

Palliative Aged Care Link Nurse Newsletter, Issue 3, June 2013

Welcome to issue 3 of the Palliative Aged Care Link Nurse Newsletter!

The link nurse support network group training sessions have now been completed for 2013.

I would like to thank management from the following facilities for supporting their staff to attend and for supporting them in their role as link nurses in improving the care of residents.

I'd also like to thank the 2013 link nurses who completed the two day sessions for their enthusiasm and passion for a palliative approach and end of life care for their residents.

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Re grouping of LN's 2014

Re grouping of 2013 link nurses is planned for Feb/March 2014 to complete the post evaluation forms and discuss progress/barriers with implementing the key processes to a palliative approach and share ideas.

As with the 2012 link nurse re grouping we will also include in the day a one hour presentation on a subject TBA. If anyone has any specific subject request for this one hour presentation I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Upcoming Education

Registrations for 'A Palliative Approach to care for people living with dementia' workshop on **24th June, 2013** are now closed. **The response has been overwhelming and everyone is looking forward to an excellent educational day with Professor Fran McInerney.**

A one day workshop on self care/grief, sensitive communication and multiculturalism at end of life is planned for **October 10th, 2013.**

Further details and registrations will be available in August. Please note these workshops are open to everyone who work in aged care, link nurses and post PEPA students.

Personal Care Workers Education Day

In response to feedback received from current link nurses a palliative approach education day specifically for personal care workers is planned for the 11th September in the McKellar Education and Training Centre. Further details and registrations will be available in July.

Informal Education

In developing my role as Palliative Aged Care Support Nurse I am now offering as a pilot project informal one hour education sessions to individual aged care facilities on request. The focus of the education should be on topics which were covered in the palliative approach training. Please email or call Myra to discuss/arrange.

Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA)

A reminder to those of you who would like to have some hands on experience and training in a palliative care environment that PEPA are currently offering placements. PEPA includes clinical workforce placements of up to five days with a specialist palliative care service at little to no cost to yourself or your employer.

Visit <http://www.pepaeducation.com/health-professionals/aged-care-staff.aspx> for further information to apply.

