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2017 Australian Palliative Care Conference opens for abstracts and registration

PCA CEO Liz Callaghan today said the theme of this year's Australian Palliative Care Conference 'Connection with Community', will challenge us to examine who we connect with and how effectively our connections can strengthen and build a community of practice and care within palliative care.

In announcing the opening of the call for abstracts, Ms Callaghan said abstracts are welcome from anyone with an interest in palliative care – doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, academics, volunteers, carers, researchers, educators, advocates, consumers, families, industry partners, peak bodies and national associations.

"We will be including a broad range of subjects for the concurrent sessions and abstracts should consider these topics as well," Ms Callaghan said.

"Relationships, sexuality, self-care, living with uncertainty, dementia, community support and elder abuse are just some of the topics available.

"As well, one concurrent session will talk about connecting palliative care for specific groups - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, children, CALD groups, disability groups, LGBTIQ populations and other vulnerable populations.

"It's been said that the quality of care provided to people at the end of their life is one of the key indicators of the values of a community," Ms Callaghan said.

"PCA believes that through building that community capacity and enhancing social networks, we can make a real difference to supporting people with good palliative care to enjoy a better quality of life at the end of their life."

The call for conference abstracts opens today and closes on Tuesday 18 April. More information about theme, streams and types of presentation can be found at www.pca2017.org.au/call-for-papers.

Early bird registration will open on 20 February and close on 30 June. Prices are:

- Earlybird \$965
- Standard 1 July to 14 August \$1120
- Late 15 August – 5 September \$1265
- Carer/student/volunteer \$400
- Day registration \$495

More information on APCC 17 is available at www.pca2017.org.au

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