NSW Bereavement Counselling Services Directory 2019

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JewishCare Chessed Grief Loss & Bereavement Program

Address:	PO Box 647 Bondi Junction, NSW 1355		
Phone:	(02) 9302 8017 grief@jewishcare.com.au		
Counselling Centre Address/s	3 Saber St Woollahra NSW, 2025		
Region Covered	Sydney Metro		
Areas Excluded			

Eligibility Criteria	Bereaved adults and children Non-death related Grief & Loss			
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Child Young Person 			
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred but not essential.			

Suicide Impacting Me Support Group (non-denominational)		
Facilitators :	Psychologist and Social Worker	
When :	1 st Tuesday of every month (commencing February)	
Duration :	6 – 7:30 pm	
Contact & Registration	familyandfriends@jewishcare.com.au	

Interpreters	Yes. Russian/Hebrew	Cost	Affordable sliding scale	
Hours of Operation	9.00 – 5.00pm (Some extensions can be negotiated on occasions)			
	Bereavement S	Support Service (geographica	al limitations)	
Other Services Available	EducationTraining			

Consultation to the general public and other Health Professionals

Sacred Heart Health Service, Bereavement Counselling Service

Address:	SHHS 170 Darlinghurst Rd, Darlinghurst, NSW 2010		
Phone:	(02) 8382 9594		
Counselling Centre	140 Burton St,		
Address/s	Darlinghurst, NSW 2010		
Region Covered	East Sydney,		
	Eastern Suburbs,		
	Eastlakes, Botany, Mascot, Maroubra to La Perouse		
Areas Excluded			

Eligibility Criteria	 Adult family and friends of people who died at Sacred Heart, St Vincent's Hospital, Prince of Wales Hospital Bereaved adults living in the eastern Sydney area Counselling available regardless of the cause of death 	
Type of Counselling Available	Individual	
Referral Process	Self- referral	

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
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Hours of Operation	8.30 – 5.30p	om ((Monday, Wednesday & Friday))
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	Education	on		
Other Services	Training			
Available	Consulta	ation t	o the general public and other l	nealth professionals

Support Groups

Sydney Children's Hospital, Bereavement Support Services,

Address:	Sydney Children's Hospital, High St, Randwick NSW 2031 Bereavement Co-ordinator Palliative Care Social Worker	
Phone:	(02) 9382 1021	
Counselling Centre	Sydney Children's Hospital,	
Address/s	High St,	
	Randwick NSW 2031	
Region Covered	Counselling available to any family of a child known to Sydney Children's Hospital	
Areas Excluded	Availability of home visits limited by distance to Sydney Children's Hospital	

Eligibility Criteria	 Bereaved parents, sibling, and grandparents of children who have died at Sydney Children's Hospital and/or who have died in the community and were known to the Palliative Care Service. 	
	• Depending on circumstances, we may be able to offer services to families of children in our area who are unknown to the hospital, or assist with referrals to other services.	
	 Please also see Page 12 of this Directory for Bereavement support offered through the Kids Cancer Centre to families of those children treated for cancer/blood disorders at Sydney Children's Hospital. 	
Type of Counselling Available	 Individual, couple, child, family Telephone Face-to-face Home visits 	
Referral Process	Initial referral from treating team and can self-refer	

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
Hours of Operation	Mon – Fri, 8:30am – 5pm			
Other Services	Education for health professionals, community groups etc.			
Available • Consultation regarding paediatric grief & loss			5	

Sydney Local Health District Bereavement Counselling Service

Address:	Concord Hospital, Hospital Rd, Concord, NSW 2139
Phone:	(02) 9767 5656
Counselling Centre	Concord Hospital
Address/s	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Region Covered	Sydney Local Health District
	Inner West Sydney and part of Canterbury & Sydney LGAs.
Areas Excluded	

Eligibility Criteria	Family and friends of someone who died at SLHD
	Bereaved adults living in the Sydney Local Health District.
	 Bereaved adults living outside the area but the deceased person died within the area.
	Counselling available regardless of the cause of death.
Type of Counselling Available	Individuals (18 years and over who have left school)
	Couples
	Families
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred.

Interpreters	Yes	Cost	Nil
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Hours of Operation	8.30 – 5.00p	m	
Other Services Available			c and other Health Professionals

Red Nose Grief and Loss

Address:	P.O. Box 488 Rozelle, NSW, 2039	
Phone:	1300 308 307 support@rednose.com.au	
Counselling Centre Address/s	Level 1 Building 125. Corner of Church and Glover Streets, Lilyfield NSW 2040	
Region Covered	ACT, NSW, Hunter, VIC, QLD, WA and National Bereavement Support Line	
Areas Excluded	Nil	

Eligibility Criteria	Family support after the sudden or unexpected death of a baby, infant or child.
Type of Counselling Available	 Face to face and phone Individual Couples Families
Referral Process	1300 308 307 or Online referral at rednosegriefandloss.com.au

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil for all services
Hours of Operation	9.00 – 5.00 p.m. office hours plus 24 hour bereavement support Line			

Other Services Available	 24 hour bereavement support line – 1300 308 307 Support groups
	 Dedicated grief and loss website – <u>http://www.rednosegriefandloss.com.au</u> (includes live chat)
	Video counselling
	Memorial services
	 Education to health professionals and community groups
	Newsletter
	Support Literature

Forensic Medicine Services

NSW Health Pathology's Forensic & Analytical Science Service – FASS

Forensic Social Work

NSW Health Pathology's Forensic Medicine Services are responsible for providing medical opinions and conducting post-mortem examinations where required on behalf of the NSW Coroner as part of investigations into reportable deaths under the NSW Coroners Act (2009).

This includes unexplained and unexpected deaths, and deaths of a suspicious nature. Forensic Medicine employs a multi-disciplinary team of experts across three sites in NSW - Sydney (Lidcombe), Newcastle and Wollongong.

A team of specialist social workers is available at Forensic Medicine to provide families with emotional and practical support, such as:

- Understanding the Coronial and post-mortem processes, timings and reports
- Facilitating access to information around the cause and circumstances of the death
- · Formal identifications, viewings and memory collation
- Grief support, guidance and resources for adults and children
- Referrals to other support services or local counselling services.

See following page for contact details of each site in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

NSW Health Pathology

Forensic Science Service - www.pathology.health.gov.nsw.au

Forensic Medicine and Coroner's Court Complex – Sydney

Address:	1A Main Avenue, Lidcombe, NSW 2141 (cnr Main Ave & Joseph St)		
Phone:	9583 9000 (24 hours)		
Email	NSWPATH-FASSDOFMSYDNSocialWork@health.nsw.gov.au		

Forensic Medicine - Newcastle

Address:	John Hunter Hospital Complex Rosella Close, New LambtonHeights, NSW, 2305	
Phone:	4935 9700 (8:30 – 4:30pm weekdays) 4921 3000 (1pm – 5pm Weekends) ask to speak with Forensic Medicine Social Worker.	
Email	NSWPATH-FASSNewForensicCounselling@health.nsw.gov.au	

Forensic Medicine - Wollongong

Address:	Wollongong Hospital, Loftus Street, Wollongong, NSW 2500		
Phone:	4253 4501 (8am – 4:30pm) ask to speak with Forensic Medicine Social Worker		
Email	4222 5466 (Weekends) ask to speak with on-call social worker SESLHD-ForensicCounselling@health.nsw.gov.au		

Region covered:	Statewide - NSW
Areas excluded:	nil
Eligibility criteria:	Bereaved family and friends of someone whose death is reported to the Coroner in NSW and admitted or referred for triaging to Forensic Medicine Services at either Sydney (Lidcombe), Newcastle or Wollongong.
Referral process:	Self referral, NSW Police, Coroner/local court or local hospital.
Interpreters:	Telephone interpreter available.
Hours of operation	8:30 -4:30 Monday – Friday. Limited out-of-hours service available. See individual contact details above.
Cost	Nil for all services

Other services available:	 The Support After Suicide Program (SASP) a monthly support group, a newsletter and access to on-going counsellor support in Wollongong and Sydney. Telephone information, support and advocacy in forensic and coronial processes. Support and resources regarding grief for adults and children. Disaster victim response/identification support for families Training and education to professionals.
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HammondCare / Northern Sydney Local Health District, Palliative Care Bereavement Service

Address:	Greenwich Hospital 97-115 River Road, Greenwich, NSW 2065
Phone:	(02) 9903 8333
Counselling Centre Address/s	 Several locations including: Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, NSW Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga, NSW. Northern Beaches Palliative Care Service, Mona Vale, NSW In circumstances where there are exceptional access issues counselling may be provided at the client's home.
Region Covered	Northern Sydney Local Health District (including Ryde, Hunters Hill, North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, Warringah and Pittwater)
Areas Excluded	Outside Northern Sydney Local Health District

Eligibility Criteria	 Family and friends of someone who died at a HammondCare hospital or was known to a HammondCare palliative care team Bereaved family and friends of someone who was known to another publically funded Palliative Care Service in the Northern Sydney Local Health District
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Young People
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred. Professional referral form available.

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
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Hours of Operation	8.30 – 5.00p	om		
Other Services	Educatio			

Other Services Available	• Training
	Consultation to the general public and other Health Professionals

Calvary Bereavement Counselling Service

Address:	PO Box 261, Kogarah, NSW 1485	
Phone:	02 9553 3025	
Counselling Centre	52 Ercildoune Ave	
Address/s	Kogarah NSW	
	In case of exceptional access issues counselling can also be provided at the clients home.	
Region Covered	LGA's of Georges River, Bayside and Sutherland.	
Areas Excluded	Belmore	
	Clemton Park	
	Earlwood	
	Padstow	
	Padstow Heights	
	Revesby	
	Roselands	
	Turrella	
	Wolli Creek	

Eligibility Criteria	 Family and friends, including children and young people from 3 ½ years of age, where the person who died was a patient of Calvary Health Care Kogarah or Calvary Community Palliative Care Team. Bereaved people aged 18 years and older (or who have left school)
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Child Young Person
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred but not essential.

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
Hours of Operation	8.30 – 5.00pm	n	(Some extensions can be neg	otiated on occasions)

 Other Services Available Consultation to the general public and other Health Professionals Lending library Bereavement Walking Group, Support Groups 		 Consultation to the general public and other Health Professionals Lending library
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Kid's Cancer Centre Bereavement Service – Sydney Children's Hospital

Address:	Sydney Children's Hospital High St., Randwick, NSW 2031
Phone:	(02) 9382 1726
Counselling Centre Address/s	Service delivery - primarily via home visit
Region Covered	South East Sydney, Illawarra region, ACT, North Coast, NSW and some North Western regions
Areas Excluded	

Eligibility Criteria	Families of those children treated for cancer/blood disorders at Sydney Children's Hospital. Please see Page 6 of this Directory for additional Bereavement services offered through Sydney Children's Hospital.
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Child Young Persons
Referral Process	The Treating Team / Self-referral

Interpreters		Cost	Free
Hours of Operation	Flexible		
Hours of Operation	FIEXIDIE		
Other Services Available		n tion to the general public and c support and counselling	ther Health Professionals

Westmead Children's Hospital, Bereavement Support Service, Department of Pain Medicine & Palliative Care

Address:	Social Work Department		
Phone:	02 9845 2641 schn-chw-socialwork@health.nsw.gov.au		
Counselling Centre Address/s	Children's Hospital at Westmead Hawkesbury Rd., Westmead		
Region Covered	Counselling available to any family of a child known to the Palliative Care service at CHW		
Areas Excluded	Nil		

Eligibility Criteria	Bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents of children who have died (child must have been a patient of the Palliative Care Service)		
Type of Counselling Available	 Individual Child Group Telephone Home visits are available 		
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred but referrals also accepted from professionals.		

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
Hours of Operation	Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm.			

Other Services Available	 Face to face and telephone support groups Education for health professionals, community groups etc. Consultation regarding paediatric grief and loss to health professionals and general public
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HammondCare / South West Sydney Local Health District, Palliative Care Bereavement Service

Address:	Locked Bag 82, Wetherill Park, NSW 2164			
Phone:	Ph.: (02) 9756 8878 Fax: (02) 9756 8857			
Counselling Centre	Braeside Hospital,			
Address/s	340 Prairievale Rd.,			
	Prairiewood, NSW 2164			
	In case of access issues counselling can also be provided in a SWS LHD Community Health Centre closer to the bereaved, or, in exceptional circumstances, at their home.			
Region Covered	SWS LHD			
Areas Excluded	Anywhere outside of SWS LHD			

Eligibility Criteria	 Family and friends of anyone who was registered with the SWS LHD Palliative Care Service and died at home, in a hospital or a nursing home. Bereaved family and friends of anyone who died in another Palliative Care Service but lives within SWS LHD.
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Adults/Older Adults Young people (16-25) No time limit
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred but health worker referral with client's consent would be considered.

Interpreters	Yes	Cost	Nil
Hours of Operation	9.00 – 5.30 N	Ion., Tue., Thurs.	
	Education/	Training/	

Other Services	•	Education/Training/
Available	•	Consultation to health workers, community organisations and the general public.

Western Sydney Local Health District Bereavement Service – Supportive and Palliative Care

Address:	c/o Mt Druitt Supportive and Palliative Care Unit 75 Railway St Mt Druitt NSW 2770			
Phone:	(02) 98811723			
Email:	Kristin.bindley@health.nsw.gov.au			
Counselling Centre Address/s	 Several locations including: Mt Druitt Supportive and Palliative Care Unit, 75 Railway St, Mt Druitt NSW 2770 Westmead Hospital, Hawkesbury and Darcy Rds, Westmead NSW 2145 			
Region Covered	Western Sydney Local Health District			
Areas Excluded				

Eligibility Criteria	Bereaved family and friends of someone who died in hospital, at home or in a nursing home; and who was known to the Supportive Palliative Care Service in Western Sydney Local Health District and/or Silver Chain Community-based Palliative Care.			
Type of Counselling Available	IndividualFace-to-face or telephone			
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred.			

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
Hours of Operation	8:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.			
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Other Services	Education/trainingConsultation to health professionals and the general public
Available	Bereavement support groupsMemorial services

Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria Bereavement Consultancy

Address:	Barnet Avenue, Rookwood, NSW 2141 PO Box 10 Lidcombe, NSW 1825				
Phone:	(02) 9646 6908 <u>bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au</u> or <u>www.catholiccemeteries.com.au</u> Facebook: LivingBereavement				
Counselling Centre	Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria Office				
Address/s	Barnet Avenue, Rookwood				
Region Covered	Sydney Metropolitan Area & Greater Western Sydney Region & service to bereaved home and community organisations				
Areas Excluded					

Eligibility Criteria	Bereaved adults/children/communities
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Parishes Schools and communities
Referral Process	Self or Community Referral

Interpreters	Can be arranged		Cost	Nil
Hours of Operation	Flexible and can be an	rang	jed	

Other Services Available	 Face to face and telephone Formation Education/ Resources/ Training /Consultation to community groups Funeral Directors/ Individual & Community Spiritual Direction Referral & Consultation to parish/ church/religious groups/community organisations and general public Volunteer Support Bereavement Groups Bereavement Retreats/Memorials
	 Bereaven Retreats/Memorials Suicide Bereaved Support
	Remembrance Services (non-denominational)

Central Coast Palliative Care Bereavement Service

Address:	PO Box 6088 Long Jetty NSW, 2261
Phone:	(02) 4336 7777
Counselling Centre Address/s	Palliative Care Building, back of Long Jetty Hospital Site 64 Wyong Road, Killarney Vale, NSW In case of exceptional access issues counselling can also be provided at the clients home.
Region Covered	Central Coast Region: from the northern side of the Hawkesbury River. Covering: Gosford, Pearl Beach, Woy Woy, Box Head, The Entrance, Wyong, Summerland Point, Lake Munmorah.
Areas Excluded	Wyee, Morisset, Swansea, Catherine Hill Bay.

Eligibility Criteria	 Family and friends of someone who died through the Central Coast Palliative Care. (including children and young people aged 5 yrs and older). Bereaved adults living in the area Bereaved adults living outside, but the deceased died within the area. Counselling available regardless of the cause of death.
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Child Young Person
Referral Process	 Self-referral or through our follow-up process for Bereaved of someone who died in Palliative Care. GP Referral for any death occurring outside of Palliative Care.

Interpreters	Yes	Cost	Nil

Hours of Operation	9.00 – 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Other Services	Bereavement Groups (Northern & Southern cottages)Education
Available	TrainingConsultation to the general public and other Health Professionals

Southern Highlands Bereavement Care Service

Address:	PO Box 268, Bowral,
	NSW, 2576
Phone:	(02) 4862 1701
Email:	info@shbcs.org.au
Counselling Centre	Old Cottage Hospital Building.
Address/s	Bowral Hospital.
	BOWRAL
	NSW 2576
Region Covered	Wingecarribee and Wollondilly Shires
Areas Excluded	

Eligibility Criteria	 Individuals and families who have experienced a loss or bereavement Individuals who are in the terminal phase of illness, and their families
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Child Young Person Counselling is usually provided at our office but may be provided at the client's home or by phone.
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred (GP or Community and Allied Health professionals are also accepted).

Interpreters	Cost	Sliding scale of contribution suggested. The service can be a free service where there is a need
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Hours of Operation 9am to 5pm weekdays. After hours may be arranged by consultation.
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Armidale Counselling Therapy and Psychological Services New England Centre for Loss and Grief

Address:	218 Rusden Street, Armidale NSW, 2350		
Phone:	(02) 67 72 3366 Mobile: 0410 934 172		
Counselling Centre Address/s	218 Rusden Street, Armidale NSW, 2350		
Region Covered	Armidale, Uralla, Guyra, Inverell, Glen Innes, Walcha.		
Areas Excluded	Areas beyond 1.5 hours travel time		

Eligibility Criteria	The experience of significant loss	
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Child (by negotiation) Young Person 	
Referral Process	Self-referral preferred but not essential. Referrals from GP, Health Service, other relevant agencies	

Interpreters No	Cost	Standard rates for the Practice or by negotiation. Rebates under Medicare for GP referrals
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Hours of Operation	8.30am – 5.00pm (Monday – Friday)
	(Some extensions can be negotiated on occasions)

Other Services Available	 Education Training Consultation to the general public and other Health Professionals
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Hunter New England Health District Paediatric Bereavement Service

Address:	Social Work Dept Locked Bag 1 HRMC NSE 2310		
Phone:	0437 916 149 sarah.smith5@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au		
Counselling Centre	John Hunter Children's Hospital		
Address/s	Lookout Road, New Lambton NSW 2305.		
	Home visits can be arranged		
Region Covered	Hunter New England Health District		
Areas Excluded			

Eligibility Criteria	Family & friends of children who have died in the health district, including families who were known to the Paediatric Palliative Care Team
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Family Child Young person
Referral Process	 Self-referral Referred by another health professional Parents can refer their children

Interpreters	Yes	Cost		Nil
Hours of Operation	8:30am - 5pr	m Monday, Tuesda	y, Wednesday a	and Friday
	• Educ	ation		

ther Services vailable	•	Training Consultation to other health professionals Training for schools and other community groups

Footprints in the Sand Bear Cottage Bereavement Service

Address:	Bear Cottage Children's Hospice 2 Fairy Bower Rd, Manly 2095		
Phone:	(02) 9976 8336 www.bearcottage.chw.edu.au		
Counselling Centre	2 Fairy Bower Rd		
Address/s	Manly		
	Counselling is usually provided at Bear Cottage may be provided at the client's home or by phone.		
Region Covered	NSW		
Areas Excluded			

Eligibility Criteria	 Family, including siblings, where the child who died was a patient of Bear Cottage.
Type of Counselling Available	 Individuals Couples Families Grandparents Child Young Person Group
Referral Process	Self referral preferred but not essential. Parents or carers are welcome to phone on behalf of a sibling.

Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
Hours of Operation	8.30 – 5.00p	m		

 Sibling, Family & Grandparent Camps Peer Support Programs – BBQ & Morning Tea Support group for siblings Education Training and professional development Consultation to the general public and other Health Professionals Holistic Wellness Programs 	
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CanTeen

Address:	75 King Street Newtown NSW, 2042		
Phone:	(02) 9007 0190		
Counselling Centre Address/s	75 King Street Newtown NSW, 2042		
Region Covered	Australia Wide		
Areas Excluded	None		

Eligibility Criteria	 12 - 25 year olds who have a parent/primary carer/sibling with cancer or who has died from cancer. As well as 12-25 year olds who currently have or previously had a cancer diagnosis. 	
Type of Counselling Available	 Individual Online/telephone and in-person counselling available. Annual retreat/camp for bereaved young people. Therapeutic and psychoeducational bereaved group called 'Sensing Our Grief' twice annually. 	
Referral Process	Self-referral (call or inquire on our website: <u>www.canteen.org.au</u>) or referral from a health professional with consent of the individual.	

Interpreters	Yes		Cost		Nil
Hours of Operation	Online/telept Monc	day-F hone day-F	riday: 10.00 – 6.00pm	n (Some	extensions can be negotiated)

Other Services Available	 Peer support Online information and support Individual psychosocial support
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Redkite

Address:	Sydney Level 3, 418a Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010 Brisbane Level 3, 80 Petrie Terrace Brisbane QLD 4000 Melbourne 7/71 Victoria Crescent, Abbotsford VIC 3067 Perth Lower Ground Floor, 229 Stirling Highway, Claremont, WA 6010
Phone:	1800 733 548 support@redkite.org.au
Counselling Centre Address/s	As above
Region Covered	Australia-wide
Areas Excluded	Nil

Eligibility Criteria	 Any child or young person diagnosed with cancer ages 0-24. Any family or friends of a child or young person (up to and including age 24) that has been diagnosed with or died from cancer.
Type of Counselling Available	 Individual counselling on phone, email or face to face. Group counselling over the phone (telegroups), information sessions and 4-6 week programs.
Referral Process	Self-referral or referral by hospital social worker.

	Interpreters	Yes		Cost	Nil
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Hours of Operation 9:00 am – 7:00 pm AEST

Other Services Available	 Financial assistance; Education and career support, Resources (bereavement packs and books); Book Club; Bereavement grant
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