



PITTSWORTH UNITING CHURCH
13 Briggs Street, Pittsworth, Queensland.

4th – 6th November 2022

Blue Care Grief and Loss Program

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the programs which have occurred and all those whose lives have been touched by the Grief and Loss Program.
- Pray that people in the community who are grieving will hear about this program and that programs can be coordinated for their attendance.
- Give thanks for all our Volunteer Facilitators who give their time so generously to the continuation of this great program.

Report:

In the last term, Grief and Loss Programs have run in Warwick, Stanthorpe and Toowoomba and Grief, Loss and Dementia in Toowoomba. Evaluation comments included *“I am so glad I did this” “.. extremely grateful to have been part of this journey” “A big congratulations to [facilitators] on conducting the course in such a wonderful and pleasant manner” “Calming, comforting, very helpful” “I needed it so much” “Most certainly has helped me”*. In Toowoomba the facilitators commented on the progress of the group with amazement nearly every week with one commenting *“This is why I love running these groups.”*

Facilitator Training was conducted in Cairns in September which gives us 6 new facilitators in the region. Facilitator Training is scheduled for Toowoomba on 16-18 November.

Strategy Review

Blue Care are undertaking a review of how this program is delivered with a view to lift the profile and put strategies in place for continued provision and management of the program.

From the first meeting the strategies / tasks to undertake included:

Training:

- Develop continuity of training, including refreshers and team of facilitator trainers and mentors.

Administration:

1. Implement a reliable centralized administration system for registrations, information about location of programs and dates they will be held.
2. Map out clear roles and responsibilities in the administration process including local contacts and the printing of relevant materials.

Marketing:

1. Develop a marketing plan for the promotion and consistent communication of the program
The team are currently working on a grant submission for future funding of aspects of the Grief and Loss Program. This may, in time, impact the Presbytery role in providing Administrative Support to the program.

The next strategy meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 November.

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received.

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