



# Loss and Grief Practitioners' Association

## Minutes of the Committee

<b>Time and Venue:</b> Monday 22 January 2024, Zoom, 7.00pm	
<b>Chair:</b> Louise Flynn	
<b>Minutes:</b> Claire Ewart	
<b>Present:</b> , Annie-Cantwell-Bartl, Anne Giljohann, Meg Moorhouse, Madeleine Ball,	
<b>Apologies:</b> Roni Sokolic, Greg Roberts, Marianne Bowdler	
<b>Acknowledgement of country</b>	Meg
<b>Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indigenous Grief</b> – Gretchen had to cancel due to getting covid. Annie will contact her and ask when she would be able to do the discussion group suggesting April or May.</li> </ul>	Annie
<b>Program planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February</b> - Ecological Grief – Louise to email Marianne about how Abi Catchlove would contribute to the discussion group so we can sort out a date in February. It was suggested to include information in the newsletter about ecological/sustainable funerals. This could be mentioned during Ecological grief newsletter when advertising this session. Meg provided this link for information for the newsletter: <a href="https://www.gatheredhere.com.au/green-funerals-australia">https://www.gatheredhere.com.au/green-funerals-australia</a></li> <li>• <b>Seminar</b> – Committee members have been unable to decide what subject a seminar might cover to attract enough attendees at the Pride Centre. There was not a lot of energy to start the organisation of a seminar, so the idea will go onto the back burner. Meg suggested organising a tour of the Pride Centre instead. Committee members thought it would be good to do it towards the end of the year.</li> <li>• <b>July/Aug</b> - Cost of Funerals - Australian Funeral Directors Association could be a good one for July/Aug. Bereavement Assistance and the State Trustees could be approached for speakers also. Meg mentioned that BARE has the lowest cost funerals. This could be good information for the newsletter.</li> <li>• <b>Oct/Nov</b> – Site visit to the Coroners Court? This was due to happen prior to Covid. There has been a Discussion Group PowerPoint presentation from the Coroners Family Liaison Unit in 2020. but there may be interest to attend for a formal tour. Louise mentioned there has been a coroners review, so there may be new things to learn about how they work..</li> <li>• <b>End of year gathering</b> - This might be more attractive to members if held at The Pride Centre and combined with a tour.</li> <li>• <b>Ideas on the back burner:</b></li> </ul>	Louise & Annie

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grief in CALD (CARM Culturally and Linguistically Marginalised) communities</li><li>• Dementia</li></ul>	
<b>Any other Business:</b> None	
<b>Next Meeting: Monday 4 March , 7pm, Zoom</b>	Claire