

Trevor's Ambulance
Wish was to go
plane spotting
with his wife



**Ambulance Wish
South Australia**

Program of Palliative Care SA

How to request an Ambulance Wish

Create memories that last forever



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Ambulance Wish South Australia

The purpose of the Ambulance Wish South Australia (AWSA) program is simple: to give South Australians living with life-limiting conditions access to the planning, coordination, transport, photography and clinical care they need to fulfill their special wish and create memories that last forever.

This program originated in Holland with Stichting Ambulance Wens and was brought to Australia by Palliative Care Queensland in 2019, since then Western Australia and Victoria have launched the program and Ambulance Wish SA is the 4th state in Australia to have this program.

How do I request an Ambulance Wish?



First confirm you meet the criteria for an Ambulance Wish



Then identify your Wish Request



Discuss this with your Palliative Care Team



Your Palliative Care Team will then send us an Ambulance Wish Request

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 South Australia can take you to your Ambulance Wish (Offsite Wish) or bring an Ambulance Wish to you (Onsite Wish)

The criteria for an Ambulance Wish

- 1. SUPPORT:** Wish Recipient must be under the care of an AWSA partner Specialist Palliative Care Service (listed on AWSA website)

- 2. WISH RECIPIENT LOCATION:** Care location of the Wish Recipient must be within the geographical boundaries covered by the Specialist Palliative Care Services

- 3. WISH DESTINATION:** Location of the Wish Site must be within 150km from Wish Recipient's pick up location

- 4. DIAGNOSIS:** Wish Recipient must be diagnosed with a life-limiting condition

- 5. MOBILITY:** Wish Recipient must require a minimum of 1 person assist or spend more than 60% of time in bed

- 6. GOALS OF CARE:** Wish Recipient must have clear goals of care in place (including a not for resuscitation order)

- 7. CONSENT:** Wish Recipient must be able to consent to the wish requested

- 8. WISH REQUEST:** Wish must be low in complexity and risk

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



How Ambulance Wishes are made in SA



Identify your Wish Request



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



We will assess if we have volunteers, equipment and resources to fulfill your wish



If we can fulfill your wish, we will meet with you, your loved ones and your palliative care service to begin planning your wish



We will form a Wish Team and create a Wish Day itinerary for you



Your Wish Team (including your palliative care service) will fulfill your wish with care and compassion



We will visit to provide you with your Ambulance Wish Memory Gift



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