



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.

*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 that are facilitated by volunteer bereaved parents, 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.

*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.

*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 referral to people who feel alone in their grief. This program is supported by the Geelong Community Foundation.



## Why Partner with Hope?

A sudden and unexpected death is devastating and shocking. It can lead to feelings of disbelief, guilt, loneliness, fear, nausea, anxiety and helplessness. As well as physical symptoms including sleeplessness and exhaustion. These experiences can increase risk of relationship breakdowns, financial strain, and ongoing mental health concerns. There are times that those bereaved need more support than that of family and friends, those bereaved by a suicide sometimes find it hard to reach out, and when families lose a baby during pregnancy or at birth, it can be hard for those who love and support then to know how to help.

Hope works to ensure that 'no-one is alone in their grief' by providing counselling, groups, information and support for the community and those caring for people who are grieving. With time, support and guidance, people begin to live their lives again. They return to work, begin caring for their families again and enjoy the company of friends once more.

Since we began over 35 years ago, the number of families we help each year has grown substantially. We receive no direct government funding, and the charities that have supported us in the past are reducing their funding, due to increasing pressure to support other organisations.

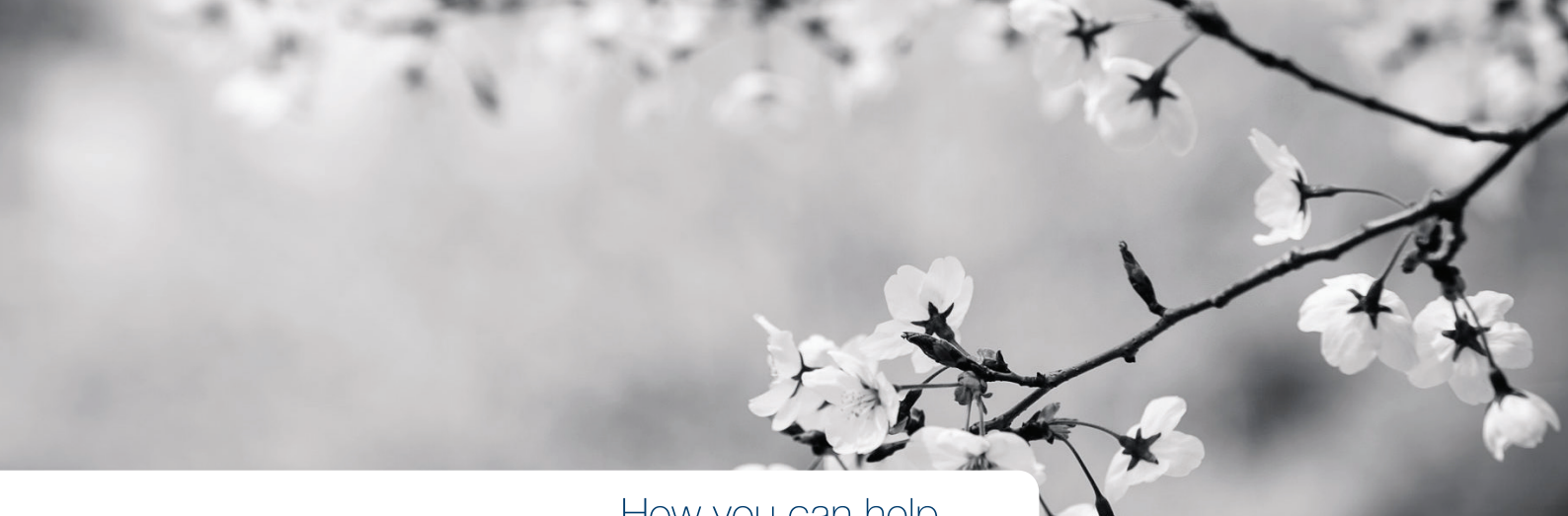


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## How you can help

### *Make a Donation*

Help us transform the lives of grieving people. You could support a family through their journey at Hope, fund a group or pay for an additional day of counselling.

- Write a cheque to Hope Bereavement Services Inc and mail to PO Box 281, Geelong Vic 3220

- Make a direct debit

Bendigo Bank account BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 103401832.

Please email [hope@bereavement.org.au](mailto:hope@bereavement.org.au) and let us know the details of your transaction.

### *Sponsor an Event*

Hope run many fundraising events and remembrance events.

Perhaps you would like to sponsor the Annual Charity Sports Breakfast or a new event such as an Art Show.

### *Fundraise for us*

Perhaps your business would like to host its own Fundraising Event and donate the funds to Hope.

### *Attend an Event*

Buy a table at the Support After Suicide Luncheon or the Charity Breakfast.

### *Donate your expertise or services*

Would you like to provide support to Hope by providing your or your staff's time or expertise. You may like to donate an essential service or goods to keep us running or something for our charity auctions.

### *Partner with us*

Hope have some new programs in development that will make a huge difference to the community. Contact us to find out more about our strategic and business planning and partnership opportunities that may align with your business.

Any support to Hope will be promoted on Social media and our website for the calendar year it attends. All donations are tax deductible.



## Keep in Touch

Don't forget to let us know how it goes, send us some photos and link us in on social media.



[hopebereavementcare](https://www.facebook.com/hopebereavementcare)



[givenow.com.au/bppb](https://www.givenow.com.au/bppb)

*Thank you for making the choice to support the Hope Bereavement. We are extremely grateful.*



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