

Palliative Aged Care Link Nurse Newsletter

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Welcome to the first Palliative Aged Care Link Nurse Newsletter!

The Victorian Government committed funding earlier this year for the role of Palliative Aged Care Support Nurse to provide support and assistance to aged care services in their provision of the palliative approach and end of life care to residents. In the Barwon Region Myra McRae was appointed in this role. Jamie Fogarty was appointed in the South West Region.

Congratulations to all 67 link nurses from residential aged care facilities in the Barwon sub-region that completed three days training on the palliative approach, clinical care in five domains and implementation of the key processes using the palliative approach 'toolkit'.

The link nurse attended three sessions that were held in Geelong, Bellarine or Colac over the months of August, September and October, 2012.

Well done! and thank you to the management of the following facilities and their link nurses for your support in the initiation of the first link nurse program:

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Website: www.bswrpc.org.au There is a tab for link nurses to access articles of interest including: education opportunities, medication conversions, medication compatibilities, the palliative approach toolkit, and much more.

Education

The link nurse sessions identified several areas of interest for further education. Self-care/bereavement care, dementia care, multicultural issues at end of life and communication strategies. I am currently working on an education calendar for 2013 to address these needs and will notify everyone in due course.

Next Link Nurse program will commence April 2013, further details will be forwarded to all as soon as I have locked in venues/dates.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe festive season, see you in 2013!



Link nurses in the Geelong Group



Link nurses in the Bellarine Group



Link nurses in the Colac Group



Link nurses Geelong Group

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