ceasing to commit to staff in regional area's so they could focus on Australia wide telephone supports. As a result Hope was at financial risk of ceasing services. The Hope Board made the decision to invest in an EO to review community needs, resources, service mapping and potential income streams.

2022

What we need...

Review of Service Gaps and community needs highlighted:

- Clients continue to want a range of supports after they are bereaved, from practical support to counselling.
- Hope has many elements of support that we do not articulate nor collect data on.
- The Hope model has evolved over time. based on community needs, but needs to continue to evolve so that it is both proactive and responsive to community demands.
- Hope needs to articulate its value in order to meet needs of donors and funders

What we know...

- Bereavement 'falls through the gaps' within mental health and primary health services funding.
- There will always be a percentage of people requiring grief support ranging from information to counselling.
- Grief is unique to each person. Within a family, there are multiple needs for the family unit, extended family, and each individual member.
- Every death can affect multiple individuals and multiple communities
- The people who care for the bereaved often do not have the capacity or capability to support them.
- Services need to be available when the person needs
- Investing in grief matters. It reduces poor mental health outcomes, maintains community connections, and prevents suicides.

Our New Hope Model

AWARENESS RAISING AND ADVOCACY

- Communications about bereavement to reduce the stigma, particularly around pregnancy loss and suicide death
- Raise awareness of supports available particularly for underrepresented groups with poor mental health outcomes, such as First Nations people and men.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

BABY AND CHILD

Support to anyone grieving the death of a child, during pregnancy, birth and up to 18 years. We deliver the Treasured Babies Program, offering parents appropriately sized clothing, teddy bears and memory boxes.

SUPPORT AFTER SUICIDE

Support to anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one by suicide; and those in the wider community who may be caring for them. This service is delivered in partnership with Jesuit Social Services.

KIDS GRIEVE TOO

Support to children and young people experiencing the loss of a loved one including bereavement by suicide; as well as family and professionals in the wider community who are caring for them.

SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED DEATH

Support to anyone experiencing the sudden death of a loved one, as well as family and professionals in the wider community who are caring for them.

Clients may require one service, or multiple sessions over time.

INFORMATION

- Community Information sessions
- Bereavement Library (Geelong Regional Library)
- Bereavement maps - resources for people grieving

CONNECTION TO OTHERS WITH A LIVED EXPERIENCE

- Monthly Groups
- One off Groups
- Remembrance Events
- Stories of people who have experienced bereavement
- Teddy program

SINGLE SESSIONS

- Information
- Family sessions
- Postvention after death for individuals, families, schools and clubs, communities

SHORT THERAPEUTIC PSYCHOEDUCATION GROUPS

Learning to live with Loss and Early Bereavement Groups, co-facilitated with

- Funeral Services
- Youth Services
- Health Services
- Schools

COUNSELLING

Specialist bereavement counselling for

- individuals,
- couples,
- peer groups and
- families.


Delivered via

- Telehealth
- Face to Face
- Outreach
- Outpost

Services tailored to the individual, family and community and focusing on recovery and building capacity

CAPACITY BUILDING AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT

- Bereavement Resource Maps: (to help negotiate the sector and resources available for professionals)
- Treasured Baby program - Angel and Memory Boxes and Clothing packs at hospitals and Funeral Homes
- Safe Talk Sessions
- Bereavement Professional Development
- Secondary Consultation



Hope

Impact Reports

WHAT WE ACHIEVED

Hope, together with our partners, supported 541 people grieving the loss of a loved one. This included 1,471 counselling sessions for:

- 51 men
- 28 children in primary school, as well as 14 children at our Memory Mornings
- 173 people grieving after a suicide death and 82 people grieving after losing their baby during pregnancy or birth
- 172 parents grieving the loss of their child, 91 children grieving the death of a parent, 78 people grieving the death of their life partner and 39 grieving the death of their much-loved sibling

A YEAR WITH UNIQUE CHALLENGES

We started the year with lockdowns and have worked to maintain our services while adapting to changes in government guidelines, community need and how this unique time impacted our clients' bereavement journeys.

We have delivered services in new ways, and some old, including:

- Face-to-face counselling
- Home visits
- Walking and park sessions
- Tele-counselling
- Tele-groups
- Joining with our partners' tele-groups
- Creating more resources and updating our communication models

Despite the challenges, we strived to ensure that we were able to walk beside our clients in a helpful and supportive way throughout this time.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

541

people grieving the death of a loved one were supported

55

groups were delivered, with over 60 people attending 255 times.

376

new referrals were responded to



Support After Suicide

PROGRAM



Hope Bereavement Care's Support After Suicide (SAS) Service in Geelong provides free information, support and counselling to any person affected by the loss of a loved one to suicide and those caring for them. SAS is delivered in partnership with Jesuit Social Services and proudly supported by the Freemasons Foundation Victoria.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

IN THEIR WORDS



Freemasons
Foundation Victoria

- Delivered evidence-based bereavement counselling and peer support groups
- Curated and produced a set of Digital Resource Maps for professionals and families to assist them in accessing supports and resources
- *"Grieving a loved one who has died by suicide requires a unique and specialised support. Meeting (Hope) and having the opportunity to connect and spend time with others bereaved by suicide in a safe space was life changing and life saving for me."*
- *"Very beneficial. They took the time to listen when it was really needed and some of their words ring true to me even to this day."*

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

167

people grieving after a suicide death were supported

882

hours of counselling were provided, including face-to-face, home visits and telehealth

200

bereaved people joined together to remember loved ones lost to suicide at the virtual SPAN Walk



Baby and Child

PROGRAM

The Baby and Child program provides localised bereavement support to anyone grieving the death of a baby or child.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Responded to 97 new referrals and continued to support many more
- Provided individual, couple and family sessions and met with grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles to provide guidance on supporting their loved ones and managing their own grief
- Delivered two virtual remembering events – the Walk of Hope and Annual Remembering Service, to over 200 people
- 20 children who lost siblings came together to create art pieces to honour their brothers and sisters
- Delivered 20 support groups - with an increase in groups offered, including the newly-added 'Bereavement in the Bar' targeted at fathers who have lost a child

IN THEIR WORDS



- *"(Hope) made me feel I wasn't losing my mind and that what I was feeling and doing was all very normal at the time of the loss of my son and for months later. If it wasn't for the counselling I had I don't know where I would've been today."*

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

136

mums, dads, grandparents and siblings grieving the death of a baby were supported

72

angel boxes, teddies and clothing packs were provided to bereaved families through hospitals and funeral homes

20

groups were delivered in partnership with The Compassionate Friends and trained peer facilitators with lived experience



Kids Grieve Too

PROGRAM

Kids Grieve Too (KGT) provides grief support to children and young people experiencing the loss of a loved one, including bereavement by suicide, as well as family and professionals in the wider community who are caring for them. Bereavement support is provided through education, family support, counselling, groupwork and capacity building.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- KGT provided 147 counselling sessions and 97 brief interventions - an increase of 358 per cent from previous years
- 7 education sessions to parents as a response to a death in their community

IN THEIR WORDS

- *"If not for (Hope) I'm not sure I would of made it."*
- *"...very responsive and flexible with how they deliver services."*
- *"I didn't know how to help. We are so much closer now."*



Anthony Costa
Foundation

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

312

children, young people and family members were supported

30

families were provided therapy and education sessions

910

community members were provided 74 capacity-building interventions



HOPE

Community Involvement

HOPE VOLUNTEER

Our very own Lauren Arkinstall was one of the winners at the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Awards in Geelong. Lauren co-facilitated the After Suicide Loss Support Group and the Support After Suicide Peer Support Coffee Morning group. Lauren has a calm presence, wisdom and excellent communication skills. Hope is grateful to have Lauren involved and we believe she is a more-than-deserving winner.

LIFE AFTER LOSS

Together with Tuckers Funeral and Bereavement Service, Hope ran the Learning to Live with Loss (LTLWL) group, a four-week group for women who have experienced the death of a partner. Nine participants attended the group and formed an ongoing connection that endures to this day.

"A lifeline to my future without my beloved partner"

AMMOS LADIES DAY

Hope was lucky enough to be the chosen charity partner for the Geelong Ammos Ladies Day. Long-standing Board member Pam Virgona and lived-experience speaker Kim Edgar both spoke on the day, sharing the story of Hope and their personal experience of grief. The event was a great success and a whopping \$10,000 was raised for Hope! This was then increased to \$12,500. It was evident that the community spirit of the members in the room reflected the story of Hope - local people, a part of local clubs, supporting local services to ensure that local people are not alone in grief. Hope followed up with presenting safeTALK (suicide prevention training) to a group of volunteers across the club.



Community Involvement



THE ANNUAL RYAN GATGENS GOLF DAY

*A group of mates; a much-loved friend, son and brother;
a family grieving; and a community that cares.*

Daniel Driscoll and his wonderful friends were back again in 2022 with their annual Golf Day in memory of their friend Ryan Gatgens, who tragically died in 2019. The fundraising event attracted 240 golfers and many incredible local sponsors, and was supported by the Bellarine community.

**The event was another huge success, raising an enormous
\$65,000 for Hope!**

Hope extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped organise the day and all those who participated. To Daniel and the committee: Michael Platt, Michael Scott, Michael Grigorio, Emma Flynn, Kristy and Jeffrey... We are awed by the work you put into such a successful event. To Ryan's family, thank you for choosing Hope to be the recipient of the funds raised on the day. To all the sponsors who donated their expertise or products, thank you. The generosity you all showed for Ryan, the Gatgens family, your community and Hope, demonstrated what an amazing sense of community you all have.

To everyone who came out on the day - whether you came in memory of Ryan, to support Ryan's family, to support Daniel or the Bellarine Community, or just to play golf - you have made such a difference.



Community Involvement

KIERON HUNTER - BARRY PLANT HIGHTON

Kieron Hunter from Barry Plant Highton had an idea! When the Systemans family, who are known for their philanthropy, approached him to sell their home, he offered to donate the commission back to a local charity in need. Brenton Systemans contacted Hope to ask what we would do with the funds. That was easy: Hope runs on a small budget and does not receive any recurrent funding. Funds would be used to deliver our programs to ensure that those grieving the death of a baby or child, grieving after suicide or grieving any sudden and unexpected death would not be alone in grief. As a result, Hope was given the honour of being the selected charity.

On 14 May 2022, Kieron Hunter auctioned the property in Newtown, and as a result, \$27,500 of hard-earned commission was donated to Hope.

Hope extends our heartfelt thanks to Kieron, Barry Plant Real Estate, the Systemans family and the people who used our service and advised the family of the ongoing need for the Hope model. We are incredibly grateful for your support.



This is the Hope story:
Local people and local businesses supporting local services to ensure local people are not alone in grief.

Remembrance Events



A virtual SPAN Suicide Awareness Walk was facilitated in partnership with the SPAN Committee. The virtual walk was held Sunday 12th September as a Facebook event.

A live stream included:

- Smoking ceremony by Wadawurrung woman Corrina Eccles
- Welcome and reading by Annie Norrish
- Dove release kindly provided by Endless Dove

Insights and engagement from Facebook:

- 133 names were added to the memorial board
- 3,827 people engaged with the SPAN page during a four-week period in September
- 87 people watched the live stream
- 888 people engaged with the final memorial board



**SUICIDE AWARENESS
VIRTUAL WALK**
SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

I'M WALKING
so we are not alone on this journey



#SPANwalk2021

**WALK OF
HOPE**



**WALK OF HOPE
SUNDAY
17th OCTOBER**

I'M WALKING

#walkofhope

A virtual Walk of Hope was held on Sunday 17th October as a Facebook event.

The following activities were included as part of the event:

- Walk of Hope Memorial Board created on Hope website
- 27 families left messages in memory of their child
- Craft activities for children

The event was live streamed on our Facebook page and website and included:

- Welcome to Country
- Dove release kindly provided by Endless Dove
- Opening address by Mark Harris, Hope Board member and bereaved father
- Walk and Share - individuals and families were encouraged to do their own walk and take a photo for our website or social media

STAFF HIGHLIGHT: CHRISTINE RAWSON

Christine Rawson is a kind and compassionate human with an amazing capacity for empathy and good humour, whose calm nature provides a safe space for all in her presence. It is why the Hope team describe being so supported and "lucky" to work with her and why her clients describe feeling held by the service.

Christine has been a bereavement counsellor with Hope for 10 years, a position she describes as "not just a job, but a vocation". Her employment initially started as a partnership with Road Trauma Support Services Victoria (RTSSV) then another partnership with the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement (ACGB), before finally, in 2017, it transitioned to a standalone Hope role. Christine describes the milestone of 10 years "as a wonderful journey whilst working alongside so many who have been/are incredibly skilled, supportive but above all compassionate and so dedicated to their roles". Her role as a grief counsellor is one of a "constant sense of privilege" and being with people through an "enormously challenging time in a person's life (with) pain, hurt, fragility, anger, regret and vulnerability" where she constantly strives to be as effective a counsellor as possible, working to move towards "adjustment, acceptance and enduring love".

We didn't need to ask for comments about Christine's work. She is someone who inspires positive feedback, so we leave you with some comments from some of the people she has worked with:

- "Christine was so warm, friendly & compassionate, that we were soon at ease. Thanks to her and all the Hope Bereavement team, who provide an invaluable service to bereaved individuals & families."
- "... without Christine's support I don't know where I would be."
- "I found her to be an amazing woman who actually listened and heard what I had to say. I was very comfortable with her and she acknowledged everything that I said and made me feel I wasn't losing my mind and that what I was feeling and doing was all very normal at the time of the loss of my son and for months later. If it wasn't for the counselling I had I don't know where I would've been today."
- She "... is brilliant. Empathetic and skilful, she is able to hold space for me."
- "Excellent, professional, compassionate and warm support & counselling provided by Christine."





Sports Breakfast

On 5th April 2022, Hope again held its annual Sports Breakfast after two years of being unable to hold the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MC Roxie Bennett led us in a discussion with Geelong Cats CEO Steve Hocking and Geelong Cats AFLW star Maddy McMahon, while Ben Dodds, Charlie Hurst and Corrina Eccles shared with us their experiences of Hope. Thank you to all who donated their time, goods and money to this event.

SPEAKERS

MC Roxie Bennett

Guest speakers:

- Steve Hocking, Geelong Cats CEO
- Maddy McMahon, Geelong Cats AFLW player
- Ben Dodds
- Charlie Hurst
- Corrina Eccles
- Sue Eddy

SPONSORS AND DONORS

- Bisinella Developments
- Kings Funerals
- Tuckers Funeral & Bereavement Service
- St John of God, Geelong
- Malishev Homes
- Maxwell Collins Real Estate
- Crawfords Funerals
- Faggs Mitre 10
- Graham Hobbs
- Freemasons Victoria
- Geoff Payner
- Billy Jay O'Toole
- Corrina Eccles
- Michelle Soldani
- Geelong Cats
- Rixon's 343 Newtown
- Life Styled by Nicole Manks
- Hilary Jenner
- Union Street Wines
- Serenity Skin and Body Care
- Geelong Sports Medicine Centre

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

\$ 23,419

raised

155

guests attended





Our 2022-2025 Strategy

Projects	Details	2022 Outcomes
Community leadership	Hope, together with our partners, will provide leadership to help communities support those bereaved and develop the skills of those who work with people who are bereaved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the Youth Suicide Response Network • Developed a suite of bereavement resource maps • Delivered safeTALK to young people and their families and communities
Responsive and quality services	Hope will provide free responsive client-centred support to people grieving in the community to ensure no-one is alone in grief.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New support group developed for men who have lost a child of any age - 'Bereavement in the Bar' • Develop Children's Resource and Activities – Kids Corner on website
A sustainable future	Hope will ensure we have a sustainable future through strong local and targeted partnerships and building consistent and sustainable sources of income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hope successful in securing a three-year grant with the Anthony Costa Foundation for Kids Grieve Too and a two-year grant with Geelong Community Foundation
Governance and operational excellence	Hope, governed by a skills-based board, will provide consistent and high-quality services delivered by a committed team of staff and partners that meet the changing needs of our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a Practice Model for new staff • Reviewed and streamlined intake journey

HOPE COMMUNITY

Bernie Jenner OAM
Keith Fagg OAM
Peter Berrisford
Peter Norris
Pam Virgona
Chris Bitmead
Kate Barlow
Tara Iacovella
Mark Harris
Danny Keating

Board

Salli Hickford
Annie Norrish
Christine Rawson
Catharina Dumaesq
Caroline Gubb
Sue Eddy
Melinda Hopper
Maree Burn
Wendy Leigh
Ben Pollard
Rylie Jabornik

Team

- Give Where You Live
- Freemasons Foundation Victoria
- Geelong Community Foundation
- Anthony Costa Foundation
- Ruth Fagg Foundation
- Telstra Foundation

Funders

- Jesuit Social Services
- Tuckers Funeral and Bereavement Services
- The Compassionate Friends
- Geelong Regional Libraries
- headspace Geelong

Partners

Peer facilitators

Kevin James
Cam Barnett
Lauren Arkinstall
Danny Keating
Mark Harris
Maureen Zampatti
Janet McMillan

Speakers

Kim Edgar
Ben Dodds
Charlie Hurst
Corrina Eccles
Renee D'Offay
Mark Harris
May Owen
Catherine Barrett

Volunteers

HOPE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES INC**A0027598B****STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
RECEIPTS			
Donations		31,641	39,263
Donations from memorial events		66,883	70,933
Fundraising – Sports breakfast and other		25,499	380
Give Now and Everyday Hero		2,581	20,126
Interest – ING Direct and Bendigo Bank		176	310
Subscriptions		364	386
SPAN		-	864
Government grant – Commonwealth		4,500	-
Government Covid-19 grant		-	10,000
Grants – Local Private Foundations		50,155	42,500
Freemason grant		5,000	112,700
Geelong Community Foundation contributions		45,000	25,500
Give Where You Live contributions		76,145	-
Job Keeper		-	114,750
CashFlow Boost		-	10,000
		<u>307,944</u>	<u>447,712</u>
PAYMENTS			
Administration expenses		4,989	6,138
Bank fees		205	49
Fundraising expenses		6,605	-
Fundraising web host		-	220
Insurance		8,945	7,691
Library and resources		11	343
Memorial service		-	827
Group and workshop expenses		1,184	5,073
Salaries and wages		398,871	266,138
Seminars and workshops		9,819	1,875
Stationery and office supplies		2,258	1,107
Subscriptions		1,513	3,039
Superannuation		35,965	20,148
SPAN		736	727
Telephone		1,613	2,001
Work Cover		6,272	4,392
		<u>478,986</u>	<u>319,768</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		<u>(171,042)</u>	<u>127,944</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		<u>362,620</u>	<u>234,676</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR		<u><u>191,578</u></u>	<u><u>362,620</u></u>

HOPE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES INC
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Petty cash		998	992
Cash at bank – Bendigo Bank		208,877	373,317
Total Assets		<u>209,875</u>	<u>374,309</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Superannuation payable		9,464	5,898
GST and PAYG payable		8,631	5,791
Total Liabilities		<u>18,095</u>	<u>11,689</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>191,578</u>	<u>362,620</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus		<u>191,578</u>	<u>362,620</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2	<u>191,578</u>	<u>362,620</u>

HOPE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES INC
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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

NOTE 1 – ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This special purpose financial report has been prepared for distributions to the members to fulfil the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the Hope Bereavement Services' constitution. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Hope Bereavement Services' constitution and with previous years, and are, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, appropriate to meet the needs of members.

- (a) The financial report has been prepared on the modified accruals basis of accounting including the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption.
- (b) The requirement of Australian Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements (UIG Consensus Views), do not have mandatory applicability to Hope Bereavement Services because it is not a "reporting entity".

NOTE 2 - ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Accumulated Funds total \$191,578 as at 30 June 2022 and can be broken into six categories –

- (a) Funds held on behalf of SBS - \$40,433
- (b) Funds held on behalf of Kids Grieve Too Program - \$36,145
- (c) Funds held on behalf Of Baby and Child Program – \$40,000
- (d) Funds needed for General Program - \$55,000
- (e) Funds needed for administration - \$20,000
- (f) Balance of funds (shortfall) – (\$158,500) that will need to be raised for the 2022-2023 financial year.

HOPE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES INC
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TREASURER'S REPORT

In the opinion of the Treasurer of the Hope Bereavement Services Inc, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Hope Bereavement Services Inc as at 30 June 2022 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Signed at Geelong this 1st October 2022



TREASURER

Hope is committed to transparent Financial Governance.
The Financial Report has been prepared and reviewed by the Board
and presents this report to all Stakeholders.

Note: There is no ACNC requirement for a small charity to publish its finances in an Annual Report
or have its financial report reviewed or audited.

Acknowledgements

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Since its inception 38 years ago right through to today, Hope is designed and funded by the community, delivered by the community, for members of this community.

There are countless people to acknowledge; here are just some of those.

Those who fundraised for us

Boh Evans - Men's Night in memory of Abe Knox
Eloa Brasileiro - Brasileiro's Fundraiser for Parents of Angels
Ferguson Plarre Bakehouse Waurin Ponds
Geelong Amateur Football Netball Club - Geelong 'Ammos'
Ladies Day
Joel Edwards - Yellow Laces in memory of Tom Barnett
Laura Lycett - Molly's Birthday
Lyndall McNeil - Jack's 5th Angel-versary
Malop Street Social Club
McMillan family in memory of Bernice McMillan
Melinda Hopper - Birthday fundraiser in memory of Alisha Kosic
Mia Prem - Suicide prevention donations
Ryan Gatgens Golf Day - In memory of Ryan Gatgens
Rylie Evans - In memory of Abe Knox
Shane Gatgens - Birthday fundraiser in memory of Ryan Gatgens
TAC Social Club
Bradley Hopwood - Fire Rescue Victoria for SPAN
Claytons Cat Raven Pet Shop

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Gateways
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Crawfords Funerals
Graham Hobbs
Freemasons Bellarine Otway District
Geoff Payner
Billy Jay O'Toole
Corrina Eccles
Michelle Soldani
Geelong Cats
Rixon's 343 Newtown
Life Styled by Nicole Manks
Hilary Jenner
Union Street Wines
Serenity Skin and Body Care
Geelong Sports Medicine Centre

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....so 'no-one is alone in grief'

**Hope proudly delivers its services
on the traditional lands of the
Wadawurrung people.
We acknowledge the Traditional
Owners of country throughout
Australia, and their
continuing connections to land,
sea and community.
We pay our respects to their
Elders past, present and
emerging and to all descendants
of these lands.**

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