

SHANNON'S BRIDGE



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DEATH LITERACY IN ACTION

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About Us

Shannon McKnight

25 Nov 1996 ~ 3 Mar 2016



Shannon's Bridge is a charity and volunteer run organisation which helps connect patients and existing palliative care services and supports.

We believe individuals can be assisted to maintain personal control in their end of life through education, advance care planning and matching to care which respects these expressed wishes.

We are here to support you with issues about illness, dying and loss. The aim is to remove the taboo and change attitudes about death and dying. The focus is on not just a "good death" but "better living".

Shannon's Bridge is based on the "Compassionate Communities" international movement to help people to live well within our communities to the very end of our lives.

Shannon's Bridge believes that everyone should have access to palliative care no matter where they live.

General Manager's Message



Roll with the punches

Another year of challenges and opportunities that our Board and volunteers have met head on.

I'm an honoured to be able to work with such a diverse group of people with incredible skillsets and lived experiences. Every day I am humbled by the compassion and care that exists in our community - Thank you.

Mr Jeremy McKnight
General Manager,
Director, Founder and
Shannon's Dad

Highs and Lows

Truck issues



We had issues with our delivery truck and then vandalism that left it too expensive to repair. But Shannon always shows us the way and we were rapidly back on the road thanks to the support of Creswick and wider Victorian community.

Change to aged care systems



A massive change to MyAgedCare and transition to the national program of Support at Home Program was planned to come into effect in July 2025. We are still waiting to see how these changes will help support people dealing with end of life issues with a new Aged Care Act coming into effect in November 2025. With a designated End-of-Life Pathway and potentially quicker access to funding, it is an exciting but confusing time in the sector.

Directors & Governance



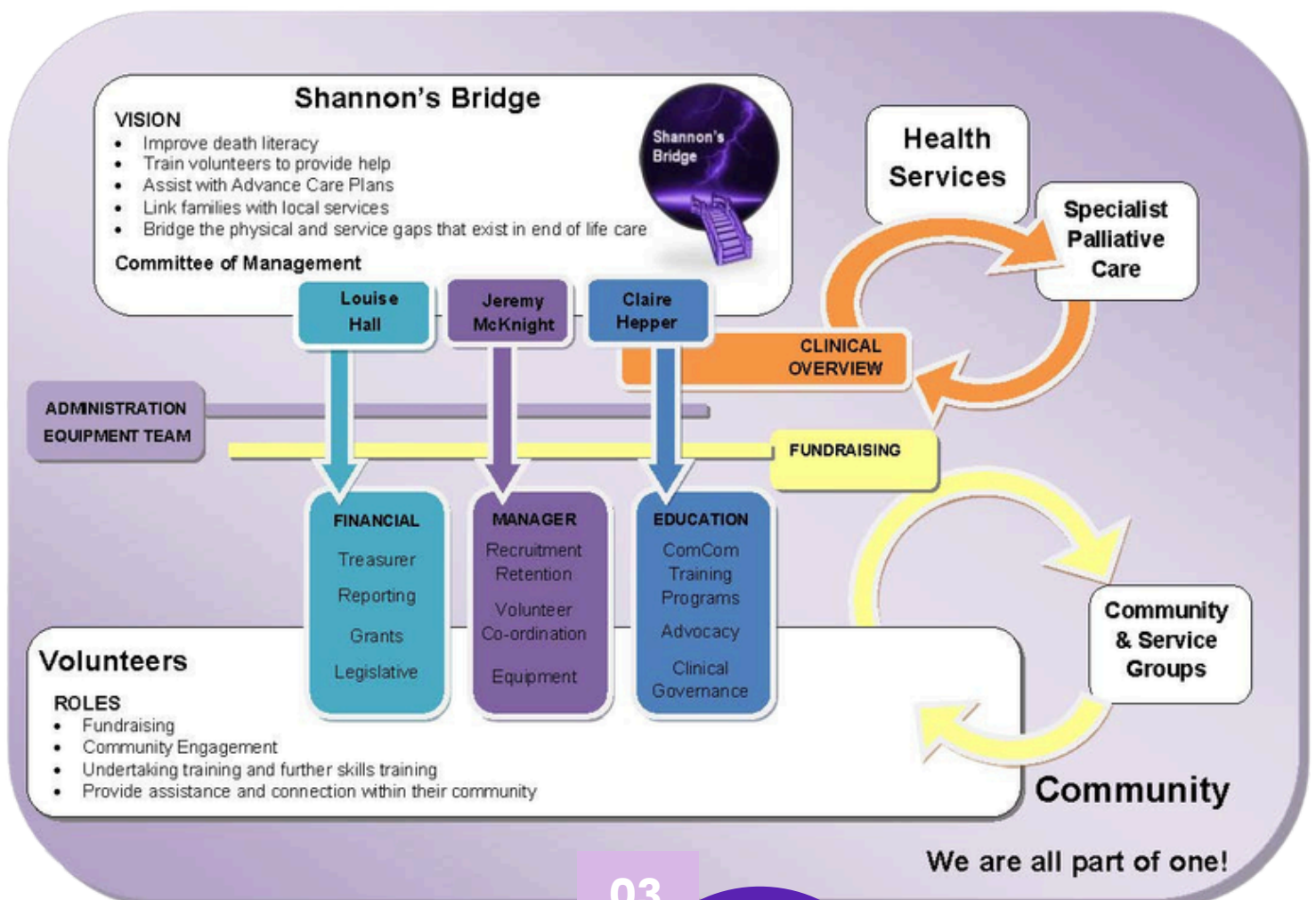
**Sr Louise
Hall**



**Mr Jeremy
McKnight**



**Dr Claire
Hepper**



Support For Carers Program

2022 – 2026

Unpaid carers provide care and support for their partners, friends, family members or other loved ones. They include supporting a person with end of life care needs.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing recognises that these Carer need flexible supports based on a carer's individual needs and circumstances. The Support for Carers Program (SCP) in Victoria is one way to '*Care for the Carers*'. to top up services to supplement a carer's broader service system supports.

Shannon's Bridge has used the SCP funding to provide carers with face-to-face services within a 100km radius of Creswick Victoria, including

- Emergency in-home respite
- Overnight respite in a care recipient's home during the terminal phase
- Regular short sessions of respite including Art, Music and Horticultural activities
- Counselling
- Equipment and consumables

For the regions outside of that immediate area, Shannon's Bridge provides

- Connection of Carer with their community organisations with training in the delivery of end of life respite and supports.
- Equipment and critical consumable items
- Navigation and advocacy for Carers accessing services (NDIS, MyAgedCare).
- Access to digital resources and Carer education.
- Free resources to upskill and embed our '*Care for the Carer*' approach to in more areas of Victoria to combat inequity in access to formal supports rurally.

Additional Respite Program

2025 – 2027

Supply Chain/logistics Improvements

Respite helps give unpaid carers a well-earned break and a chance to recharge, relax or take part in other activities.

Additional respite funding is designed to allow flexible respite for unpaid carers, particularly in regional Victoria. Shannon's Bridge was successful in applying for this program in 2023 for 2 years, ending 30 June 2025.

As we exceeded our targets Shannon's Bridge is pleased to announce that we were successful in applying for continued funding under this program for 2025 – 2027.

This will allow us to continue providing carers with face-to-face services within a 100km radius of Creswick (Victoria), including

- Short term or Emergency in-home respite
- Overnight respite in a care recipient's home during the terminal phase
- Regular short sessions of group respite including Art and Horticultural activities.



Snapshot 24 – 25

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Support For Carers Program

400 Carers

2,893 Hours

*DFFH SCP Funding is for
75 Carers
1,500 hours

02



Additional Respite Program

90 Carers

1,408 Hours

*DFFH AR Funding is for
50 Carers
1,000 hours

03



Equipment & Consumable

\$633, 210 worth of equipment supplied free, no time limit

\$15, 985 worth of consumables supplied free.

*made possible by donations

04



Other Supports

\$17, 500

When other supports were not available any other way. This include legal, medical, psychological, vetinary, meals, transport, massage etc

*made possible by donations

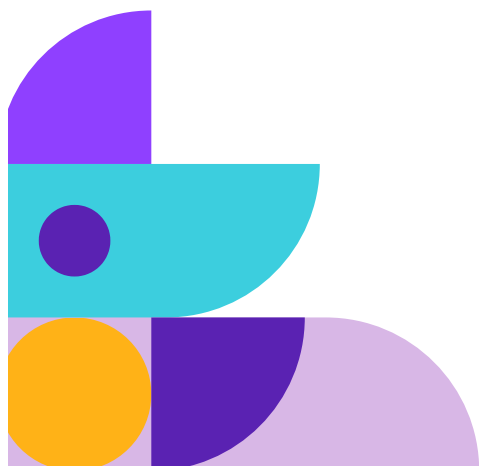
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Financial Statements

SHANNON'S BRIDGE LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

| | Note | 2025 \$ | 2024 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 6 | 281,043 | 336,052 |
| Financial Assets | 7 | 561,163 | 554,207 |
| Other Assets | 8 | 2,138 | 2,084 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>844,344</u> | <u>892,343</u> |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | 9 | 89,827 | 46,383 |
| Right-of-use Assets | 10 | 119,214 | 152,343 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>209,041</u> | <u>198,726</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>1,053,385</u> | <u>1,091,069</u> |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade & Other Payables | 11 | 7,967 | 8,736 |
| Contract Liabilities | 12 | - | 3,451 |
| Employee Benefits | 13 | 13,119 | 7,564 |
| Lease Liabilities | 14 | 30,408 | 30,906 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>51,494</u> | <u>50,657</u> |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Lease Liabilities | 14 | 91,980 | 122,388 |
| Employee Benefits | 13 | 14,468 | 12,346 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>106,448</u> | <u>134,734</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | <u>157,942</u> | <u>185,391</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>895,443</u> | <u>905,678</u> |
| EQUITY | | <u>895,443</u> | <u>905,678</u> |





SHANNON'S BRIDGE LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

| | Note | 2025 \$ | 2024 \$ |
|---|------|------------|------------|
| REVENUE & OTHER INCOME | 3 | 456,974 | 323,747 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Client services - consumables | | 45,713 | 45,384 |
| Consultancy | | 93,600 | 86,400 |
| Depreciation | | 40,778 | 40,919 |
| Employee benefit expenses | 4 | 194,024 | 172,559 |
| Other operating expenses | | 83,817 | 67,493 |
| Finance expenses | | 9,277 | 2,636 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 5 | 467,209 | 415,391 |
| NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | | (10,235) | (91,644) |
| OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | | - | - |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/ INCOME FOR THE YEAR | | (10,235) | (91,644) |

Full Financial Statements are
available on request and on
the charity website
shannonsbridge.com

Partnerships



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Agnico Eagle



Agnico Eagle have been supporting Shannon's Bridge since 2023 and we would not be able to manage or transport equipment to families in need without their Community Partnership Program. Scan the QR code for more information

Community Bank
Creswick & District

 **Bendigo Bank**

Creswick District Financial Services



Creswick District Financial Services have supported Shannon's Bridge since our founding and we are please to announce their sponsorship of the End of Life Hub in Creswick. Check out CDFS using the QR code

David from Abbotsford



When we were at our lowest, with no truck to transport vital equipment to families, David and his family came to our rescue. We now have a brand new Fuso truck and are eternally grateful to David for his support.

Champions

Equipment

Michael McKay and Peter Csorba manage our donations, equipment maintenance, loans and transport. They make the impossible happen everyday and people have remained home because of them. Thank you!



End of Life Hub operations

We have had so many Champions who act as Community Connectors and enable us to have the End of Life Hub in Creswick open through out the week. They include Lyn D, Lorraine. Lyn C, Wendy and Kathy. Special mention to Lisa for her gardening and Margie for maintaining the Art Creations group.



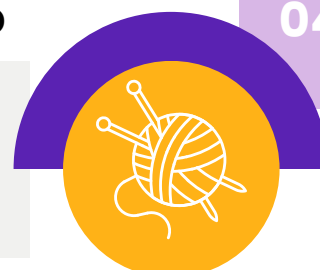
Transport, Respite, Meals and more!

When there are gaps that formal services can't meet, our volunteers 'bridge' these to improve life for the families we help. Special mention to Wendy, Chris W, Karen and Maria



Victoria Street Craft Group

Rita Flapper and her band of merry makers are an unstoppable force of fundraising! Thank you for your generous contributions to help families in need.





Thank You!

Most of all - none of our work is possible without our volunteers and supporters. Thank you for what you do everyday without being seen.

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