


*Dear Mary Potter Foundation,*

*I had an amazing birthday yesterday. My boys and their beautiful wives and children all visited me in the Hospice for a party lunch. Of course, my darling husband was with me, and my brother also came, to comfort and celebrate with me too. We had champagne and wine – and balloons, bubbles and cake – everything we love about a party. It was a little bit sad but also brought much happiness. Of course, there was also a story or two to share.*

*I must admit, I am a little tired now. But it is the best type of tiredness, and I cannot say how much The Mary Potter Foundation has helped me through this time. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you, your donors and amazing volunteers for their truly wonderful work.*

*With love and thanks,*  
V (patient in Mary Potter Hospice)

*Together, we care* 

# Letter from the heart

A new year has a way of stirring something within us – a moment to reflect and a spark of hope for what is to come. For the Foundation, it is also a time to look back on the moments that touched us deeply, each one made possible through the unwavering kindness of our compassionate community.

Our gratitude for you runs far deeper than words can express. Because of you, we can offer care to patients and their families, that brings comfort, respect, and tenderness. Care that arrives just when it is needed, that eases heavy days, and that creates precious memories that live on.

This first newsletter edition of 2026 is a tribute to that gratitude – filled with heartfelt messages written by those who have felt the impact of your generosity firsthand: patients, families, and Calvary staff.

As you read their words, we hope you feel the connection between your support and the moments of love that you help bring to life. We hope you will continue to hold The Mary Potter Foundation close to your heart in 2026, as together we honour our mission and the people who need us most.

With a grateful heart,

**Kristen Hardy**  
Executive Director

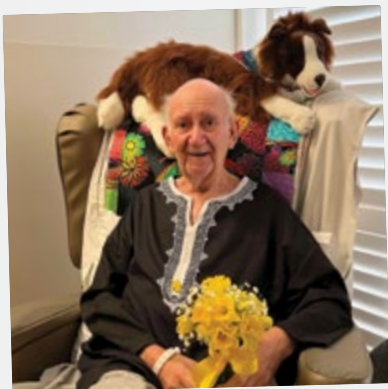


*"When it was time for Kate to go into Mary Potter, it somehow became a time of smiles, laughter and many happy moments. From the first day, Kate was pampered. And so were we! Foot massages, happy hour, a special quilt Kate chose, a classical music performance outside her room.*

*And then, since it was December, Santa started to call every night and leave a special gift in Kate's Christmas stocking hanging on her door: Haigh's chocolates, hand lotions, and daily surprises which make us all smile."*







*"I wanted to express my deepest gratitude to your entire team for helping to organise a special family breakfast for Dad. To cater for 16 people as you did was incredible. Everyone loved the delicious spread, & Dad cherished creating memories with his children, grandchildren and extended family.*

*The morning was filled with love and laughter, creating an incredibly special memory that we will always hold dear. The kindness and generosity of your donors will never be forgotten."*

*"As we reflect on Mum's time in Mary Potter Hospice, we remain so grateful. We knew how fortunate we were that you found a bed for Mum precisely when she needed it – and oh, did she breathe a sigh of relief, and just love being with you all.*

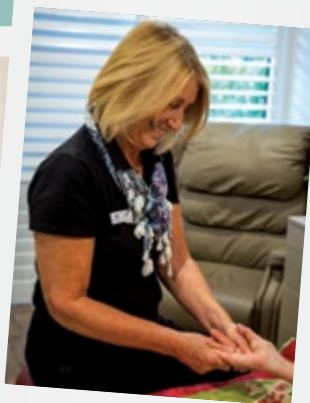
*We all revelled in the 'living' that you facilitated to the very end – reflexology, massages, special treats and generous, thoughtful moments created by the Foundation – and the extraordinary nursing care meant everything.*

*You made her last eight weeks very special; we had time to be loving daughters, and you all did the rest."*



*"The Mary Potter staff have been angels. The care and support that they've provided – not only to my dad, but to our whole family – has been so thoughtful.*

*The Foundation, who fund so many programs here, are astounding. On my 40th birthday, they surprised me with beautiful flowers and cupcakes, putting a real smile on my face at this very sad time."*



*Together, we care* ❤️

# Thank you ...



## Thank you for supporting our wonderful nurses

Last September, eight Hospice and Calvary Palliative Home Care clinicians attended the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference in Brisbane. With 1,600 delegates, it was a valuable opportunity to share knowledge, ideas and experiences and learn from leaders in the palliative care space. Our donors' generous support of ongoing education for our devoted nurses helps ensure that patients and families continue to receive the very best possible care.



## Thank you from Calvary Central Districts Hospital

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to The Mary Potter Foundation for their generous support in funding recliner chairs for the Supportive Care Unit at Calvary Central Districts Hospital.

These chairs are already making a meaningful difference by enhancing the comfort, dignity, and quality of life of our end-of-life care patients. They enable patients to sit out of bed when appropriate and allow staff to provide care safely and with ease.

Your generosity reflects a deep commitment to compassionate, patient-centred care, and we are truly grateful for your continued partnership and support."

**Chris Hogarth, General Manager**



## Thank you for making moments that matter for residents in Calvary Aged Care

One lady loved sitting near her aged care home's fish tank where she could watch the colourful fish for hours. As her health declined, the home asked us if we could arrange an ocean-themed light projector with Sealife and underwater images so they could be seen from this lady's bed. Thanks to you, our generous donors, we could make this happen. The resident absolutely loved it, and it brought her much comfort and peace.



# Thank you to our kind, dedicated and creative quilting community

Thanks to the generosity of so many wonderful quilters and quilting groups throughout South Australia, a beautifully handmade quilt rests on the bed of every new patient.

We are so grateful to these extraordinary quilters who give up their valuable time and resources to gift these superb quilts that add a real touch of beauty to patients' rooms.

These talented quilters may never see how moved a patient or family member is that someone cared enough to give them such a gift to treasure. But we are blessed to see the impact and to hear the stories.

*"The beautiful quilt which was given to my husband in the Hospice was such a gesture of love and caring. I will cherish the quilt forever, just knowing he was wrapped in its warmth and care."*

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## Thank you to St Dominic's Priory College

Our warmest thanks to the clever, compassionate Year 11 students at St Dominic's for their beautiful spring gesture.

Blending essential oils in their science lab, the students made and packaged individual calming oils, along with hand-drawn cards, for patients receiving palliative care – both at home and in the Hospice.

Calvary's Palliative Home Care team told us how very grateful their patients were for such thoughtful gifts.

In the Hospice, our Patient Support Coordinator was very moved seeing a patient's son rolling this beautiful oil onto his dad's wrist, as he gently described its fragrant scent.



## Thank you to our generous *Chip in for Mary Potter* Golf Day sponsors

We are deeply grateful to our Major Sponsors – Coopers Brewery, Asahi and LionCo – whose support has been unwavering since the very first event in 2012.

Our appreciation also extends to our Hole Sponsors: AON, Beach Energy, Bidfood Australia Ltd, Big Screen Video, Bradley Trade Services, Coca-Cola EuroPacific Partners, Franklin Advisory, Hurley Hotel Group, LMG, McCormack Pty Ltd, Magain Real Estate, Peter Kittle Motor Company, SA Power Networks, Santos, Thomas Foods International, and Wicks Estate.

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**Registrations open March 2026**

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## CARING HEARTS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Held 2nd Tuesday of every month  
10am-12 noon**

**Next meetings will be 10 February 2026  
and 10 March 2026**

Open to any immediate family member  
who has lost a loved one at Calvary SA.

To RSVP, please call **08 8239 0119**,  
or email [reception@marypotter.org.au](mailto:reception@marypotter.org.au)

For more details, including upcoming  
dates in 2026, please visit  
[marypotter.org.au/caring-hearts](http://marypotter.org.au/caring-hearts)



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Inspiring people to share our belief that  
caring for people at the end of their lives is  
an honour and a privilege and to work with  
us to support living every day, every hour.



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