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PalliativeCare AUSTRALIA

National Palliative Care Week 24—30 May 2015



Wednesday 27 May 2015

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) CEO Liz Callaghan attended the launch of the Listen, Acknowledge, Respond project at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga NSW.

The \$3.3 million dollar project was launched by the Assistant Minister for Health, Senator Fiona Nash. The project aims to educate allied health workers in the Riverina area on how to support patients at end of life. The new project wants to improve the level of care patients receive to experience the best palliative care possible.

PCA welcomes this new investment from the Government in further developing skills and training in this important area. PCA recognise the commitment of Senator Nash to improving access to high quality palliative care for all Australians. For more information on the project [click here](#)

To view our media release [click here](#)



Thursday 28 May 2015

The launch of the [National Consensus Statement: Essential Elements for Safe and High Quality End-of-Life Care](#) was attended by PCA CEO Liz Callaghan in Brisbane, QLD.

The new statement aims to improve palliative care delivery in hospitals for patients at the end of their lives. Many Australian's die in hospital although 70% want to die at home. It is vital that those who are receiving care in hospital are well served by a multidisciplinary team with the patient at the centre of care.

The consensus statement sets out principles of care putting the patient first and making sure the patient's values and wishes are fulfilled. The statement also recognises the importance of training in palliative care for health professionals especially those who have patients with terminal conditions.

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care statement is endorsed by all Health Ministers. Jodi Rose, wife of swimming legend Murray Rose spoke about her experience as a carer and how this statement supports people like her. The honourable Sue Boyce identified key points in the statement that will improve end of life care in hospitals.



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Trivia nights are being held tonight across Australian capital cities. PCA have had a great response from the public and look forward to hearing about the night in the other cities. In Canberra, PCA have gathered a team together to compete in the trivia night. The night will be fun-filled with games, trivia, prizes and speeches to help the public raise awareness for palliative care and to get people to start talking about death.

It is not too late to register! Please visit our website for the list of cities and venues where the trivia is being held.

For last minute registrations visit our [website](#)

Coming up next....

PCA's next big event is the 13th Australian Palliative Care Conference 1–4 September 2015 at Melbourne Convention Centre, VIC. [Early bird](#) registration closes TODAY so make sure you register before AEST 11:30pm Friday 29 May 2015.

The international [keynote speakers](#) are Dr Joachim Cohen, Dr Gail Eva and Dr Christian Sinclair. Their experience and expertise in palliative care will give attendees thorough insight into what is being done in other countries. Prominent Australian speakers include Dr Katrina Anderson, Professor David Currow and Sara Fleming. Make sure you book in TODAY to receive the early bird discount to see these inspirational speakers.

NPCW around Australia

A large amount of organisations and individuals have embraced NPCW dinosaur mascots and our theme: Dying to talk; talking about dying won't kill you. A number of events have been held across the country in recognition of NPCW including seminars, breakfasts, networking events, theatre plays and conferences.

Senators and Members of Parliament have been vocal advocates during their time in parliament this week spreading the message for people to talk about dying. PCA would like to thank them for their support in helping to continue the discussion about death and dying. Also a special thanks to Palliverse for their support.

PCA want to thank everyone who has retweeted and facebooked PCA posts and engaged their local community during NPCW. Below are a few examples of what people have been up to during the week.



eHospice Australia:

Featured in eHospice this week:

- [Plan to manage your social media accounts - even after you die](#)
- [Integrating palliative care principles with treatment of chronic illnesses](#)
- [CareSearch updates online GP Hub](#)
- [Governor General launches PCA's Lone Pine project in Canberra](#)

1. James Peter created an almost life size Pal and Carey

2. The team at Blacktown Hospital celebrated with a Pal and Carey cake. Kudos to Dr Mel who baked the creation

3. Susan Ridge took it upon herself to make Pal and Carey

4. Susan Ridge continued with another set of Pal and Carey accompanied by an asteroid

5. Senator Helen Polley supporting NPCW with Pal and Carey

6. Pharmacy Guild creating NPCW badges of Pal and Carey



Dying to Talk Videos

PCA's Dying to Talk videos of Love Your Sister co-founder Connie Johnson and comedian Jean Kittson are available on our [website](#).

