

# E-News

27 August 2015

The Palliative Care Australia (PCA) team have been preparing for next week's 13th Australian Palliative Care Conference. Registrations have reached almost 800. If you still have not registered it's not too late – registrations are open until Tuesday 1 September. The conference poster abstracts are now available to view on the conference website [here](#). PCA look forward to welcoming you next week at the conference.

[Pre-conference workshops](#) places are still available for paediatric palliative care and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander palliative care. These workshops do have limited spaces so get in quick before time runs out.

PCA CEO Liz Callaghan is meeting with Primary Health Care Advisory Group Chair Dr Steve Hambleton tomorrow to discuss the [primary health care review](#). To support the discussions at this meeting and the PCA submission to the review, PCA have sought input from National Policy Advisory Committee and other key stakeholders to develop a discussion paper.

PCA submitted an application to the Department of Health, Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme. The outcome of this will be important for future funding of PCA to ensure we can continue to advocate on behalf of the palliative care sector.

Please note there will be no eNews next week. After the conference has concluded PCA will be delivering the eNews via Mailchimp.

## Workshops/Events

**SCHOLARSHIP—Applications open for Sydney Nursing School.** Two Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) scholarships are available for students to undertake research in the area of aged and end of life care at Sydney Nursing School. Applications close 5pm Friday 16 October 2015. For more information [click here](#)

### COLLOQUIUM—3rd Australian Palliative Care Research Colloquium

**What:** To foster the evolution of empirical inquiry into palliative care, it is important that we continue to collaborate and have an opportunity to discuss key issues and learn new approaches.

**When:** 22—23 October 2015

**Where:** Melbourne, Victoria

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## LGBTI Forum

PCA is joining with the [National LGBTI Health Alliance](#) to provide a forum on palliative care. PCA has brought together a number of speakers with personal and professional interest in the area. Palliative care specialist Dr Richard Chye will offer an introduction to palliative care, while senior solicitor Kelly Morgan will provide insight into power of attorney, guardianship and advance care plans for the LGBTI communities. Dr Gavi Ansara from the LGBTI Health Alliance will discuss the passport project.



**When:** 11:00am—2:00pm Wednesday 30 September 2015

**Where:** Rooms MR4 and MR5, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre 22–23 Surry Hill NSW 2010

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## News Briefs

**Talking about death, The Why Factor—**Working around death her whole career, a 33 year old British aged care doctor must face her own mortality. To listen to the podcast [click here](#)

**Helping the terminally ill publish their life stories—** Volunteer biographers needed in palliative care. A great way to leave a legacy for someone. To read the full article [click here](#)

**Talking about death—When do we begin?** - Contrary to what some people might think - there is always a good time to talk about death. To read the full article [click here](#)

**Australia's burial site property boom—** Greater numbers of Australians are choosing to be as big in death as they have been in life and are locking into elaborate burial sites early. To read the full article [click here](#)

**'Ridiculous' CPR survival rates on TV shows are misleading patients and their families—**The high CPR survival rate on favourite medico shows may be affecting how patients and their families make treatment decisions, a US study suggests. To read the full article [click here](#)