

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 organise 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



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Ambulance Wish Queensland



Palliative Care Queensland

How to apply for a Wish



Ambulance Wish Queensland

Ambulance Wish Queensland (AWQ) is the signature program of Palliative Care Queensland. Originally founded in the Netherlands, AWQ was inspired by the famous Hervey Bay paramedics who took a dying woman to the beach for her last wish. It is now a global movement that first came to Australia through Palliative Care Queensland in 2019. With the support of Queensland Health and Queensland Ambulance Service, AWQ fulfilled our first wish for Betty who wanted to enjoy a passionfruit ice-cream in Brisbane's Botanic Gardens.

Since 2019, our program has grown, and building on our success in South-East Queensland, we now have four AWQ hubs across Queensland, in Brisbane, Townsville, the Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.

Our Purpose

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.

We are all individuals, but often near the end of life it's the simple things that matter most, like seeing your family home one last time, enjoying a picnic by the ocean or to see one last sunset.

Wishes would not be possible without our team of volunteers who, with our fleet of Ambulance's: 'Ross', 'Betty', 'Usha' & 'Liz', are able to provide the specialist care and transport for our Wish Recipients..

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

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 of an AWQ Hub*
3. **LOCATION:** The Ambulance Wish request location must be within 150km radius of an AWQ Hub*
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 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 AWQ Hub Locations and Wish Partner Specialist Palliative Care Services can be found on our website at ambulancewishqld.org.au or email hello@ambulancewishqld.org.au





** Assessed by using the Surprise Question

*** Including a Do Not Resuscitate Order






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

Offsite Wish Ideas

-  Visit to your home
-  Visit your favourite place
-  Visit the beach
-  A picnic with your family

Onsite Wish Ideas

-  Bring your family, friends or pets to you
-  Bring a pamper day or music to you
-  Organise a professional photo or video shoot for you and your loved ones

