



The Palliative Approach Newsletter December 2017 - Issue 21

Welcome to Issue number 21 of the Palliative Approach Newsletter.

This newsletter is aimed at enhancing communication across residential and community aged care and disability services. Each quarter we provide information on upcoming education opportunities for professional development. I welcome your input to the newsletter, so if you would like to contribute please email me at myra.mcrae@barwonhealth.org.au

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season and to thank you for your continued support of the Palliative Aged Care Support Nurse role over the last 12 months.

We have a few exciting things to offer in 2018. Firstly, we have the dynamic Professor Fran McInerney from the University of Tasmania and the Wicking Institute delivering a workshop entitled 'Dementia and Palliative Care' in Warrnambool on Friday the 18th May and in Geelong on Monday the 21st May, 2018. For those of you who have attended Fran's previous workshops I'm sure you will be excited to know she will be back in town. Please spread the word among staff/colleagues. A flyer advertising the event will be available in due course.

I will be running three workshops in 2018 in Geelong and Camperdown with members from Barwon Health's multidisciplinary palliative care team. Keep an eye out for more information in the New Year.

The Office of the Public Advocate is planning to hold an education session in Geelong on the new Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016 which will be implemented on the 12th March, 2018. This new act will have a significant impact on the Aged Care Sector so it would be valuable for appropriate staff from residential aged care to attend.

I aim to continue to support you to provide best practice end of life care to your residents with in-services and clinical care workshops and secondary consultation throughout 2018.

See you in the New Year, stay safe!

Best Wishes,

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