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National Volunteer Week highlights the tireless work volunteers do, and their importance in our society. Palliative Care Australia also acknowledges the palliative care volunteers who support people at the end of their lives.

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) recognises how important volunteers are both in hospice and community care, says PCA CEO Liz Callaghan.

Ms Callaghan said that volunteers are an integral part of palliative care and without them many Australians would not receive the care they desire.

“PCA thanks the palliative care volunteers who make a real difference to supporting people to enjoy a better quality of life at the end of their life, and are also a vital part of ensuring that Australians get the care that they need at the end of life,” Ms Callaghan said.

“Not only do they work directly with patients and carers, by responding to their social, emotional and practical needs, as unpaid workers they provide a link between community and health care providers.

“During National Volunteer week, PCA celebrates and thanks everyone who volunteers in palliative care in all capacities, from hospice to community and aged care.”

PCA will also be using National Palliative Care Week, which this year focuses on aged care, to celebrate the efforts of palliative care volunteers.

National Volunteer Week will run from May 8-14. Events from all over the country will be held to acknowledge the six million Australians who take the time to make a difference in our society by volunteering.

National Palliative Care Week will run from May 21-28 and will also hold events around the country to highlight how palliative care can help people accessing aged care services to have a high quality of life, right to the end of life.

For more information about National Volunteer Week visit <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/nvw/>.

For more information on National Palliative care week visit <http://palliativecare.org.au/national-palliative-care-week/>.

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