

What does the Right to Life Association of Western Australia do with your donations and membership fees?

The Right to Life Association of WA has many supporters and we are very grateful to them. It is their support and funding that allows us to continue our work. And vital work it is. We find ourselves facing stiffer opposition every day. Yet we will never give up.

Your money helps us in many ways. Here are some examples of how we use your support:

Four Active Programmes

At the moment we have four active programmes. These are the Prayer Vigils, our Lifehouse, the Pro-Life Churches campaign and our Prayer Intercession Leaders network. These programmes are in their infancy (although some are based on programmes we have done in the past). The Prayer Vigil programme includes the 40 Days for Life activities and the 'Sidewalk Advocates for Life' training. The Lifehouse Programme only runs on Fridays at present but we have plans to expand our offering.

All of these programmes take money and time. They require use of resources such as office space and communications costs. There are nearly seven hundred members on our SMS Messaging list.

Two new programmes

Soon we plan to add two more programmes: The Taiwan Programme, which is designed to help the Taiwanese people beat the scourge of abortion plaguing their island, and the Education Programme. The Education Programme will be visiting schools and churches to spread the Pro Life message. We hope to have a learning module available for schools in 2021.

Our informing role

RTLAWA is committed to informing all West Australians about Pro-Life issues. To that end we operate a growing and very active website. We also have three Facebook pages (one exclusively for our Prayer Intercession Leaders!) and we take many thousands of emails and phone calls during the year. Our Association also contributes articles to the Catholic Record, the Abundant Life Magazine and the Australian Family Association newsletter, amongst other media.

Digitising of resources

We are also in the process of digitising all our videos, our audio material and all of our printed material so that we can make it available to everyone who wants to use it for Christ's purposes, free of charge. It is a big job and will take more than eighteen months and \$4000 to complete.

Chapel

Our office hosts a Catholic mass every Friday morning at 9.15AM. This is held in the 'big room' but we hope to convert the back room into a small chapel soon.

Newsletters

RTLAWA publishes four newsletters each year to service our members. We also hold committee meetings throughout the year and the AGM in early December.

Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner is also in October and is held at the RAAF Association complex in Bullcreek. Last year approximately eighty people attended. In 2020 we intend to have even more participants, and another exciting keynote speaker.

Rallies

Each year we are a foundation participant in the Rally for Life (May) and the Care, not Killing Rally (October). This year we also hosted a morning tea for Peter O'Meara and Maureen Mackay and we plan an Open Day as soon as the Corona Virus restrictions are lifted.

Maintenance and improvements

Our office is actually a hundred year old house. We are lucky to have it, all paid for, but as you can imagine it requires a lot of maintenance, as well as the usual things like insurance, electricity, phone, NBN, gas, bills, Council rates and software subscription costs.

We are also committed to improving the office. In the last eighteen months we have added a TV Monitor, shelf, four computers and dual screens, microwave, kettle, barbecue, toilet cistern, computer cabling, printer, LED Lighting, dining table, bean bags, a dryer, office desks, water filter, first aid kit and hand sanitisers. We have also added pantry shelving, a new side gate, artwork, aerial cabling, a clothes line, towel rails, whiteboards and pinup boards. And we are working on laundry facilities, brickwork, paving and the garden.

Bill paying

The Right to Life Association of WA pays all its bills on time, and usually by automatic bill payment methods. However, we are not wealthy enough to pay anything substantial to our President for wages or fuel although some payments have been made to the President, book keeper and IT specialist this year. We hope for wage sponsors in 2021.

Support for other life organisations

We believe in unity amongst Christians, especially those involved in the Pro-Life fight. To that end we have given away more than 120 pregnancy pillows to other organisations. We are also financial

members of a number of groups including Pro-Life Victoria, Right to Life Associations of NSW and South Australia and the Coalition for the Defence of Human Life