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All bereaved children and young people have the right to information, guidance and support to enable them to manage the impact of death on their lives.

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Our service is guided by experienced psychologists and social workers who support a team of volunteers. However we are always in need of further help and donations.

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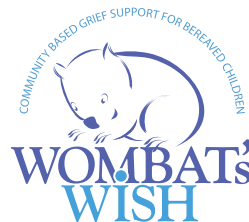
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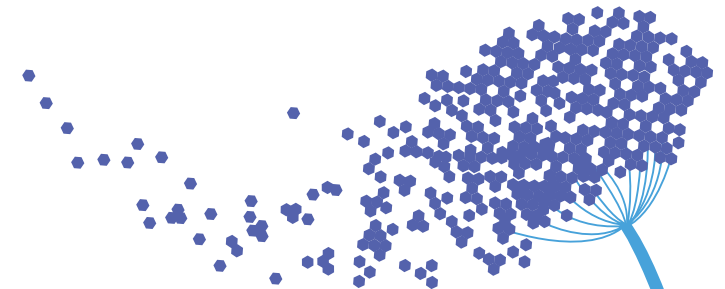
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HOW WOMBAT'S WISH CAN HELP WHEN A PARENT DIES



Community based grief support for bereaved children, adolescents and their families

ABOUT US

Each year, approximately 100 children in the Geelong area experience the death of a parent. Currently Wombat's Wish is the only specialist service in Victoria that offers professional support to these children. This is an extremely difficult time for children and their family, and this can potentially result in long-term emotional health problems.

We assist bereaved children to find a way to live with loss and grief, to move forward and take the next steps on their bereavement journey.

VISION

All bereaved children, young people and their families will receive the support they need to achieve their full potential.

MISSION

Ensure the resilience of children confronted by the death of someone important to them by providing high quality services to meet their needs.

KEY AIMS

- to provide a range of consistently high quality services for bereaved children, young people and their families
- to contribute to public and professional understanding of the needs of bereaved children
- to generate the necessary resources to provide a sustainable service
- to have in place effective financial, information, management and human resources infrastructure to support all activities.



PRIMARY CLINICAL OBJECTIVES

Wombat's Wish had identified five primary clinical objectives for its work. Our service is designed to help bereaved children and families by providing increased opportunities for:

- support, information and education
- understand and expressing grief
- remembering
- communication
- meeting others

THE PROGRAM

Wombat's Wish is a specialised support service for bereaved children and their families.

Our program includes:

- Weekend camps (May and November)
- Parent sessions (concurrently with childrens' group)
- Family Fun Day/reunions

The camp is the key component of the overall service and facilitates a therapeutic process that is highly valued by both parents and children.

It can be both challenging and fun, with practical and creative activities which encourage teamwork and build confidence and self esteem.

Wombat's Wish is based on a very successful and highly regarded program in the UK - Winston's Wish.