



HOPE ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

'...no-one should be alone in grief'

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Our Vision

'...no-one should be alone in their grief.'

Our purpose

To provide support for parents, grandparents and families grieving precious babies, children trying to make sense of the loss of adored brothers or sisters, people dealing with the death of their life-partners and anybody coping with the suicide of a friend.

Our Values

Community
Commitment
Connection

HOPE BEREAVEMENT CARE

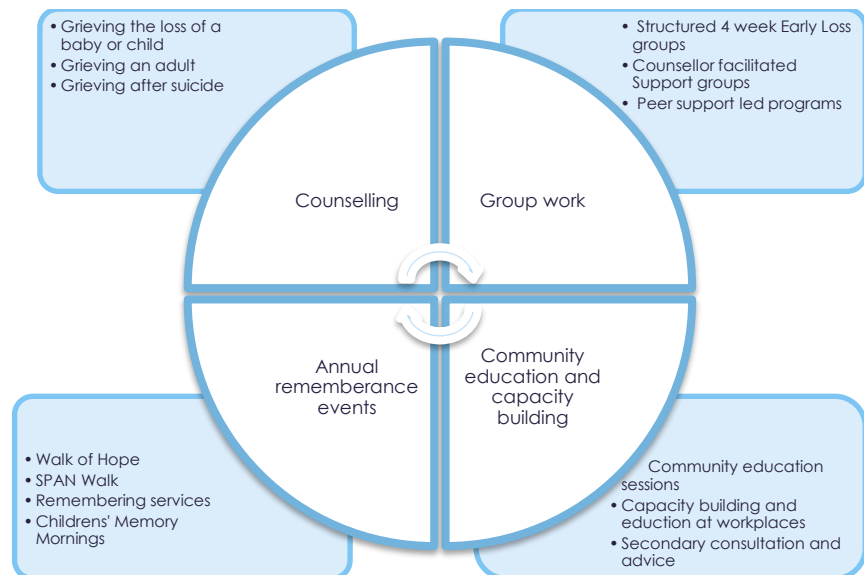
History

Hope was established in 1985 following concerns about the lack of regional bereavement services supporting families following the death of a child. The organisation was incorporated in 1993 and consolidated its reputation as a well-regarded service provider for the community. From its origins, the service evolved and strategically partnered to respond to families, work colleagues and emergency services personnel experiencing grief arising from infant death or a sudden and unexpected death resulting from, for example, road trauma or suicide.

In January 2017, a group of concerned people, 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.

Hope Model

Hope Bereavement Care is a community driven partnership model. Specialised bereavement support is offered by staff employed by both Hope and partner organisations (Red Nose and Jesuit Social Services), trained peer mentors and contractors with offices and administration systems managed by Hope Bereavement care.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2019 Hope Bereavement Care Annual Report as we enter 35 years of existence and at the same time a new era and opportunity to serve those in the community so vulnerable following the sudden and unexpected death of a loved one.

I would like to sincerely thank all the Board Members for their unwavering support and commitment. The hours that Pam Virgona, Tara Iacovella, Danny Keating and our new Executive Officer Salli Hickford have put in has been outstanding and a driving force to setting us up for future sustainability. We all applaud you and are indebted for the legacy that your time and compassion has offered to the organisation and allowed it to consider making a huge leap to a more professionalised structure with the development of the Hope, for the Future Campaign.

This in no way diminishes the enormous appreciation for the amount of time and skillset put in by Treasurer extraordinaire Peter Norrish, Keith Fagg Vice President, the wisdom of Kate Barlow, Chris Bitmead, Mark Harris, Secretary Peter Beresford to assist to bring all this together; a leap of faith by all, for which I repeat this year.

'He who is not courageous enough to take risks in life will accomplish nothing in life' - Muhammad Ali

Our bereavement counsellors are wonderful people of extraordinary compassion and integrity highly regarded within our community and making a huge difference to the mental health and welfare of so many. We are also indebted to their professionalism and hard work and on behalf of the Board I would like to sincerely thank once again this year Tracey Paech in her 10th year of service, Annie Norrish, and Christine Rawson. In the background Maree Burn and now Wendy Leigh are our silent achiever's office managers doing amazing multiskilled background activities uncomplaining caring understanding, support and hard work on multiple projects over and above running the office. How lucky we are to have such amazing people as part of this very special organisation.

We also bade farewell this year to Graham Morton who acted as our Honorary Executive Officer over such a long period and as a result helped so many; we miss him. He made a huge difference to so many and was strength and drive behind the Hope vision to get us to where we are today. Thank you from the so many you have helped. Pam Virgona has stepped down as the primary chair and facilitator of the Hope Operations Committee now undertaken under the excellent guidance of EO Salli Hickford, big shoes to fill admirably and seamless.

Pam has continued within the organisation as a mentor, with a huge heart and commitment as a Board Director and general all-round brilliant person creating the legacy of a highly valued and regarded Hope organisation. Pam your humility, integrity, dedication and commitment to the Purpose of Hope has been outstanding. You have given so much over such a long period and made such a difference.

We remain with ongoing partnerships within our grassroots from Jesuit Social Services Support After Suicide organisation, Barwon Health, and Red Nose (formerly SIDS and Kids), which remain strong and appreciated. We also thank the new strong links that we have created with the Bellarine Otway District Freemasons and Freemasons Foundation Victoria (to work together towards raising the profile of suicide prevention) and with the GForce People at Work and the Fagg and Geelong Community Foundation. We appreciate very much all of these

organisations and partners sharing our Mission and Vision.

We remain on an ever-evolving trajectory as an organisation though never swaying from our purpose. I wish you well for the year ahead.

Regards

Dr BM Jenner OAM
Chairman Hope Bereavement Care



EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

Hope Bereavement Care, albeit in several forms, is coming into its 35th year. With no ongoing funding, Hope has existed due to its dedicated board, strong partnerships and the amazing generosity of the Geelong community.

What an exciting year for Hope Bereavement Care. We stand here ready to move into our 35th year with a range of challenges before us as well as opportunities to pursue. I started at Hope in June just before the end of this financial year and I'm lucky enough to be able to be a part of the 'Hope, for the future' campaign going forward.

Hope is a complex community driven partnership organisation that continues to provide support to people in a variety of ways.

So, what have I learnt during my time at Hope?

Well firstly, Hope is very much a product of its people and partners. Our board is made up of experienced and committed individuals. We have a team of talented and creative counsellors, who are passionate about the work that they do. We have long term partners that are equally

Every day I find out something new about the Hope Community. From the Board to the staff, to the Hope community of volunteers and businesses that volunteer their time, expertise and financially support us. It is awe inspiring!

committed to their vision and are generous and creative in working together are able to work to support the Hope community. We have a community of businesses and individuals who donate their time, expertise and goods to ensure Hope can continue its work.

Secondly, I have learnt a lot about the needs of people that are bereaved and the services available. Often Hope is the

only support service available to people who suffer sudden and unexpected death. Mental health services are mainly focused on mental illness and providing generalist counselling, delivered within structured timeframes and medical models. Where people do access private systems often waiting lists and costs creates barriers. People bereaved by a suicide often get less support because it's hard for them to reach out – and because others are unsure how to help.

And finally, the work Hope does matters. A sudden and unexpected death is devastating and shocking with common responses to grief affecting cognitive, emotional, physical, behavioural and spiritual health. Feelings of disbelief, guilt, loneliness, fear, anxiety and helplessness are some of the wide range of experiences felt by those bereaved. Bereavement by suicide is also a specific risk factor for suicide attempts among adults, in particular young bereaved adults, whether related to the deceased or not. The work Hope does in providing support and bereavement counselling as well as opportunities to connect and support others suffering similar experienced, reduces relationship breakdowns, financial strain and ongoing mental health concerns and helps to prevent further suicides.

The amount of services and partnerships that Hope has is incredible, it's like a web of partnerships and community members that band together to provide hope for those grieving.

So where to from here? We are at a financial crossroad at Hope; we need to further develop and implement a sustainable business model going forward in order to both survive and flourish. I am incredibly excited to be a part of this journey.

Salli Hickford, Executive Officer

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS – TRACEY PAECH

Tracey Paech has worked with Hope for 10 years now helping countless families after the loss of a baby or child.

Working for one organisation for 10 years is an incredible commitment, working with two organisations is complex and challenging; it inspires a whole new level of awe. Tracey Paech has worked as a Bereavement Counsellor for Red Nose (previously SIDS and Kids) and Hope Bereavement for 10 years. The employment structures have changed as have both organisations but what has not changed is Tracey's unwavering commitment to the work and the people she serves.

Before Hope, Tracey worked in the Community Services field supporting people in a wide range of roles from being a Salvation Army Minister to an Employment Assistance Program (EAP) counsellor for the service now known as Converge.



Tracey's first contact with Hope came in 2006, after the drowning death of her second daughter Ariel, who was just shy of her first birthday. Tracey recalls being provided with some information about Hope early on, however she did not access any support over the first 3 months. Tracey was visited by a counsellor at her home who informed her of what support they could provide; from counselling to support groups and access to funeral funds if required. Tracey eventually attended the Empty Arms group which connected her to others experiencing a similar loss, which for Tracey was like 'dark abyss', one she was unsure she would ever come out.

Over the next 2-3 years Tracey stayed home to care for her daughter and had a third child. She didn't return to work, not knowing if she still cared enough about others struggles to want to return to the field. This was also a time of reflection as to her identity which not only included being a mother to Ariel but also a worker in the helping field. Tracey continued to seek some support via the Hope/SIDS and Kids partnership and generally felt she was 'doing ok but somewhat paralysed.' Tracey, a reflective and thoughtful person, described a process, like a 'glacier melting' and a sense of something she wasn't aware was missing, returning. Grief is a 'long process with many leaps of awareness' and this one gave her the sense that maybe she did care enough and she started to make

plans to return to work. Around the same time Tracey completed a 'Personal Enrichment Program, a retreat (although Tracey describes it being too hard to be retreat like) at Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea.

During a conversation with one of the counsellors, Tracey discovered there was a locum position for a counsellor, and the counsellor discovered Tracey's long history and experience as a counsellor. Tracey got the role and started at Hope 2 days a week counselling parents who have had a baby or child die. And thus begins a 10 year journey as a bereavement counsellor.

Tracey was a lifeline for me at such a terrible time when I felt set adrift from my usual support people, as no one knew what to do or say. But Tracey did, thankfully! I am forever grateful for the support I received. You do wonderful work. A, 2013

Over this 10 years Tracey has helped literally hundreds of families that had a baby or child die, and unlike some of her early fears, she has not found the role triggering or traumatising. Her grief remains, and there are time she taps into this more than others, but

she describes the balance between further study and training to understand trauma and grief, her own journey and a deep sense that her journey is different to others. When Tracey talks about the work, her passion and commitment is evident, and she tells of the privileged role she has and the wonderful experiences she has had as a Bereavement Counsellor. Tracey's role includes not just counselling, but facilitating and supporting groups, running Children's Memory Mornings to create a space for children to remember their brothers and sisters who have died, and leading the annual Walk of Hope.

Tracey, once part of a small team of counsellors all supporting families who have had a baby or child die, now works as the only counsellor in Geelong supporting families when grieving the death of a baby or child, in a team of other bereavement counsellors focusing on the sudden and unexpected death of an adult or support after suicide. Tracey describes the heart-warming, funny and intensely painful moments she has shared in her work and sings praises about her colleagues. The feeling is absolutely mutual, as all of us at Hope and Red Nose can attest. Ask anyone who has worked with Tracey and you hear the same words over and over, 'I don't know how I would of survived without her' to which Traceys' humble and thoughtful response is to reflect on the privileged and 'sacred' role of holding space for people so they can, like her, adjust and integrate their grief into a new reality'.

What a comfort you have been to so many. J, 2019

So finally, we want to say a big thankyou to Tracey Paech for her 10 years of service at Hope and Red Nose. We too understand what a privileged position we have had to have Tracey as a colleague and friend through this time.

Salli Hickford, Executive Officer

We are so grateful for your support over the years Tracey. You provided so much help to all our family. A, 2019

HOPE SERVICES

Hope Bereavement Care (Hope) is a Geelong based not for profit offering free information, support and counselling when grieving the death of a baby or child, the sudden and unexpected death of an adult and those experiencing the loss after suicide.

Grieving a baby or child

Hope Baby and Child Service offers support to anyone grieving the death of a child, during pregnancy, birth and up to 18 years. Support is offered through counselling, support groups (facilitated by volunteer bereaved parents, Memory and Remembrance events and the Treasured Babies Program (offering parents appropriately sized clothing, teddy bears and memory boxes). This service is delivered in partnership with Red Nose Grief and Loss.



Grieving an Adult

Hope Adult Service offers information, support and counselling for those who have experienced the sudden and unexpected death of a loved one. Hope also provides support and referrals to people who feel alone in their grief. This program is supported by the Geelong Community Foundation.

Hope Support After Suicide (SAS) provides grief support to anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one by suicide; and those in the wider community who may be caring for them. SAS works in partnership with those affected by suicide and the local community to raise awareness and help to prevent suicide. This service is delivered in partnership with Jesuit Social Services and proudly supported by Freemasons Victoria.



Grieving After Suicide



Our support services include:

- Grief counselling for individuals
 - Red nose counselling and stillbirth support
 - Counselling and support for extended family members, family friends, workmates, school communities, emergency service personnel and service providers.
- Secondary Consultation for professionals supporting people experiencing the loss of a child, adult or after a suicide
- Group Support
 - Peer to peer groups
 - Facilitated groups
- Remembering Events
 - Walk of Hope
 - Auspice the SPAN Walk
 - Children Memory Mornings
 - Remembrance service

Over the last
12 months, Hope has:



Delivered over 60 support group sessions with our Creative Bereavement, Men's Support After Suicide, Empty Arms and Living After Loss groups



Responded to over 250 referrals



Provided 1,800 hours of counselling



Provided consultation and education sessions to over 100 people supporting those grieving in the community



Delivered 3 Children's Memory Mornings, giving over 100 children, trying to make sense of loss, the opportunity to honour their adored brothers or sisters



Joined together with over 350 individuals and families at an Annual Remembering Service and our Walk of Hope in memory of their precious children or loved ones

HIGHLIGHTS – SAS MENS GROUP

During 2019 a new Support After Suicide (SAS) program was introduced. This program is designed specifically for men and provides an opportunity for men to meet and discuss their suicide bereavement experiences, feelings and coping strategies in an all-male environment.

The first meeting guest speaker was Dr. Neil Orford from Geelong University Hospital's ICU Department speaking about his experience of losing his brother to suicide 20 years ago and how that changed his life.

Men are often reluctant to discuss their inner feelings in mixed company environments and are more likely to be open and frank in all-male forums.

Danny Keating

This monthly group is essentially for bereaved men to meet other men who have lost a loved one to suicide. Each month the meeting commences with a guest speaker who shares his own thoughts and experiences in life, providing points for discussion and an opportunity for questions during the remainder of the evening. Participants are welcome to contribute as much or as little as they choose. Some participants say very little but have acknowledged that they still draw comfort and reassurance that they are not alone in their grief, as well as learning from other people's experiences and feelings.

The program is modelled on a similar service which has been provided in Melbourne by Jesuit Social Services for a number of years.

There is an emphasis on stressing to the men's group attendees that grief following a suicide can be complex and overwhelming and as a bereaved person they may experience a broad range of thoughts

THEMES

- There is no right or wrong way to grieve a suicide.
- There is no set timeframe for grief.
- Grief in response to suicide can be particularly intense and complicated and difficult to understand.
- Being open and honest as much as possible may help men feel less isolated.
- Feelings of guilt, shame and blame are very common.
- It's important not to expect too much of yourself in the early stages of suicide grief.
- Some men try too hard to comfort other loved ones after a suicide and neglect their own coping mechanisms.
- In families the pain and hurt can make it difficult to communicate with one another.
- A sense of unreality, numbness, nightmares and intrusive thoughts, can be common.
- Feelings of guilt and failure that a suicide was not prevented are common.
- Feelings of guilt at perceived failed responsibilities can also occur.
- There can be an unrelenting need to ask why, to try and make sense of and understand why it happened.
- Feelings of anger towards the person who has taken their own life.

ADAM GREEN PEER FACILITATOR

It gives me great pleasure to write this short review of the Geelong Men's Program of Support After Suicide Geelong.

The group is facilitated by myself and Danny Keating with great support and guidance from Annie Norrish. Set in Kitchener House Geelong, this group has involved over the past months into a warm and engaging environment for men bereaved by suicide to come together and share thoughts and experiences, be amongst peers and learn from both one another and a range of invited guest speakers.

Many age groups are often in attendance, with early 20's through to late 70's a normal monthly cross section. It isn't unusual for someone who is only bereaved by weeks to be sitting next to someone who has lost a child some 10 years ago.

Guest speakers have been varied with industry experts and people with lived experience most common.

Feedback received is that this is a great program for a section of the community that can at times find dealing with sudden bereavement difficult.

Let's hope this program continues to grow.

Adam Green

and feelings such as sadness, anger, guilt and confusion. Suicide grief can be an intense and difficult experience and the group discussions revolve around open dialogue regarding these varied emotions.

It is apparent from the men's group meetings that some men experiencing grief after suicide feel well supported by family and friends while others feel isolated and misunderstood. Reactions can be many and varied and may seem difficult to understand. In these circumstances the group can assist attendees to feel not only supported but also understood.

The Mens' Group is facilitated by Adam Green and Danny Keating who both have lost loved ones to suicide. Behind the scenes they are supported and guided by Hope's senior bereavement counsellor, Annie Norrish. The group is totally non-judgmental and attendees range from men who have lost loved ones recently to those that have lost loved ones many years ago.

The Geelong Support After Suicide Men's Program has been a huge help to me as I continue to deal with the loss of my son.

I foolishly believed the rubbish that all things heal with time, but in my case it festered, and although I have some great friends, none of them really understood what it was that I was going through.

I had reservations about attending the group and I am sure that the group sensed that on my first time there. That being the case, I felt accepted and respected from the outset. I was able to vent without being made to feel like an emotional freak. And conversely, I felt free enough to encourage others in their journey. Mate-ship goes a long way in helping. The opportunity to hear guest speakers who share views on dealing with loss/grief/trauma does aid in applying that to my life and circumstances.

The dynamics of the Men's Program enable all to participate as much or as little as each person is able to, furthering the belief that we are not alone in our pain.

Craig Wilkinson

The Men's Group meetings are held at 6pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Kitchener House Geelong, 285-289 Ryrie Street Geelong. All men bereaved by suicide are welcome to attend.

Danny Keating, Chair SAS, Director Hope Board and Peer Facilitator.

HIGHLIGHTS – CREATIVE BEREAVEMENT

“ART CAN PERMEATE THE VERY DEEPEST PART OF US, WHERE NO WORDS EXIST”

Eileen Miller

Art Therapy enables us to express and process our sensory and emotional experiences. It allows us to make meaning out of our loss when all seems senseless and hopeless; to commemorate a moment or memory in the creation of something tangible in honour of the griever’s experiences with their loved one, allowing them to feel their presence; and to document the transformation process as the griever learns to live without them.

In the Creative Bereavement Support Group we have engaged in many activities throughout the year that have supported participants in journey. And we have also been privileged to observe the transformations that have occurred over that time, not just as result of the sessions but also due to the openness and courage of our participants.

Early in the year one of the activities involved the creation of a miniature shrine, for want of a better word, which was intended to embody the client’s memories of their loved ones. Materials used were small objects and keepsakes that clients could bring themselves or they could

forage amongst the abundance of materials supplied by our wonderful Art Therapist, Rachel Penn. Another activity involved creating collages inspired by the theme ‘My grief is...’ As each client pondered their own metaphors for grief they created some unique and beautiful pieces of art. What is interesting is when, on reflection, despite the uniqueness of each person’s experience in the group, there were common threads and themes that enabled each client to connect in meaningful ways to the experience of their fellow creators.

In our most recent session, we turned to writing and journaling. Journaling is something that many use to naturally as a way of expressing their emotions in grief. Research shows that some guidance in the writing process can also be effective in helping those struggling to make sense of their life after loss (Lictenthal & Cruess, 2010).

At the end of every session, participants engaged in some wonderful reflective meaning making. Reflecting on our work is an important part of Art Therapy as we all bring our own unique life experiences, cultural influences and personal influences to the creative process. We feel privileged to have experienced the healing process with so many creative and courageous clients and look forward to many more sessions to come.

Caroline Grubb, Bereavement Group Facilitator

EVENTS – REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Hope run several events throughout the year to provide opportunities for people to come together to remember precious babies, adored brothers or sisters, life-partners, parents and friends.

Walk of Hope



Over 200 people attend the annual Geelong Walk of Hope commemorating Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

After a brief ceremony to remember their precious children who have died, family and friends walked together along the Geelong waterfront

Hope Remembering Service is an annual event that sees over 100 families and friends who wish to remember and celebrate the life of a loved one who has died. A candle-lighting ceremony, personal stories, music, children's activities and supper at the conclusion of the night.

Annual Remembrance Service



Every school holiday, Hope run an event for children, the Children's Memory Morning. Over 20 children and families come and remember the siblings or other family that have died.

Children's Memory Mornings

HOPE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Death and Dying Expo

Geelong Cemeteries Trust



A highlight for me this year has been stepping outside of the walls of Hope BC and out into the community by attending the Death and Dying Expo in Portarlington with an exhibit of our services. This year was the inaugural event hosted by the Geelong Cemeteries Trust and they aim to grow the event each year. There was a strong Funeral industry presence and one would hope for a broader representation of all those organisations and individuals working in the Death and Dying sphere over coming events.

Christine Rawson, Bereavement Counsellor

SPAN (Suicide Prevention Awareness Network) was started in 2009 after a large number of suicides were publicised in Geelong. SPAN has been holding its Suicide Awareness Walk annually since 2010. The walk, auspiced by Hope and supported by Geelong Otway Freemasons, is a positive, active community event where people can come together and pay tribute to lost loved ones, offer support to those hurting and ultimately embrace the gift of life. Over 300 people attended the 9th Walk in October 2018.

SPAN Walk

Suicide Prevention Awareness Network



Learning to Live with Loss

Hope and Tuckers Group Program

Learning to Live with Loss is a 4 week program run in partnership with Tuckers Funerals. 10 people attended the program, with participants forming positive peer connections. Some linked in with the Life After Loss monthly support group, for women who have lost a life partner, and others will become speakers for associated programs.

THE WAY FORWARD

The Hope, for the future campaign will work to extend services and develop an ongoing sustainable model. Over the next 12 months Hope will develop a Strategic Plan and Business Plan that is focused on

- Good Governance and operations
- Development and articulation of the Hope partnership platform
- Expansion of the Program Model to meet community need.
- Implementation of a sustainable fundraising model
- An increase in corporate engagement
- Formalisation of the Hope Education and Capacity Building model

Business Planning

Hope needs to raise \$150,000 by the end of 2019. Hope's strategic goals for 2019 are:

1. Deliver free, responsive and accessible services so 'no-one will be alone in grief'.
2. Improve the financial sustainability of the organisation through growth of partnerships, advocacy to government, development of business models and targeted fundraising.
3. Increase the capacity of communities supporting those affected by sudden and unexpected loss through the provision of resources and specialist knowledge and support.

Service Delivery

- Increase awareness of Hope Services
- Implementation of a service evaluation framework and consumer satisfaction model
- Increase access through telehealth, outreach and colocation
- Extend model to reduce wait times, increase regional reach and support children and young people.

Financial Stability

- Government advocacy to fund specialised bereavement services to reduce mental illness and as a suicide prevention activity
- Development of an ongoing Fundraising Model
- Development of software for HR managers and employees to secure corporate sponsorship
- Grief training for organisations
- Develop model and evidence base to attract new funding source

Community Capacity Building

- Develop an online community capacity building tool for community groups
- Partner with local communities to develop peer models of support and tele health initiatives
- To develop and implement local training - Online and face to face

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

HOPE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES INC
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
RECEIPTS			
Donations		26,268	19,624
Donation - SBS		30,260	25,865
Advertising		-	880
Fundraising – Sports Breakfast and other		23,961	30,439
Fundraising – Luncheon		44,386	15,085
Give Now and Everyday Hero		1,572	1,416
Interest – ING Direct		1,351	1,657
Professional services		1,143	930
Subscriptions		336	404
SPAN		4,809	492
Geelong Community Foundation contributions		10,000	12,000
Give Where You Live contributions		10,000	15,000
		<u>154,086</u>	<u>123,792</u>
PAYMENTS			
Administration expenses		3,436	3,527
Bank fees		180	367
Filing fee		84	100
Fundraising expenses		3,725	9,276
Fundraising web host		680	619
Insurance		4,110	727
Library and resources		275	486
Memorial service		1,667	2,104
Group and workshop expenses		3,408	3,503
Postage		190	154
Printing		6,551	3,494
Salaries and wages		128,958	95,353
Seminars, conferences and workshops		2,441	3,608
Stationary and office supplies		1,924	5,079
Subscriptions		377	1,173
Supervision		1,785	-
Superannuation		10,084	6,594
SPAN		1,940	2,902
Telephone		627	990
Web development and hosting		4,498	300
WorkCover		2,088	1,177
		<u>179,028</u>	<u>141,533</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS		<u>-24,942</u>	<u>-17,741</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		<u>167,122</u>	<u>184,863</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR		<u>142,180</u>	<u>167,122</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Petty cash		373	251
Cash at bank – Bendigo Bank		71,720	70,338
Cash at bank – ING Direct		<u>78,218</u>	<u>101,868</u>
Total Assets		<u>150,311</u>	<u>172,457</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Leave liability		-	2,149
Superannuation payable		3,225	1,566
GST and PAYG payable		<u>4,906</u>	<u>1,620</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>8,131</u>	<u>5,335</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>142,180</u>	<u>167,122</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus		<u>142,180</u>	<u>167,122</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2	<u>142,180</u>	<u>167,122</u>

**FUNDS BEING HELD FOR GROUP AUSPICED BY
HOPE BEREAVEMENT SERVICES INC**

Name of group – SPAN			
Opening balance		7,120	12,030
Distribution to beneficiaries		(2,000)	(5,000)
Surplus/(Deficiency) for year		<u>2,869</u>	<u>90</u>
Closing balance		<u>7,989</u>	<u>7,120</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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 \$142,180 as at 30 June 2019 and can be broken into six categories –

- (a) Funds held on behalf of SPAN - \$7,989 – see note above
- (b) Funds held on behalf of SBS - \$73,528 – see note below
- (c) Funds for adult service counsellor - \$45,000
- (d) Funds for 6 to 18 years of age - service counsellor – \$19,000
- (e) Funds for office administration - \$114,739
- (f) Balance of funds (shortfall) – (\$118,076).

Calculations related to SBS Funds

	2019	2018
Opening balance	37,309	29,505
Contributions	75,639	40,950
Sub total	<u>112,948</u>	<u>70,455</u>
Wages and on costs	31,562	25,500
Program expenses	7,858	7,646
Total costs	<u>39,420</u>	<u>33,146</u>
Closing balance	<u>73,528</u>	<u>37,309</u>

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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 2019 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Signed at Geelong this 19th day of July 2019



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