

## Our Mission

We exist to support people from birth to 24 who are faced with a cancer diagnosis, and their families

We provide specialised bereavement and end-of-life counselling; practical support; community awareness building and memory making projects and activities.

We are a not-for-profit community organisation, registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission



## About Us

The Crystal Lee Foundation was founded in 2019. It was created to fill a gap in care and support services which exists for young people from birth to 24 who are impacted by a cancer diagnosis.

We understand that receiving a cancer diagnosis is overwhelming and devastating. Cancer upends peoples' lives in ways they could never have imagined. It places an enormous emotional strain on families and often plunges them into distress as they struggle to meet the intense and competing demands of caring for a loved one while maintaining a home, family and job.

That's where we come in.

We can't change the diagnosis, but hopefully we can make it a little easier to cope.



**Offering Care &  
Support across South  
West Victoria**

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**All services are fee  
free**

# Crystal Lee Johnson

Crystal Lee Johnson was a vibrant red-haired dynamo who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer at the age of 16. Despite her diagnosis, Crystal successfully completed year 12, which was a remarkable achievement. She also brought happiness and laughter to the many lives she touched.

On January 14th 2019, Crystal died at home with her family by her side.

Crystal dreamed of a foundation being formed in her honour that would help young people affected with a cancer diagnosis and their families.



# The Crystal Lee Foundation

**Supports young people from birth to 24 who are impacted by a cancer diagnosis and their families**



**Advocates for better outcomes for young people in the healthcare system**



**Provides bereavement counselling for all ages and all circumstances.**



# Our Services

The Crystal Lee Foundation operates across South West Victoria.

## **Practical and social support**

We recognise the strain that caring for a loved one places on families. This is especially true when the primary care giver needs to make regular commutes to treatment centres in Melbourne.

Where possible, we can work with families to determine practical supports which can be put in place to lighten the load (e.g. transport, lawn mowing services etc.) Sometimes the most important thing we can offer is some time out or a kind ear.

## **Community awareness**

We strive to build public awareness about the needs of young people with a cancer diagnosis and in the healthcare system generally.

## **Bereavement counselling**

Our specially trained counsellor is based in Warrnambool but available to travel throughout South West Victoria. The bereavement need not be recent nor the result of cancer. All ages are welcome.

## **Creating Memories**

We understand how important it is to honour those we've lost. We can help create beautiful jewellery and keepsakes. We can arrange professional photography and memorial tree planting.