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'Connection with Community' Art Competition Winners Announced

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) CEO Liz Callaghan is delighted to announce the winners of the 'Connection with Community' [online art competition](#).

Entrants were invited to create an artwork reflecting on the theme 'Connection with Community', and submit a photo of their artwork for online exhibition and judging.

The Overall Winner and People's Choice award winner will each receive \$1000 in prize money. The winner of the PCA prize will have their artwork featured on PCA's marketing and promotional materials.

Overall winner – Dying for a Cuppa by Karen Benjamin, QLD



Ms Benjamin is a casual worker at a funeral home. She created a dress made out of teabags used by grieving family, friends and staff from the funeral home where she works.

"At times the grief seems overwhelming. The gesture of a cup of tea and the chance to speak openly about death and dying soothes the soul," Ms Benjamin said.

Competition judges Anzara Clark and Ashley Fiona who were the winners of last year's art competition, along with Margaret Ambridge who is holding an exhibition in conjunction with the Australian Palliative Care Conference, selected Ms Benjamin's garment to receive the \$1000 overall prize.

People's Choice winner - A light touch by Kerrie Marriott Anderson, VIC



Ms Anderson's painting reflects how living with a terminal illness can be isolating, and how a connection with community can help provide support.

"Living with a terminal illness and grief can feel like living in a bubble. Removed from the world's colour of activity," said Ms Anderson.

Ms Anderson's piece is the winner of the \$1000 People's Choice prize as voted by the Australian Public.

Palliative Care Australia winner – Float by Shara Jenkins, NSW



Shara's painting illustrates the similarities between learning how to float and learning how to trust.

Learning to trust community support can take a lot of time and effort, and be very frustrating at times, but when you get it right, and learn to trust and accept that strength and support, oh what a difference it can make." Ms Jenkins said.

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