

# 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 we will create your Wish Team to meet with you, your loved ones and your service to plan your Wish Day



Your Wish Team visits your Wish location and develops a 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



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## How to apply for a Wish

Last Wish, Memories Forever



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## Ambulance Wish Queensland

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

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.

Near the end stage of life, it is often the simple things that matter most – a visit home, one last sunset, a cuddle with their pet, professional photos with their loved ones or a recreation of a favourite memory.

### How did the program start?

Ambulance Wish Queensland was launched by the Queensland charity Palliative Care Queensland in July 2019 with support from the Queensland Government and the Queensland Ambulance Service. It is modelled on charity programs in the Netherlands, Stichting Ambulance Wens, and the UK, Ambulance Wish Foundation UK.

**All Ambulance Wishes are FREE, however the volume of wishes that can be fulfilled is dependent on donations, bequests, fundraising and corporate partnerships**



## Ambulance Wish Queensland can either take you to your wish (offsite wish) or bring a wish to you (onsite wish)

### 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 1-2 person assist with mobility and/or spend more than 60% of time in bed\*\*\*
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\*\*\*\*

#### Additional criteria for an offsite Ambulance Wish:

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](http://ambulancewishqld.org.au)

\*\* Assessed by using the Surprise Question

\*\*\* This is based on a health care tool

\*\*\*\* Including a Do Not Resuscitate Order

### Offsite Wish Ideas

- Visit to your home
- Recreate a favourite memory
- Watch a sunset
- Visit your favourite place
- Visit the beach
- A picnic with your family

### Onsite Wish Ideas

- Bring your pet to you
- Bring your family or friend to you (including from a regional area)
- Bring music to you
- Bring a pamper-day to you
- Organise a professional photo or video shoot for you

