10/10 of us will face dying at some point in our lives. It’s time that we harness the real value of involving communities in the process of caring and dying and grief.

A coordinated response by local people towards their neighbours, friends and family has never been more important and we hope to make a meaningful contribution to community driven support for those facing end of life over the next 3 years.

When we invest in the community, everyone benefits.

OUR PURPOSE IS TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR COMMUNITIES TO RESPOND COMPASSIONATELY AROUND THE END OF LIFE

To learn more about our plans and opportunities for collaboration, get in touch!

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## Our Work: 2019 - 2023

### By injecting inputs
- Access to death literacy and community development expertise
- Strategic advice and mentoring
- Content providing practical tools, stories and methodologies drawing on the cultural practice of the diverse communities that make up the broader Australian community.
- Catalyse new connections, ideas, policies through unique gatherings, locally and nationally
- Advocate for more resources for community support at the end of life

### We work on activities
- **Community Development programs/Asset based education and training**
  - To increase death literacy and social networks
- **Workshops and education**
- **GSP Community Connectors**
  - Training and facilitation for local community groups to act as signposts for those in need
- **GSP Health Connectors**
  - To work with GP’s to refer people to social supports
- **10 Things to Know Before you Go**
  - Death literacy training
- **Compassion@work**
  - Support and education for grief and loss in the workplace, including train the trainer
- **Dying to Know Day**
  - Annual public health campaign to empower grassroots engagement
- **Creative Legacy Arts program**
  - A licensed program that builds capacity in hospitals to increase wellbeing at end of life
- **Strategic Advice**
  - On community engagement strategies, sustainability and how to apply the Death Literacy Index
- **ComComHub**
  - (in Development) A digital platform to scale Compassionate Communities practice

### To create outputs
- Improved wellbeing as a result of doing death well
- Better equipped citizens to collectivise around death
- Supported employees so that dying doesn’t isolate them
- People stop avoiding because life is affirmed at every moment of the dying conversation
- Stronger communities can face pretty much anything
- Death is not viewed as a clinical process, rather it belongs to the self and to our people