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Introduction

The National Awards are aimed at recognising innovation, teamwork and emerging talent in the palliative care sector. The awards recognise the efforts of those who support and care for people who are dying through public recognition of organisations and individuals who provide support and care to those people.

We're thrilled to welcome National Home Doctor Service as the National Palliative Care Awards partner for 2017. Their generous contribution will take these awards to new heights and offer these talented individuals and teams an even stronger platform and capability to continue their invaluable care and careers in palliative care.

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Every family should have a GP that they know and trust. However, when you need urgent medical care, but your GP is closed, 13SICK, National Home Doctor Service can help. With more than 800 doctors in their team, 13SICK, National Home Doctor Service is Australia's largest network of home visiting doctors. Their Doctors treat patients with acute, episodic conditions (e.g. gastro, UTI, migraine, respiratory infections) on weeknights, weekends and public holidays. This year they will see more than 1 million patients at home and in aged care facilities. More GPs across Australia trust 13SICK, National Home Doctor Service to care for their patients in the after-hours. So, if you or a loved one needs to see a doctor urgently (and it's not life-threatening), but your GP is closed, call 13SICK (that's 13 7425) and save the hospital Emergency Department for emergencies.

Prizes

Individual awards - \$2,000 to be spent on professional development, plus free registration to the 15th Australian Palliative Care Conference in 2019.

Organisation/team awards - \$4,000 to be spent on professional development for the entire team.

Eligibility and entry criteria

- Entry is free.
- Awards are only open to residents and organisations in Australia.
- There are five awards for individuals and two awards for teams or organisations.
- Nominations for the individual awards must be made by someone other than the nominee. No self-nominations will be accepted for individual awards.
- Nominees must consent to the nomination.
- Individual nominees and at least two members of any nominated team or organisation must be a financial member of one of Palliative Care Australia's member organisations (being Palliative Care ACT, Palliative Care NSW, Palliative Care Victoria, the Tasmanian Association of Hospice and Palliative Care, Palliative Care SA, Palliative Care WA, Palliative Care NT, Palliative Care QLD and the Australia New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine and Palliative Care Nurses Association).
- Please ensure your submission addresses the category award criteria.
- Nominations can only be made via the Awards Nomination Web-Form via the Palliative Care Australia website (www.palliativecare.org.au).
- Nominations must **be received by Friday 14 July 2017**. No late nominations will be accepted.
- The awards will be presented at the Australian Palliative Care Conference Gala Dinner (sponsored by National Home Doctor Service) on Thursday 7 September 2017, at the Adelaide Convention and Exhibition Centre. It would be appreciated if nominees and nominators are present at the dinner. Attendance at the dinner is included in registration for the Australian Palliative Care Conference. People wishing to attend the dinner without attending the conference must purchase an individual dinner ticket for \$200 inclusive of GST (contact pca@conlog.com.au to purchase).
- It is a condition of entry that finalists and winners are available for publicity opportunities, which may include advertising features and interviews with in-house or external print, digital or TV media. Palliative Care Australia may use the winners' names, images and/or voices in the event they are a winner (including photograph, film and/or recording of the same) for an unlimited period of time with no recompense to the winners.
- All submitted nominations and supporting material remain the property of Palliative Care Australia and will not be returned.
- Once the nominations have been received, the judging process remains confidential until the awards ceremony. No correspondence will be entered into with nominators or nominees.



Individual awards

Emerging leader

This award recognises an up and coming leader for significant contributions to palliative care early in their working or academic life. Characteristics of emerging leaders include outstanding mentorship, inspirational behaviour, support, passion for their field of work, commitment to working in partnerships, teamwork, respect for others, persistence and pioneering developments. Emerging leaders are visible and accessible and positively impact on outcomes. They are motivational communicators.

The recipient of this award will show outstanding promise as a palliative care leader of the future and respected role exemplar for others in the palliative care sector.

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate the following:

- How the nominee has demonstrated their leadership qualities in a palliative care environment;
- How the nominee's leadership has made a difference to patients, clients and colleagues;
- How the nominee has demonstrated great commitment to and passion for the palliative care sector using specific examples
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to their employer organisation.

Limitations

- The nominee has been working or studying in the field of palliative care for less than five years.
- The nomination must be endorsed by their manager or similar person.
- The nominee must be a member of a PCA Member Organisation.

2015 Winner: Zoe Mitchell, *Senior Social Worker for Fiona Stanley Hospital WA*



Emerging researcher

This award recognises outstanding contribution to palliative care by a researcher in the first five years of their research career. The nomination must describe how their research will lead or has led to positive clinical outcomes for people experiencing palliative. Research can be across any setting of care, so long as it is in relation to palliative care. If the nominee is not the lead or chief investigator, it must be demonstrated that they worked closely with a key researcher in palliative care as co-investigator.

The nomination must include the following:

- Nominations must be validated by the nominee's supervisor or department head who is directly involved in the work of the researcher.
- The nomination must include the name of the research project.
- The research is about an aspect of palliative care or directly related topic.
- The research is undisputed or any dispute has been resolved.
- If the research was funded by an external body, where the funding came from
- The research has been published in reputable relevant publication or presented at a conference in the last 3 years, or accepted for presentation at a conference within the next 12 months.

Limitations

- The nominee has been working or studying in the field of palliative care for less than five years.
- The nominee must be a member of a PCA Member Organisation.

2015 Winner: *Anna Collins, PhD Candidate for Centre for Palliative Care VIC*



Excellence in palliative care – rural and remote - *NEW AWARD*

This award recognises a person who has made significant contributions to palliative care in a rural and remote area. Characteristics of excellence include innovative practice, support and passion for working in rural and remote areas, mentorship of others, teamwork and respect for others. Rural and remote practitioners are connected and trusted within their communities.

The recipient of this award will show excellent service as a palliative care practitioner and a champion for others to work in rural or remote areas.

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate the following:

- How the nominee has demonstrated their work in a palliative care environment in a rural or regional place;
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to the community, patients, and colleagues in a rural or remote place;
- How the nominee has demonstrated great commitment to and passion for the palliative care sector in a rural or remote place using specific examples

Limitations

- The nominee has been working in a rural or remote place for more than 12 months
- The nomination must be endorsed by their manager or similar person.
- The nominee must be a member of a PCA Member Organisation.

Excellence in palliative care in an aged care setting - *NEW AWARD*

This award recognises a person who has displayed excellence in care in an aged care setting. Characteristics of excellence include innovative practice, outstanding mentorship, inspirational behaviour, support and passion for their work, commitment to working in partnerships, excellent teamwork and respect for others.

The recipient of this award will show excellence as a palliative care leader in an aged care setting and a champion for others in the palliative care sector. They are motivational communicators.

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate the following:

- How the nominee has demonstrated excellence in palliative care in an aged care setting;
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to patients, clients and colleagues;
- How the nominee has demonstrated great commitment to and passion for the palliative care sector in an aged care setting using specific examples
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to their employer organisation.

Limitations

- The nominee has been working or in the field of palliative care in an aged care setting for more than 12 months
- The nomination must be endorsed by their manager or similar person.
- The nominee must be a member of a PCA Member Organisation.

Outstanding achievement by a volunteer - *NEW AWARD*

Volunteers mean the world to us. This award recognises the exceptional contribution of a volunteer in improving the experience of a patient/s with Palliative Care needs or their family. Palliative Care Australia is proud to recognise those who selflessly and generously volunteer their time and skills to look after others, without asking for recognition or expecting anything in return.

Nominations in this category are judged on the following:

- Commitment: how this volunteer has demonstrated considerable commitment in terms of responsibility assumed and how his/her responsibilities have increased over time;
- Impact: how this volunteer has made a notable impact while serving patients and families;
- Personal Growth: How the nominee has grown personally through his/her volunteer work and how that has been demonstrated using specific examples.
- Inspiration to others: How this nominee has served as an inspiration to fellow volunteers and the palliative care organisation

Limitations

- The nominee must have been a volunteer more than 24 months

Organisation/team awards

Outstanding teamwork award

This award recognises inspirational teamwork. Characteristics of inspirational teams are people (more than two) who have the ability to work across divisions, departments or organisations towards a common vision. These teams direct their individual accomplishments towards the team's objectives. Outstanding teams operate within a framework of cooperation and collaboration. They have demonstrated outstanding performance and outcomes due to group achievement, innovative ideas or suggestions to improve outcomes. They may also have demonstrated resilience through operating under adverse circumstances.

Nominations must show:

- How the team has worked effectively to successfully accomplish a task or meet a goal.
- How teamwork has made a difference to patient outcomes.
- How the team created an environment that promotes communication, trust, cooperation and respect for diversity.
- How teamwork underpins and demonstrates their commitment to the palliative care sector.

Limitations

- Must be signed off by CEO/manager or person of authority.
- Membership of a Palliative Care Australia member organisation can be at an individual or organisational level.

2015 Winner: Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service Specialist Palliative Care Service



Innovation in Palliative Care

This award recognises an organisation that has initiated an innovative practice, project or service that enhances the delivery of palliative care. Innovation in palliative care needs to be sustainable with demonstrable outcomes. The innovation can have taken place across any setting of care, so long as it has enhanced the delivery of palliative care.

Nominations will be judged on:

- How the innovation positively impacts service provision in a palliative care environment.
- How the innovation has made a difference to patients and carers.
- How the organisation embraces innovation and demonstrates commitment to the palliative care sector.
- Specific examples of outstanding innovation in service provision in a palliative care environment.

Limitations

- Activities identified as innovative must have been in place for more than one year and less than five years.
- Membership of a Palliative Care Australia member organisation can be at an individual or organisational level.
- Must be signed off by CEO/manager or person of authority.

2015 Winner: Project Hamrahi, Australasian Palliative Link International

