

2021

THE STATE OF

SYMPOSIUM

PALLIATIVE CARE

STRENGTHENING OUR WORKFORCE

Tuesday 23 November C3 Convention Centre, Hobart

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The State of Palliative Care Symposium

(Strengthening our workforce)

Connecting you with national and Tasmanian experts in:

- Aged care;
- Palliative care data and benchmarking;
- Unpaid caring; and
- Tasmanian health care reform.

It will also launch the biennial State of Palliative Care Report, which will identify key workforce issues for priority action.

8:30

Registration opens

9:20

Welcome and acknowledgement of Country

9:30

OFFICIAL OPENING (virtual)

The Honourable *Peter Gutwein* MP
PREMIER OF TASMANIA

9:45

STATE OF PALLIATIVE CARE REPORT

Nick McShane STENNING & ASSOCIATES
& *David Morgan* ARTIBUS INNOVATION

10:15

WILL THE ROYAL COMMISSION REFORM PACKAGE DELIVER BETTER PALLIATIVE CARE FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS?

Prof Deborah Parker
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

10:55

Morning Refreshments

11:10

THE LESS VISIBLE SIDE OF CARING

Corin Boughton
National Director - Program and Operations
CARERS AUSTRALIA

11:50

GAPS IN WORKFORCE KNOWLEDGE

Sabina Clapham
Australian Health Services Research Institute
UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

12:30

WHAT DOES PALLIATIVE CARE LOOK LIKE IN TASMANIAN HEALTH CARE REFORM

Kathrine Morgan-Wicks
Secretary and Head of Agency
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TASMANIA

12:50

Lunch

13:35

SHOWCASE - THE COMMUNITY OF CARE HUB & GP PORTAL

PALLIATIVE CARE TASMANIA

13:45

RAPID WORKSHOPS 1 & 2

Strengthening our voice through experiences
Small group facilitation of symposium themes

14:45

Afternoon Refreshments

15:05

RAPID WORKSHOPS 3 & 4

Strengthening our voice through experiences
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16:05

Final plenary / Conference Close

16:30 – 17:00

PCT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PCT Members are invited to attend

18:00

PALLIATIVE CARE TASMANIA AWARDS

Invitation Only
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Rapid Workshops - Strengthening our voice through experiences

Participants will be involved in four rapid-fire workshops providing a voice to help shape our palliative care workforce.

Small groups will be facilitated and based on the key Symposium themes

- Palliative care in Aged Care.
- Palliative Care priority workforce issues, education and training.
- Supporting Carers and unpaid people in Palliative Care.
- Future thinking- what does healthcare reform look like.

Participants will explore insights, discuss what's working and have open and honest dialogue about areas of improvement and opportunities for development.

Insights from the workshops will be provided to the Tasmanian Government, key sector educators, and stakeholders so they can effectively plan to ensure all Tasmanians have equitable access to effective palliative care.

AVAILABLE FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

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Symposium Speakers

Corin Boughton

CARERS AUSTRALIA

THE LESS VISIBLE SIDE OF CARING

Carers Australia is the national peak body representing Australia's unpaid carers, advocating on their behalf to influence policies and services at a national level. Carers Australia works to improve the health, wellbeing, resilience and financial security of carers and to ensure that caring is a responsibility that's shared by family, community and government.

Caring through COVID launched in 2020 and uses storytelling, community building and toolbox creation to improve the wellbeing of carers for people living with mental illness and psychosocial disabilities. This session will present the learnings and takeaways from the Caring through COVID project and how these apply to unpaid carers and professionals in palliative care settings. To get a taste before session, listen to The Secret Life of Carers in your usual podcast feed.

Nick McShane STENNING & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD & David Morgan ARTIBUS INNOVATION

STATE OF PALLIATIVE CARE REPORT

The Strengthening Communities of Care Workforce Development Implementation Plan 2020-21 recommended that an annual State of Palliative Care Report be produced.

The palliative care workforce is very broad and includes all those who work with people with a life-limiting illness. This ranges from medical specialists to support workers and carers to volunteers and families and friends.

The State of Palliative Care Report 2021 provides a contemporary grasp on the breadth and depth of the palliative care workforce and will include data and information on:

- services whose workforce deals with people with a life-limiting illness in Tasmania (ranging from specialist palliative care services to broader health and community and volunteer services)
- numbers in the workforce and the job roles involved.
- The Report will provide a baseline against which progress with workforce development initiatives can be measured.

Sabina Clapham

AUSTRALIAN HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

GAPS IN WORKFORCE KNOWLEDGE

Identifying gaps and opportunities regarding the provision of palliative care can help advance palliative care service delivery, ensure health policy priority, and ultimately improve access to such care. PCOC is a well-established national outcome and benchmarking program, originally conceived for specialist palliative. In recent years, the program has been adapted for use in all settings where palliative care is provided, including Residential Aged Care. Central to PCOC is the standardised implementation of a routine assessment and response framework which forms the basis of a common language for describing palliative care needs.

The PCOC database comprises data describing more than 250,000 patients or residents, and one million phases of palliative care. This is a valuable resource for the health and care community to understand gaps in access, symptom and problem needs, and the degree to which those needs are met. This presentation includes a summary of patient outcome trends, with a particular focus on service utilisation and symptom and problem outcomes for community and Residential Aged Care.

Kathrine Morgan-Wicks

WHAT DOES PALLIATIVE CARE LOOK LIKE IN TASMANIAN HEALTH CARE REFORM

SECRETARY (CEO) – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (TAS)
COMMISSIONER OF AMBULANCE SERVICES

Our Healthcare Future seeks to build a sustainable Tasmanian health system for the future by connecting and rebalancing care across the acute, subacute, rehabilitation, mental health and primary health sectors through to care in the community. Following public consultation, a number of key themes involving palliative care and end of life care have been identified. In addition, the Tasmanian Government is embarking on a review of the Tasmanian Palliative Care Policy Framework. These represent significant policy reform in the Tasmanian palliative care sector. Join Kathrine Morgan-Wicks, the Secretary of the Tasmanian Department of Health, as she discusses key and emerging themes and the implications of the palliative care and end of life care workforce.

Professor Deborah Parker

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY

WILL THE ROYAL COMMISSION REFORM PACKAGE DELIVER BETTER PALLIATIVE CARE FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS?

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety conducted over a two year period (2018-2022) had a broad remit to identify the systemic problems in aged care with the ultimate goal to improve the health and wellbeing of older Australians receiving aged care services. The Final Report provided 148 recommendations intended to achieve a fundamental and systematic shift in aged care. The government response includes a \$17.7 billion five pillar reform package over five years. This presentation will discuss the Royal Commission recommendations and government reform package in the context of palliative care for older Australians.

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