

Wicking Trust Grant Round - Systems Nourishment

Illuminating the stuff that's been hidden from view. Influencing systems to reflect and refocus.

This grant round is about reminding the current systems of their purpose. It is about unearthing and reimagining parts of the system that have been hidden from view as efficiencies and effectiveness have shifted the focus from caring to curing.

The human parts. The stuff that makes us feel better, feel happier and more connected. That makes us feel valued, seen and needed. The stuff that reminds us that we are human, not a problem to be solved.

The systems that dominate end of life - aged care, health care and funeral services are fulfilling important roles. They house us; treat us and farewell us as we move into the last stage of life.

But they need to be more and they need to be less. It's this stuff 'in between' that interests us.

More connected with communities

More value placed on emotional and spiritual wellbeing

More knowledge and conversations around dying, death and grieving

More connected and coordinated formal and informal care networks

More choice and agency around how, where and when we die.

More time, space and permission to grieve

More humanity

Less medical intervention when it impacts quality of life

Less decisions made without older Australians present

Less focus on fixing problems

Less whispering when dying and death become a part of life

Less exclusion

By investing in the 'the more and less' we intend to relieve pressure on the current systems, allowing them to slow down, refocus and rebuild.

From problem solving to human centred care. Care delivered by family, friends, neighbours - communities in addition to the formal care system. Care that responds to human need and wraps around all older Australians.

We aim to nourish the current systems. Not dismantle them.

This grant round is aimed at bringing death back into life and life back into death.