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## From the CEO –Liz Callaghan

This week, Palliative Care Australia (PCA) discussed [The Australian National Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Aged Care](#) Project with Elizabeth Pringle from Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People. The project aims to:

- Define best practice spiritual care in contemporary residential, home and flexible care contexts
- Outline responsibilities of pastoral care practitioners, community faith representatives, the aged care workforce and volunteers in relation to spiritual care
- Outline requisite workforce competencies and spiritual care education pathways
- Outline service delivery requirements
- Acts as a platform for the ongoing and explicit inclusion of spiritual care in policy relating to aged care
- Be aligned with all relevant Australian standards and other guidelines
- Underpin two future projects which will aim to create a suite of spiritual care manuals for each service stream, and to develop a toolset to assist providers to implement the guidelines

PCA also held a teleconference with the [Decision Assist](#) project with the Communications Advisory Group (CAG). It was a productive meeting outlining the next steps in the project including promotion of the [upcoming workshops](#). Workshops are being held across Australia for GPs and home care and residential aged care staff. For the workshop details in July please see the next page.

Yesterday the AHHA launched the [new online palliative care training resources](#) for people who support the dying in the community. The new portal will build upon the success of the original award-winning training modules based on [COMPAC Guidelines](#) for community-based palliative care.

Today, PCA is hosting a sub working group meeting of the [Closing the Gap](#) Steering Committee. The meeting aims to further develop the existing work to consider a health in all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy approach.

PCA's new policy manager will join PCA on 20 July 2015. Philippa Kirkpatrick has moved from the National Blood Authority. She will be an asset to the team and has much to offer from her background in clinical science, government relations and business.

PCA is pleased to announce the launch of the inaugural Palliative Care Australia National Awards 2015. For more information on the awards see the article below.

After the success of National Palliative Care Week (NPCW), PCA's dinosaurs design continues to impress. The campaign was chosen as [Avant Card's](#) May Postcard of the Month. The postcard had excellent feedback from the judges saying it was an "intriguing concept where you want to learn about it" and "simple, clever and makes you think or take notice instantly".

There will not be an e-news next week.

## Palliative Care Australia National Awards

Palliative Care Australia is proud to announce the launch of the inaugural [Palliative Care Australia National Awards 2015](#). Nominations are now open with the winners being announced at the [13th Australian Palliative Care Conference](#) Gala Dinner on Thursday 3 September 2015. Entry is free and nominations will close on Friday 31 July 2015. There are four awards being offered:

Organisations:

- Outstanding teamwork award
- Innovation in palliative care award

Individuals:

- Emerging leader award
- Emerging researcher award

The prizes for the individual awards are \$2000 to be spent on professional development and free registration for the 14th Australian Palliative Care Conference in 2017. The prizes for the organisation awards are \$4000 to be spent on professional development for the entire team. For more information and to nominate an individual or an organisation please visit the [website](#).



## NAIDOC Week

National  
Aborigines and  
Islander Day  
Observance  
Committee  
(NAIDOC) Week



**We all Stand on  
Sacred Ground:**

Learn, Respect & Celebrate

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runs from 7–12 July 2015. The theme is “**We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate**” which highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The National NAIDOC Committee encourages all Australians - young and old - to embrace the 2015 National NAIDOC theme. To get involved and for a list of events in your area visit the website: <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>

## Workshop/Events

### National Pain Week—Pain...Let’s Talk About it

When: 20–26 July 2015

Survey: [I Live With Pain](#) or [I Care For Someone in Pain](#)

More information: <http://www.nationalpainweek.org.au/>

### CONFERENCE—2015 National Indigenous Men’s and Women’s Network Conference

When: 28–30 September 2015

Where: Darwin, NT

More information: [www.indigenousconferences.com](http://www.indigenousconferences.com)

### SYMPOSIUM—4th Annual NHMRC Symposium on Research Translation jointly with CIPHER

When: 27–28 October 2015

Where: Sydney, NSW

For more information [click here](#)

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS—International Palliative Care Network Conference 2015

Deadline: 15 July 2015

To submit and for more information [click here](#)

### Calvary is Dying to talk about it

Throughout July, Calvary Tasmania invites the community to a series of free events about death and dying

For a list of the events [click here](#)

## eh. eHospice Australia:

Featured in eHospice this week:

- [Bear Cottage barbecues a special time for grieving families](#)
- [South Australia awards scholarships for rural health students](#)
- [Cannabis allowed for terminally ill adults](#)

## Decision Assist Upcoming Workshops

Get in quick to secure your spot in Decision Assists workshops.



**What:** Home Care Workshop

**When:** Thursday 9 July 2015

**Where:** Horsley, Wollongong, New South Wales

**Register by: 2 JULY 2015**

For more information visit the [website](#)

**What:** Home Care Workshop

**When:** Tuesday 14 July 2015

**Where:** Stawell, Victoria

**Register by: 7 JULY 2015**

For more information visit the [website](#)

**What:** Residential Aged Care Workshop

**When:** Friday 17 July 2015

**Where:** Rosehill, Parramatta, New South Wales

**Register by: 12 JULY 2015**

For more information visit the [website](#)

## News Briefs

**Public lecture to focus on end-of-life issues**—Toowoomba Hospital's public lecture series Twilight Talks next Thursday with Dr Luke Gaffney, director of medicine, to give a presentation on end-of-life care.

To read the full article [click here](#)

**Three Important Steps (at Any Age) to Prepare for Dying**—An article outlining three ways in which individuals can prepare for death.

To read the full article [click here](#)

**Age with optimism and live longer**—Flinders University psychologist Professor Mary Luszcz says that optimism – expressed as confidence about living for another decade – is proving to be a good indicator for longevity.

To read the full article [click here](#)

**Super way to help sick kids**—Engadine Gumnut Child Care Centre is taking part in Superhero Week, July 20-24, to raise money for paediatric palliative care hospice, Bear Cottage.

To read the full article [click here](#)

**Poets and poems: Christopher Reid’s ‘A Scattering’** - Christopher Reid's book of poems 'A Scattering' examines his experience of losing his wife of 30 years.

To listen to the podcast on BBC radio [click here](#)

**Stuck in God’s waiting room**—More than 7,000 disabled Australians under 65 languish in nursing homes because of a lack of proper housing, leaving them isolated from loved ones and surrounded by death before their time.

To read the full article [click here](#)