



# Media Release

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## Australian Palliative Care Conference Program Released

**Palliative Care Australia (PCA) has released its biennial conference program and opened nominations for the National Palliative Care Awards.**

The Australian Palliative Care Conference 2017 (APCC17) is a three-day event which allows people both directly linked to and interested in palliative care to share their knowledge and experience, as well as network with leaders in the field.

The APCC17 is centred on the theme of 'Connection with Community' and will feature several panel events and expert keynote speakers including Natasha Stott Despoja, Dr Alex Jadad, Liese Groot-Alberts, Professor Mark Hutchinson, Dr Magnolia Cardona-Morrell and Maggie Beer.

Hosted at the Adelaide Convention Centre 6-8 September 2017, there will be discussions on topical subjects including pain management, the community response to dying, clinically futile treatment and innovation in caring.

PCA CEO Liz Callaghan says that the conference is a golden opportunity for anyone interested in quality palliative care to become informed on the subject.

"This conference will expose people to experts in palliative care from a wide variety of workplaces, and is a perfect opportunity for people to not only expand on their knowledge and improve their own work, but network with some truly inspirational leaders in the field," said Ms Callaghan.

The National Palliative Care Awards will be presented at the APCC Gala Dinner on Friday 7 September.

Partnering with the National Home Doctor Service in 2017, the National Palliative Care Awards recognise the efforts of organisations and individuals who support and care for people who are dying through public recognition.

PCA CEO Liz Callaghan says that the National Awards are aimed at recognising innovation, teamwork and emerging talent in the palliative care sector, as well as providing additional support for these people.

"The National Awards highlight the incredible work individuals and organisations within the palliative care sector do, and these people deserve to be recognised and supported," said Ms Callaghan.

"This is why individual award recipients will receive \$2000 dollars towards professional development and organisations and teams will receive \$4000 towards professional development for their entire team."

Nominations for the awards must be received by Friday 14 July. For more information visit the [Palliative Care Australia National Awards](http://PalliativeCareAustralia.org.au) page. Find out more about the conference program at [www.pca0217.org.au](http://www.pca0217.org.au)

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