About Ambulance Wish Queensland

Last Wish, Memories Forever

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Inspired by two Hervey Bay paramedics who took a woman cared for by her palliative care team to her favourite beach, Ambulance Wish Queensland (AWQ) is the first program of its kind in Australia.

Developed for Queenslanders with life limiting illnesses, AWQ is brought to you by Palliative Care Queensland (PCQ). AWQ showcases all the elements of what good palliative care is: physical, spiritual and psychological.

Modelled on the Netherlands' charity program, Stichting Ambulance Wens, AWQ was launched by PCQ in July 2019. It is supported by the Queensland Government and the Queensland Ambulance Service, as well as a range of sponsors. Expansion of the program began in June 2022 with the launch of the Townsville AWQ Hub. PCQ would love to expand into more Queensland regions with the help of new sponsors.

Our purpose is simple: to give Queenslanders living with a life-limiting condition access to the planning, coordination, specialist transport and clinical care they need to fulfil their last wish and create memories forever.

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Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible

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Would you like to volunteer?

This program is not possible without our team of volunteers. Join our Volunteer Village by submitting a volunteer expression of interest from our website or scan the QR code below.

How can I support this program?

Ambulance Wish Queensland cannot help Queenslanders in their last days, weeks or months of life without the generous support of people, communities and companies. Make a tax deductible donation or hold a fundraiser. We're looking for corporate sponsors, philanthropists or companies who would like to identify us as their charity of choice.

All Ambulance Wishes are free, however the volume of wishes that can be fulfilled is dependent on donations, bequests, fundraising and corporate sponsors.

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How Ambulance Wishes are made

Identify your Wish Request

Have a chat with your palliative care service about your Wish request

Ambulance Wish Queensland will assess if we have volunteers, equipment and resources to fulfil the Wish requested

If your Wish is confirmed, Ambulance Wish Queensland will create a Wish Team to discuss and plan the Wish Day with you, your loved ones and the specialist palliative care service

Your Wish Team will create an individual Wish Day Itinerary for you

Your Wish Team (including volunteers and staff from Ambulance Wish Queensland and your palliative care service) will fulfil your Wish with care and compassion

Your Wish Team will provide you with an Ambulance Wish Bear (Kees), Wish Blanket and Memory Book to create memories forever

Do you have a wish?

We can either take you to your wish or bring a wish to you. If you have a wish that you would like Ambulance Wish Queensland to fulfil and you meet our criteria listed below, talk to your specialist palliative care service and ask them to send through a wish referral.

The criteria for an Ambulance Wish

1. **SUPPORT:** The Wish Recipient must be a current patient of one of our partner specialist palliative care services*

2. **RESIDENCE:** The Wish Recipient can reside at home, a hospice, hospital or care facility within 150km radius from Brisbane CBD

3. **LOCATION:** The Ambulance Wish request location must be within 150km radius from Brisbane CBD

4. **DIAGNOSIS:** The Wish Recipient must have a diagnosis of a life-limiting condition and be expected to live less than 12 months**

5. **MOBILITY:** The Wish Recipient must require considerable assistance with mobility (Australia-modified Karnofsky Performance Status of 50 or below) and/or frequent personal care***

6. **CONSENT:** The Wish Recipient must be able to consent to the Ambulance Wish

7. **GOALS OF CARE:** Clear goals of care must be in place****

8. **WISH TYPE:** The Wish must be low in complexity and risk

* Full list of our Wish Partner Specialist Palliative Care Services can be found on our website at ambulancewishqld.org.au

** Assessed by using the Surprise Question

*** This is based on a health care tool

**** Including a Do Not Resuscitate Order

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