



Thank you for making Dreams come true for
adults living with advanced cancer in 2023/2024.



Our Dreamers say:

“Dreams2Live4 gave our traumatized little family something joyful and adventurous to live for. You swooped in and picked us up when we were broken and helped us begin to heal our deep wounds. I am still high as a kite.”

“the importance of having dreams to look forward to when you are experiencing metastatic cancer can’t be underestimated”.

Our referrers say:

“Dreams2Live4 is a unique program that can offer something for patients to look forward to, and positivity in really tough situations. It doesn’t just help the patients, it gives hope to the loved ones and a chance to make lasting life-long memories. It changes the focus from cancer; offering hope to those who need it most.”



Dreams2Live4



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Help us make *dreams* come true for
adults living with advanced cancers.



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The background....

1 in **2** Australians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

Each cancer diagnosis comes with a journey riddled with physical illness, pain, financial pressure, and constant anxiety. The effects are felt not only by the patient but by their loved ones as well.



is the only charity in Australia that grants life changing dreams to adults 17 years and over living with advanced (metastatic) cancer.

The impact of a dream according to medical professionals

Now working with over 280 hospitals Australia-wide, since 2015 we have received over 4000 applications touching the lives of over 100,000 people.



"We don't often have the chance to be part of something that is life affirming, positive and enhancing that gives people back a sense of who they are. This is what Dreams2Live4 does."

Director of Palliative Care, Dr Ralph McConaghy, The Wesley Hospital, Brisbane



"The ripple effect a dream has on carers, patients and staff is extraordinary. I know the joy I feel when I ask a patient "what would you really like to do? Let's make it happen. The entire ward is lifted when a dream comes true."

A/Prof , Gavin Marx, The Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga



The impact of a dream according to our Dreamers

Our nurse trained Dream Makers empower a patient to dream again when many hopes have been dashed.

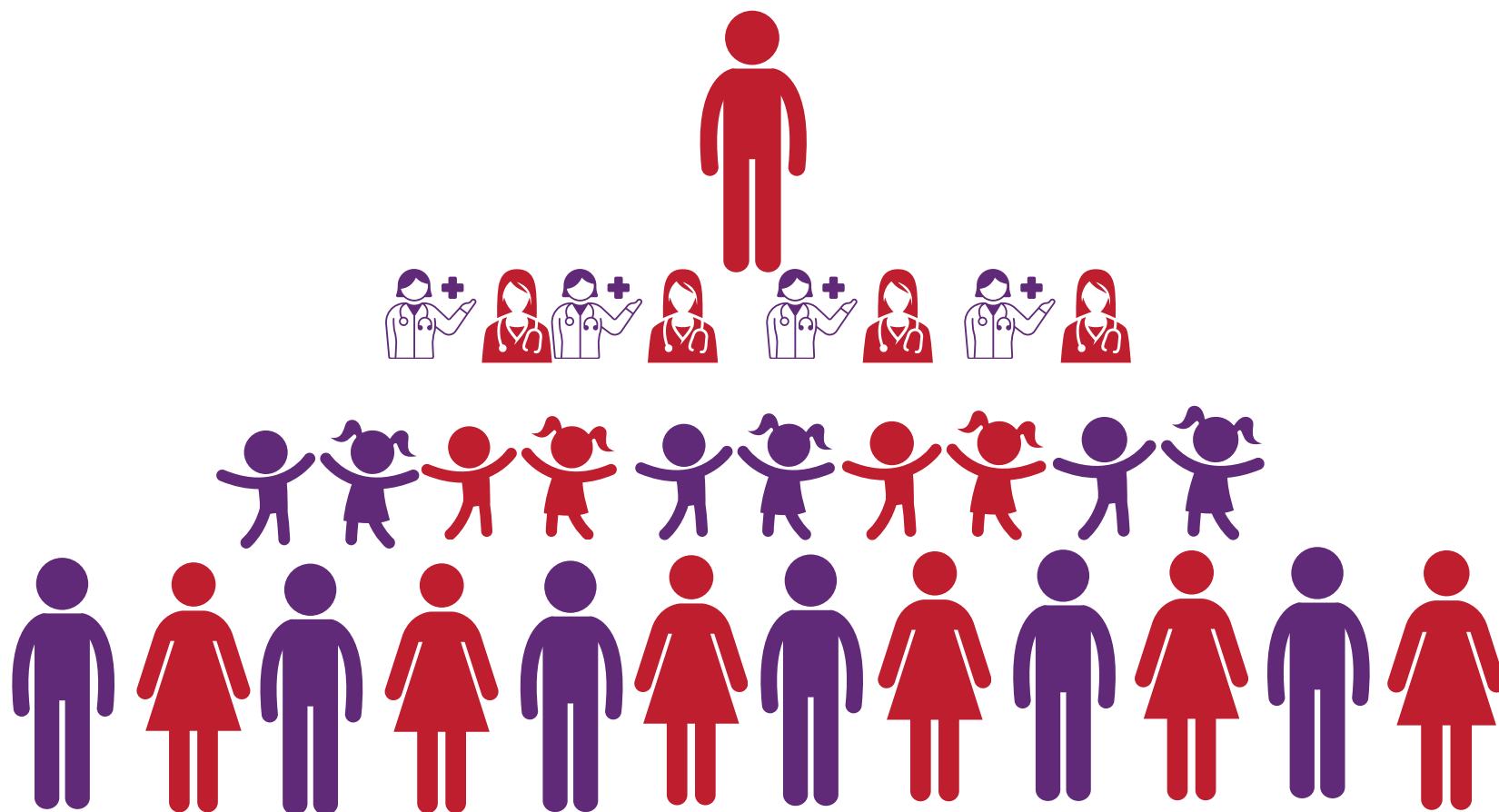
The process of a patient thinking through what's important to them, and then seeing that realised, provides a positive impact on the patient's mental health - evidenced through our surveys. In 2023 these surveys revealed:

- ➡ *dream* ➡ 99% say their dream positively impacted their emotional wellbeing
- ➡ *dream* ➡ 98% say their dream allowed them to focus less on cancer
- ➡ *dream* ➡ 97% say dream positively impacted their relationship with carers
- ➡ *dream* ➡ 93% of dream attendees indicated conversations changed from cancer to the dream

They widely report that the dream created some of the most cherished memories for the patient and their loved ones.

The ripple effects of a Dream are felt by an estimated 30 people from their family, friends, and medical teams.

The impact of a dream



We estimate 30 people, family, friends, and medical teams are impacted by a dream.

How TEG has helped make dreams come true for adults living with advanced cancer



Dreams2Live4

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Massive thank you to [Disturbed](#) and [TEG Live](#) for making our dreamer Tania's dream come true!

Tania, who is living with stage 4 [#ovariancancer](#), wanted to attend [Knotfest Australia](#) in Brisbane, and needed some help with accommodation for her and her family. She was desperate to meet American heavy metal band [Disturbed](#). Tania told us that: "Disturbed has helped me heaps with going through my cancer. Their songs and attitude the band portrays just resonated with me while I've been going through chemotherapy"

And meet she did...with lead singer [David Draiman](#) and the band going out of their way... having Tania and her husband watch the show on stage, and then invited Tania up to tell her story. Tania tells us it was one of the best days of her life. 🙌

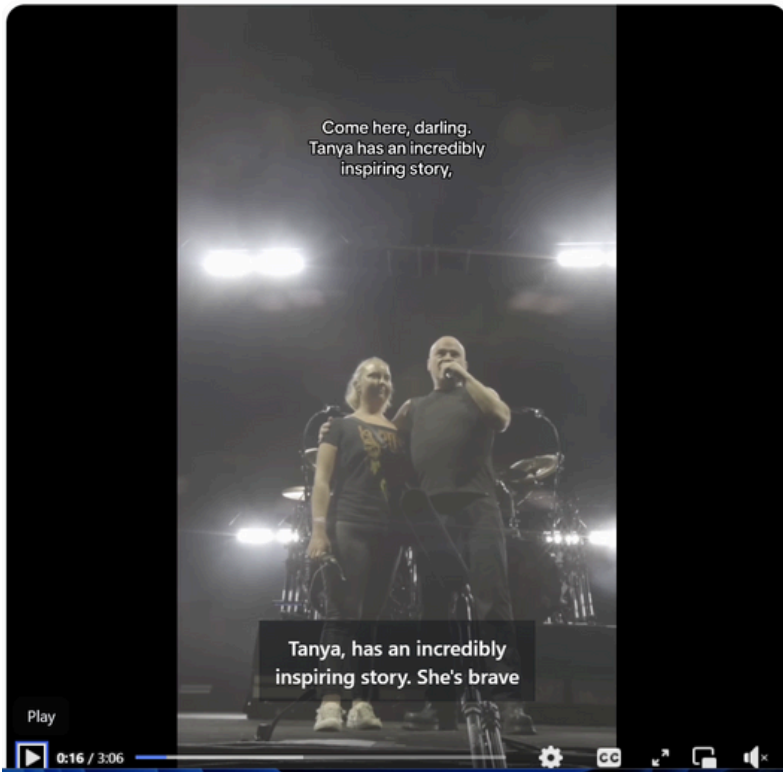
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Tania's Dream



Watch Tania's story [here](#)

<https://youtu.be/4Zs62OKw7ho>



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Matt's Dream

Matt had a dream to see Slash and Dreams2live4 with valued partner TEG were so happy to help make his dream come true! Husband to Alysha and Dad of two, Matt has been living with #Neuroendocrinecancer, so a night out to see his favourite artist brought some much-needed positive energy, plus a surprise signed T-shirt!

The River is Rising – Rest of the World Tour 2024 was the first headline tour for Slash featuring Myles Kennedy & The Conspirators in five years. Supported by The Struts and Aussie legends RoseTattoo. The promotion promised a “rock lover’s dream come true”.... We are so pleased it delivered.

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Tanika's Dream

27 year old Tanika, is living with advanced brain cancer and had a dream to see Taylor Swift in concert.

Our Dream Makers desperately wanted to make her dream come true but struggled until Ticketek received a call from Jessica who wanted to donate her spare tickets back to somebody in need. Thanks to TEG's partnership with Dreams2Live4, Jessica donated her tickets to Tanika.

Jessica said "I would be honoured for you to share with Tanika that these tickets are for her and I hope that knowing she has tickets to go can help her in anyway to fight to get to the concert. It breaks my heart that she may not make it but I have her in my thoughts and will manifest that she is going to get there. Tell her I'll be making her friendship bracelets for the concert too!"

Tanika said "Experiencing Taylor Swift live was such a dream come true! Being a fan for a very long time and seeing her in person was such a big thing for me. Your generosity has made a life long memory for me and my partner. I can't thank you enough."



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Proud Wiradjuri man, **Clem**, had a dream to take his children and visit his father's grave in Tumut which he had not been to in over ten years. Clem, 49 is living with advanced cancer.

Said " I have had a little bit of guilt from not visiting and if I was able to have my dream granted it would give me piece of mind before I meet my father in the other realm."

Dreams2Live4 was pleased to be able to arrange car hire, Wagga Wagga accommodation and expenses for Clem, his daughter (who is also his full-time carer) and his son to visit his fathers grave.



Robert, 44 from the Central Coast, and his daughter are massive Rugby League fans. He made a promise to take his daughter, who lives interstate to take her to the 2022 NRL Grand Final but Robert became too ill with his cancer to be able to earn enough money for the tickets. His dream was then to fulfill his promise to take her to the 2023 NRL Grand Final.

Robert and Kayla got to spend some quality time together watching the Panthers win!



56-year **Phillip** from Wagga Wagga, is battling advanced cancer. He has always dreamt of taking his family on a hot air balloon.

Four teenage kids, Phillip and his wife set off with Balloon Aloft Australia in Canberra at sunrise and sent us this special picture and a note afterwards confirming that "*Dreams do come true*"!

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Thi Thu Hien "Helen", 44 immigrated to Australia from Vietnam in 2004 after marrying Henry, and commenced working on their family greeting card business, as well as being a carer for the NDIS.

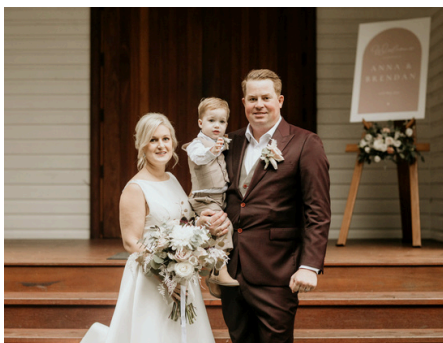
She wrote: "Henry and I are blessed with two beautiful children, Stephanie 14 and William 10. As a family we love spending time with each other. My dream is to have some lovely portraits done of my family, this will be something we all cherish, thank you for helping make this happen."

Dreams2Live4 arranged a photographer to visit and her family at Peter MacCallum Palliative Care, Victoria and now have the most special photos to cherish.



Cherie, from Newcastle is a 42-year-old, mother of three, and a grandmother to two, has been on a cancer journey since 2021. She dreamt of taking her family to The Newcastle Show to relive the fun and enjoyment she had as a child. Rides, farm animals, stunt shows, fireworks and show bags were on the agenda but mostly Cherie couldn't wait to see the joy on her family's faces.

Cherie says: "We had so much fun, and brought back so many memories of when I used to go to shows as a child. Without the help from yourself and Dreams2live4 this would not have happened. Thank you so much. It is definitely a time we will not forget."



Anna 35, is living with advanced cancer - she had a dream to marry the father of her little boy and partner, Brendan.

Dreams2Live4 helped Anna and Brendan's dreams come true with a wedding at Kantara House Avoca. *"This will be life-changing for our family, in the best way possible."* said Anna

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21 year old **Zac** had a dream to leave his Mt Druitt Palliative Care Hospital for the afternoon and enjoy a pizza lunch and an outing to Timezone with his family.

Zac's pictured here with our nurse trained Dream Maker, Annabel, who went out to visit Zac and support him through his dream journey. Zac had his dream realised and a few short months later sadly lost his life.



Steve, 60 from Melbourne as a younger man had dreamt of going on Safari. A trip to Werribee Open Range Zoo in Victoria was the next best thing

"This experience was not just a day out; it was a chance for Dad, to spend precious quality time with family, and it meant the world to him. It was a ray of sunshine in the midst of some very challenging times. The kindness of Dreams2Live, has given all of us a treasured memory, that we will forever hold close to our hearts. Thank you, from the depths of my heart, for bringing light and joy into my dad's life, during a time when it was needed most. The memories of that day will forever be a source of reassurance and comfort," wrote his daughter Amanda.



Carly 37, had a dream to spend time with her family in the sunshine on Turtle Beach.

Carly said "It was a way to make some lasting memories and just enjoy the company of my children (aged 4 and 11) and husband.. we spent quality unstressed time with one another, and were able to forget for a minute all my health concerns. We relaxed by the pool ate nice food, looked around QLD and just enjoyed our time together."



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