

Media Release

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38 scholarships to assist aged care workforce to learn about palliative care

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) today announced the 38 aged care workers who have received scholarships that will cover their costs to attend the Australian Palliative Care Conference in September.

PCA CEO, Liz Callaghan said the Continuing Professional Development Scholarships supported by Decision Assist and Palliative Care Australia received more than 260 applications from aged care workers across Australia.

“We were overwhelmed with the demand for these scholarships and received hundreds of high-quality applications, demonstrating the desire that aged care workers have to up-skill their palliative care knowledge,” Ms Callaghan said.

“These 38 scholarships will give aged care workers who would not usually be able to attend, such as workers from rural and remote places, the opportunity to learn from Australia’s palliative care.

“The recipients will come from communities right across Australia, with nine from NSW, eight from Victoria, seven from South Australia, seven from Queensland, four from Western Australia and three from Tasmania. These include workers from rural and remote places such as Roebourne and Wiluna in WA and Barcaldine in Queensland.”

“These aged care workers will return to their communities with more skills and knowledge to better serve their clients at the end of life,” Ms Callaghan said.

Dr Karen Detering, Medical Director, Decision Assist and Advance Care Planning Australia said Decision Assist is very pleased to be partnering with Palliative Care Australia in offering the professional development scholarships to aged care workers.

“This is an exciting initiative supporting the important work of the aged care work force in caring for older Australians,” Dr Detering said.

“We know these scholarships will provide a valuable opportunity for aged care workers to attend the palliative care conference and learn from experts.”

For information about the Australian Palliative Care Conference , go to www.pca2017.org.au
For more information on the Decision Assist program go to www.decisionassist.org.au.

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