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Editorial

Once again the regular publication of the National Newsletter has been disrupted. Fortunately Baden and Heather Jacobs have volunteered to take over the publication task in 2009. In the meantime, we can only apologise (yet again) and hope that this, our final edition, will be welcome.

Some of you will be aware that there is a move to establish a National TCF body. Others are currently arguing the pro's and con's of this development and we would like to direct your attention to the Letters section where Maxine has presented her perspective. We support this move, not least because it may lead to Federal funding, but also because it may provide improved and equitable access for people across Australia to the valuable services of TCF. One action that we have facilitated is the registration of the domain name www.tcfaustralia.org.au. This domain has not yet been hosted, so please don't look for it, yet. For more on this, please see the section on National Organisation.

Your letters (email or via post) will be warmly welcomed. We would like to provide a forum for discussion of any matters affecting The Compassionate Friends in Australia.

Thank you all for your contributions and for your patience. We thank Baden and Heather Jacobs for volunteering their services and wish them well.

Sue and Mike Berry

Editors

LETTERS

Re: TCF Australia

To the editor,

I am writing as an individual member of TCF, not as a representative of TCF ACT and Queanbeyan. I would like to congratulate and thank John Hurley for the thought and hard work that he has put in to the proposal for a national body of TCF in Australia. I don't quite know why we find this such a hard task to achieve - it has certainly been 'on the drawing board' for some years. I have commented before in this newsletter that I think it's a shame that we didn't retain the original concept of Lindsay and Margaret Harmer when they established TCF in Australia - it was surely then 'TCF Australia' not just 'TCF Victoria'?

Anyway that is all a long time ago. What I am hoping now is that we can do something just as simple. I await John's new proposal of a simplified structure and hope that it will be something that all state branches can endorse. In this age of electronic communication we must be able to form a National TCF Network that would serve our purposes. None of us can afford face-to-face national meetings - and anyway we shouldn't be using aviation fuel for this purpose. So, I look forward to a Virtual National Body - on a shoestring!

Very best wishes

Maxine Davies



INTERSTATE NEWS

(in alphabetical order)



ACT and Queanbeyan

Over the last year we have encouraged one another by involvement in different activities.

For example, we encourage members to participate in a Bereavement Journey Workshop, held twice a year in conjunction with SIDS and KIDS. Members have found this to be a great source of encouragement; often bonding with others through the tragedy of bereavement, yet being encouraged on their journey with the knowledge that their child was, and still is, a vital member of one's life.

In May about 20 attended a weekend retreat at Hartzler Park, a convent in pleasant rural surrounds at Bowral in the Southern Highlands of NSW. It was the perfect place for relaxation and contemplation, as well as sharing with each other during the course of the weekend. Most walked the labyrinth, which as an aid to contemplation, can help put things in perspective. The numbers included some ladies from the South Coast.

In July, we held a seminar – inviting three social workers involved in grief and bereavement support to discuss aspects of their work with our members. We shared perspectives, for example, what we find helpful in the grieving process. It was a well-attended meeting benefiting all, and one we hope to repeat in the future.

Best wishes,

Jillian Crockart

Secretary

TCF ACT & Queanbeyan



New South Wales

TCF NSW has been working hard to meet the challenges of reaching out to the newly bereaved and continuing to be an effective source of support for all our long-time members.

In meeting these challenges, there is an increased understanding of the need for all our Chapter Leaders and Centre Carers to have a high level of understanding of their “duty of care” as they work with bereaved individuals, who are in a heightened state of vulnerability. To assure that the high level of care is achieved and maintained, TCF NSW is continuing to provide professional training to all Centre volunteers and Chapter Leaders as rapidly as possible. Julie Dunsmore, President of NALAG and long-time friend of TCF, and Trudy Hanson, Director of NALAG, have conducted three sessions to date. Two sessions have been conducted in Sydney and one for Country Chapter Leaders was held in Dubbo. More training is planned with the ultimate goal of having all our volunteers able to participate. Since we have approximately 100 volunteers, this process will take some time to be accomplished.

All support groups in operation throughout Metropolitan Sydney and Country New South Wales continue to meet regularly, including 18 Country Chapters, four suburban Sydney chapters and four chapters meeting at the Bereaved Parent Centre.

One of the groups meeting at the Centre is our newly formed group for young adult siblings. Maree Arkell and Emmanuel Kassiotis are leading this much needed group.

One new group is currently in the planning stage. This will be a four week group for the newly bereaved based on the content and format we are learning in the NALAG training. The first of these groups will be held in the Bereaved

Parent Centre and will be conducted by bereaved parent volunteers who have completed two full weekends of the NALAG training. We hope to make this type of structured group for newly bereaved a recurring service as trained volunteers become more available to conduct them.

There is an ever increasing demand for services via the internet. Our web site is being continually adapted by Dr. Michael Berry to meet the needs of the public, professionals, and TCF members. The siblings group leaders are taking a very active role in this process. Shortly we anticipate having separate content areas on the web site for specific groups, such as the siblings.

12-14 September 2008 we had a memorable Residential Weekend at the Frog and Toad Convention Centre in Tamworth. We had approximately 70 persons in attendance from throughout the state as well as from the ACT. We were most honoured to have the President of NSW Victoria, John Hurley, to join us for this weekend. Ian Nutley, a bereavement specialist from Queensland, facilitated the weekend for our bereaved parents and grandparents. Also on the program were Robyn Nugent of the Black Dog Institute and Allison Morrison, a professional counsellor specializing in grief and loss. The sibling program was facilitated by Shirley Hall, bereavement counsellor. The entire weekend was a source of comfort and companionship to all who attended.

Next year we will mark the 30th anniversary of TCF in NSW Residential Weekend. We have already booked the Mary McKillop Centre in North Sydney for 18-20 September, and plans are underway to make the weekend a very special one.

TCF NSW sends greetings and best wishes to all our friends throughout Australia.

Judy Tuggle for TCF NSW



Queensland

Caring thoughts to all from The TCF Committee Qld and

Joy

Qld Co-ordinator



South Australia

Jose Koppelman-Guthrie

President TCF-SA



Victoria

Capacity Building We are extremely fortunate to receive funding to look at Capacity Building of TCF Victoria. There are two projects that will be undertaken from October through to February 09. The first of these is on Diversification of Income Generation and the second on Broadening Our Community Profile. These two projects will support TCF Victoria to move to towards better support and services for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents.

TCF Victoria New Home: Since 1998 TCF Victoria premises has been at 267 Canterbury Rd Canterbury. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to visit the Centre, the building is a two storey Victorian Terrace with 4 main rooms, a kitchen/meals area, a fully equipped bathroom on the first level, a toilet on the ground level. In addition it has a small room on the first floor which is being used as a small office and a small room off the kitchen which houses photocopier and stationary. It's location – opposite the Maling Rd precinct, is approximately 250 metres from the Canterbury Railway Station.

We have been very fortunate that our landlord, the Motor Neurone Disease Association has provided us with a wonderful house at an extremely good

rental. MND has let us know that due to their expansion they will require the use of the building at the conclusion of our current Lease Agreement which is in August 2009. As such we will be looking to find new leased premises.

As always, the TCF Centre will be a welcoming, warm and safe for space bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents and visitors, that also reflects the a high level of professionalism of the organisation.

Ideally we would like a house with a garden rather than an office.

We are excited about the potential of finding a wonderful new home for TCF to allow us to continue supporting you all.

Laraine Rasmussen Laraine has been with TCF since August 2002 when she joined us as Volunteer Co-ordinator. In 2006 Laraine took up the role as Co-ordinator of Community Education and BPS Services. During this time she has been running our Annual Compassionate Employer Recognition Awards, co-ordinated the launch of the research “Beyond The Death of A Child” and co-ordinated our Community Education program and developed Bereaved Parent seminars.

Laraine decision to leave and pursue her passion providing joy to many through her musical talents is one that I know she will flourish in. She will be a great loss to TCF yet we admire her courage in following her dreams.

Research: Beyond The Death of A Child. After 4 ½ years from project inception to launch of the Final Report, Beyond The Death of a Child – Social Impacts and Economic Costs is now available. The Summary Report of this Research is available on our website. The Full Report is available for purchase at \$40 plus postage and handling. The Governor of Victoria, Professor David de Kretser is launched the report at the on the 2 August 2007.

New Sibling Website: TCF for sometime know have wanted to develop a Website specifically for Siblings. Following fundraising efforts by our members undertaking the Great Victorian Bikeride we have the funds for forge ahead. The new site will be launched very shortly www.siblingsgrief.org.au. Please take a look over the next few weeks.

New Groups: As always Groups are one of the core supports to many bereaved parents and siblings and we have established a new Sibling Group in Ballarat, our Benalla and Mildura Groups have restarted and we have new Social Support Groups in Healesville and Wodonga and for Bereaved through Suicide.

TCF Parent Magazine: Our two wonderful Editors of the TCF Parents Magazine, Barbara Beames and Mariette Buckle are in the process of handing over the reigns to two new Editors. Deb Gates and Jo Tolsher will be taking on the role of Editor over the next couple of months. Both Barb and Mariette had added so much value to the Magazine and taken it to the next level. I am sure the handover to Deb and Jo will be smooth and they too will add to the strength of the publication.

Siblings Newsletter: This year has seen a new co-editor join the team. Melanie Yong who has been creatively heading the team is continuing to do so with the addition of Andrew McNess. Andrew joined the team earlier this year and has been a contributor to the Sibs Newsletter as a result of his work for his PhD on Sibling Grief.

In friendship,
John Hurley
President
TCF Victoria



Western Australia

Where does one start with so much going on at the moment?

On November 1st we held our Annual Quiz Night at a new venue, due to the old one being closed for renovations.

It was a community hall, and was packed with eager people all wishing to participate.

As people arrived we were able to give them an envelope containing a voucher for \$25 discount at a nearby restaurant towards a meal, (this had been donated) which went down very well, as straight away it covered their entry fee, plus a free ticket into the door raffle prize.

The evening started at 7.15pm, with an excellent quiz master, the evening was interceded with the usual fund raising games of heads and tails, Irish raffle, silent raffle etc, and halfway through an intermission for refreshments. The evening closed at 10.30pm with everyone going home with something to remember the night,

The final tally was a profit of nearly \$4000 and a very low expense sheet of \$600, and are looking forward to next year.

Our next event is on Sunday, a Champagne Breakfast by the Swan River with an auction during the morning,

December always sees us have our Annual Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service in the wonderful venue of St George's Cathedral at 7pm. With students from All Saints' College helping as part of their community service hours.

We are now fully established with Friendship Nights held five nights a month, Coffee mornings 3 days a month. Plus a contact link with a radio station on a Thursday night to let the public know how to contact us and what events are planned.

All too soon we will be experiencing Christmas which for many is a season we would rather forget but may I close in saying just take each day one day at a time and as the night draws close the sun will rise next day, with hope and peace for a better day.

Christine Flux.

TCF Committee member

Perth.

Mandurah Chapter

What a busy few months it's been. The December Candlelight Memorial service was a joy, full of hope and love as usual and such a lovely way to approach Christmas. The volunteers enjoyed a dinner at The Last Drop Tavern and we had our usual Christmas lunch at Lotteries House with reps from the other agencies housed here.

Our international Children's Memorial Day event we call "Flowers on the Ocean" was well attended. It was beautiful to gather at Palm Beach early in the morning to hear several lovely readings before writing our personal messages on the cards which were tied by raffia to the flowers and set on the ocean. Some of us threw our flowers off the jetty then realized that there was a very clear heart shaped patch of water nearby. What a gift for us! We used our memorial quilt for the first time. This was made for us by a local quilters group and it is so special to see families choosing their space and words on the quilt. Our event concluded with a breakfast sausage sizzle and lots of talking.

In February we held a training course for telephone contacts and group facilitators. We are so lucky to have several wonderful people step up to continue the work of the chapter. Our third annual "Walk to Remember" was the most successful fundraiser we have had to date. Together with the funds raised from a monthly meat raffle and a special one in

December we now have enough funds to see us through. The walk was led by two pipers this time and we had a new banner made so that everyone we passed could see who we were. We were joined by people walking in memory of other friends and relatives and had lots of radio and newspaper publicity. Our aims of providing a memorial event and increasing community awareness were certainly met.

I was honoured by the Zonta Club of the Peel Region recently when I was given the “Woman of achievement” award at their International Woman’s Day breakfast in March. This also was given some newspaper publicity and it’s good to see the work of TCF acknowledged.

Our Mothers Day luncheon was held on Friday 9th May. This has to be one of our loveliest annual events with meditation, music, gifts, raffles and a catered sit down lunch.

On May 29th we held our first event to commemorate National White Wreath Memorial Day in memory of those who have died by suicide. 68 white wreaths were laid at the conclusion of our service with lovely readings and music, then we all socialized over drinks donated by the Merchant Tearooms. This inaugural event was so popular and we had so much publicity that we have decided to make it an annual event.

I realise that some chapters may not be aware of the situation here in the west and need to clarify that there are two TCF chapters in W.A. Our chapter was established in late 2001 in response to a request from the president & committee of TCF WA because of the huge need in the area. TCF Mandurah was set up as a separate chapter to provide TCF services to bereaved families who are resident in the huge area from Kwinana/Rockingham down to Busselton/Augusta. This covers several regions of our state. TCF Mandurah has its own A.B.N., constitution and incorporation. We are a

registered charity and deductible gift recipient and our liaison with TCF WA is the same as that with any other chapter anywhere, including the exchange of newsletters and referral of bereaved parents. A member of TCF WA could not represent TCF Mandurah and vice versa just as we could not represent any other chapter in the country.

Margot McAllister, President TCF Mandurah



National Organisation

A working group has been established with the aim of having a National Body established by late 2008, prior to the National Gathering in May 2009. This may be ambitious but it will be good to have something to aim for. Any thoughts in the mean time would be more than welcome.

The members of the working group are myself, Baden Jacobs (SA), Tony Harrow (SA), Chris Dennys (ACT) and Mike Berry (NSW). These people will be creating the legal entity and technical infrastructure and negotiating the role of “TCF Australia” with the various state-based TCF organisations.

John Hurley

President

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This domain name has been registered in the expectation that there will soon be a national organisation and that this website will be as integral to the activities of the Australian organisation as the US website <http://www.compassionatefriends.org/> is to the USA organisation. Ideas for TCFAustralia.org.au include:

- A portal giving access to all the state-based web sites,

- Email addresses for anyone holding a position with an Australian TCF organisation,
- Online discussion forums bringing together people from across the country at various scheduled times,
- A publishing facility to enable TCF chapters to create and maintain their own web pages,
- A home for the National Newsletter that will enable people to submit material for publication.

If you have additional ideas for what you might like TCFAustralia.org.au to provide, please contact Mike.Berry@optusnet.com.au.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Worldwide

December 2008

The Compassionate Friends 11th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Sunday December 14 at 7 p.m.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS



International Council

Chairperson's report

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting has touched hundreds of thousands of bereaved families as it has grown from a small Internet observance to what is believed today to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe. It is a way that families can know with certainty that the child they mourn will never be forgotten.

TCF/USA invites all TCF organizations and chapters to join us in the Twelfth Annual Compassionate Friends

Worldwide Candle Lighting December 14, 2008. Please let us know about your event so that we may list it with the hundreds of others being held worldwide. You can submit information on your event through the event submission form at www.compassionatefriends.org, on TCF/USA's new website.

Last year we received information on nearly 500 formal services held in 21 countries around the world. This included: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Cayman Islands, England, France, Germany, Guam, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Spain, United States, and Switzerland.

Anyone unable to attend a formal service is invited to participate by lighting a candle for one hour at 7 p.m. local time wherever you may be, whether with family and friends, or alone. Services may be at anytime during the day. Your participation in this event helps to bond together the TCF community with the bereavement community and allied organizations around the world in remembrance of all children. You are also invited to post a message December 14 in our online Remembrance Book.

Last year we received nearly 3000 messages representing 36 countries around the world. Many of the messages had been written in their native language, showing the tremendous impact of this day on the bereaved no matter their nationality.

Whether or not you hold a service, please let your chapter members be aware of this special event so they may participate as they see fit.

Anyone with questions about the Worldwide Candle Lighting is welcome to write to wayne@compassionatefriends.org.

Margaret Pringle

Chairperson

TCF International Council

International News

TCF/USA invites those planning a memorial service in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting on December 14 to submit that information through the event submission form at www.compassionatefriends.org. Anyone unable to attend a formal service is invited to participate by lighting a candle for one hour at 7 p.m. local time wherever you may be, whether with family and friends, or alone. Your participation in this event helps to bond together the TCF community with the bereavement community and allied organizations around the world in remembrance of all children. Also remember that you are invited to post a message December 14 in our online Remembrance Book. Last year we received nearly 2500 messages from nearly 25 countries around the world, many of them in their native language, showing the tremendous impact of this day on the bereaved no matter where they live.

Wayne Loder

Public Awareness Coordinator

The Compassionate Friends/USA

5th International Gathering

Buenos Aires Argentina

6-10 May 2009

STOP PRESS. The original Registration fee for the 5th International Gathering has been revised and reduced - we hope this will encourage more members to attend.

The web address is

www.worldgathering2009.com.ar for further information.

I only have a small amount of additional information on the TCF 5th International Gathering at this stage.

An email has been received from Covitour Congressos in Buenos Aires, the official travel agency in charge of the organisation of the gathering. They have confirmed the dates for the gathering and hope to soon provide information about the venue, tentative program, hotel packages, land services, web-site, etc.

The Covitour web-site is fairly interesting and an enormous amount of information can be gleaned from this site and additional links to other Argentinean sites. If you are planning on organising any side trips in Argentina or other South American countries this is a good site to start your research.

Hopefully we will be able to provide additional information over the coming months as the gathering plans are further developed.



Web-site: <http://www.covitour.com>

TCF Germany

No report was received in time for inclusion in this newsletter.

Your contact person is Petra Hohn:

Tel. +49 (0)341/946 888 4 or e-mail: kontakt@veid.de



TCF United Kingdom

Here is some information about events which may be of interest to any TCF members visiting UK this year:

TCF Annual Gathering, 16 - 18 October will be held in Bosworth Hall, Warwickshire.

Further details can be found on the UK website www.tcf.org.uk

 **TCF United States of America**

Wayne Loder
Public Awareness Coordinator
The Compassionate Friends/USA

TCF Switzerland

No report was received in time for inclusion in this newsletter. Below is the contact person for Switzerland. Eds.

Vreni Lehner
Regenbogen (TCF) Switzerland
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 **TCF Argentina**

Renacer Buenos Aires is a self help group for bereaved parents who have lost children.

For more information please see:

Web: www.renacerbuenosaires.org.ar

Email: info@renacerbuenosaires.org.ar

TCF South Africa

No report was received in time for inclusion in this newsletter.

RESOURCES

We have no specific resources to advise you of in this edition; however, all Australian states now have a web-site and links to various grief related sites. The links to these and some overseas web-sites are provided below for your easy access:

TCF ACT and Queanbeyan

<http://www.thecompassionatefriends.org.au/ACT.htm>

TCF New South Wales

<http://www.thecompassionatefriends.org.au>

TCF Queensland

<http://www.uq.net.au/tcfbrisbane/>

TCF South Australia

<http://www.compassionatefriendssa.org.au>

TCF Victoria

<http://www.compassionatefriendsvictoria.org.au>

TCF Western Australia

<http://www.compassionatefriendswa.org.au/index.html>

Mandurah chapter WA

<http://www.tcfmandurah.bravehost.com>

The Compassionate Friends United Kingdom

www.tcf.org.uk

TCF Canada

<http://www.tcfcanada.net/>

TCF South Africa

<http://compassionatefriends.org.za/cms/index.php?index>

TCF United States of America

<http://www.compassionatefriends.org/>

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TCF ACT and Queanbeyan Inc.
Grant Cameron Community Centre
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HOLDER ACT 2611

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<http://www.thecompassionatefriends.org.au/ACT.htm>

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International direct dialling prefix: 61 8

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Administration: (03) 9888 4034

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International direct dialling prefix: 61 3

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City West Lotteries House
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WEST PERTH WA 6005

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tcf@eftel.com.au

Web site

<http://www.compassionatefriendswa.org.au/index.html>

President: Bill Robertson (VP)

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Grief support: (08) 9486 8711

Facsimile: (08) 9486 8717

International direct dialling prefix: 61 8

TCF MANDURAH CHAPTER WA

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tcfmandurah@bigpond.com

Web site:

<http://www.tcfmandurah.bravehost.com>

President: Margot McAllister

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TCF AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE SITE REGISTER

TCF Chapter: TCF ACT and Queanbeyan

City/Town: Yarralumla Canberra

State: Australian Capital Territory

Description of site:

Children's memorial seat in Weston Park overlooking Lake Burley Griffin within a stand of eucalypts and near a BBQ area.

Significance of site:

Seat was erected by ACT Government and has a memorial plaque dedicated to our children. We use the site for TCF ceremonies and gatherings and also for private reflection.

Location of site: Weston Park Yarralumla

Map reference: UBD map 58 J9

Access to site – hours: 24 hour access

Local chapter contact: Maxine (02) 6286 6134

Other information: Weston Park is open to the public; full details of the site are available at: <http://www.thecompassionatefriends.org.au/ACT.htm>

TCF Chapter: Miranda

City/Town: Gymea

State: New South Wales

Description of Site:

A memorial garden and park bench in the grounds of Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Art Centre. The garden has eleven Compassionate Roses (planted in the eleventh year of the Miranda Chapter). The roses are planted in a round bed with a small hedge border. Sutherland Council donated a memorial plaque which is mounted on a sizeable rock and placed in the garden. Placed near the rose garden we have a 'Cotswold' park bench with a similar plaque. This bench was donated to Hazelhurst through the Miranda Chapter by the Waratah Social Group. The memorial plaque is dedicated to the memory of the children of the Miranda Chapter and contains the TCF logo and a tribute to the children. Hazelhurst comes under the control of the Sutherland Shire Council, whose landscapers take care of the gardens.

Significance of Site:

The site is used by TCF members as a meeting place for coffee and lunch and as a quiet place for the chapter leader to meet with newly bereaved parents.

Location of Site: Hazelhurst Gallery and Regional Arts Centre, 782 Kingsway, Gymea.

Map Reference: Enter on Kingsway, Gymea, between Talara Road and Holtham Road.

Access to site: Open 7 days a week from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. except Christmas, Boxing Day and Good Friday.

Local chapter contact: Valda (02) 9520 4921

Other information: The Hazelhurst Gallery is open to the public and is well worth a visit in its own right. Full details are available at <http://www.hazelhurst.co.au>

TCF Chapter: Miranda

City/Town: Kogarah

State: New South Wales

Description of Site:

A bed consisting of nine Compassionate Friends roses planted around the flagpole on the grounds of Calvary Hospital. The rose garden is flourishing and is cared for by the hospital's maintenance staff.

Significance of Site:

The roses are on the grounds of a hospital which serves as a hospice for terminally ill individuals so the site is a wonderful expression of the Compassionate Friends motto that 'we need not walk alone'.

Location of Site: 1485 91-111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah, NSW

Map Reference: Located at the corner of Fitzgerald Avenue and Rocky Point Road in Kogarah

Access to site: Not applicable-not a public venue

Local chapter contact: Valda (02) 9520 4921

TCF Chapter: Brisbane

City/Town: Brisbane

State: Queensland

Description of Site:

Mt. Cootha Botanic Gardens, Brisbane. It is in an area with running water not far from the Japanese Gardens.

Significance of Site: Detail not provided

Location of Site: Detail not provided

Map Reference: Detail not provided

Access to site: Detail not provided

Local chapter contact: (07) 3254 2657

TCF Chapter: Townsville

City/Town: Townsville

State: Queensland

Description of Site:

The Townsville Chapter has a TCF memorial in Queens Gardens, Paxton Street, Townsville (near the old hospital).

Significance of Site: Detail not provided

Location of Site: Detail not provided

Map Reference: Detail not provided

Access to site: Detail not provided

Local chapter contact: (07) 3254 2657

TCF Chapter: TCF WA Inc.

City/Town: Perth

State: Western Australia

Description of Site: Bench seat in a playground with a barbeque amongst a large stand of old pines trees

Significance of Site: Detail not provided

Location of Site: Kings Park - Corner Saw Avenue and May Drive

Map Reference: Detail not provided

Access to Site: Detail not provided

Local chapter contact: (08) 9535 7761

TCF Chapter: TCF Mandurah

City/Town: Mandurah - Mandurah Lakes

State: Western Australia

Description of Site:

Memorial Jarrah Park Bench in Mandurah Lakes memorial Cemetery, situated on a grassy slope, overlooking the lake, close to shady trees with a large shady gazebo nearby.

Significance of Site:

The bench is used as a quiet place of reflection by TCF members and is the venue for the International Children's Memorial Day event on the last Sunday in January each year. The bench has an inscribed plaque dedicated to the memory of our children.

Location of Site: Stock Road, Mandurah

Map Reference: Mandurah Regional Directory Map 29 5D

Access to Site: 7.30 to 5.30 daily

Local chapter contact: Margot (08) 9535 7761

TCF Chapter: TCF Mandurah

City/Town: Palm Beach - Rockingham

State: Western Australia

Description of site:

Memorial Jarrah Park Bench situated on the Esplanade, opposite Florence Street, Palm Beach. The bench faces the ocean and is close to facilities.

Significance of site:

Donated by the City of Rockingham, the bench is used as a quiet place of reflection by TCF members. The bench has an inscribed plaque dedicated to the memory of our children. This is the venue for International Children's Memorial Day events on the last Sunday in January each year.

Location of site: The Esplanade, Palm Beach WA.

Map reference: Mandurah Regional Directory Map 8 5H

Access to site: 24 Hour access

Local chapter contact: Tina (08) 9535 7761

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City/Town:	
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Description of site:	
Significance of site:	
Location of site:	
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Access to site – hours:	
Local chapter contact:	
Other information:	

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Example sheet:

TCF chapter:	TCF ACT and Queanbeyan
City/Town:	Yarralumla - Canberra
State:	ACT
Description of site:	Children's Memorial Seat in Weston Park overlooking Lake Burley Griffin within a stand of eucalypts and near a BBQ area.
Significance of site:	Seat has been erected by ACT Government and has a memorial plaque dedicated to our children. Site is used for TCF ceremonies and gatherings and also for private reflection.
Location of site:	Weston Park Yarralumla ACT 2600
Map reference:	UBD map 58 J9
Access to site – hours:	24 hour access
Local chapter contact:	Maxine (02) 6286 6134
Other information:	Weston Park is open to the public full details of the site are available at: http://www.thecompassionatefriends.org.au/ACT.htm

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10 September 2007

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