

## What's happening in the consortium?

As the consortium has implemented most of the actions in the operational plan, there will be a planning day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, where the consortium members as well as the Clinical Advisory Group members will determine the activities for the next few months.

There are lots of activities in Palliative Care in Victoria at the moment, with the development of a new Service Delivery Framework and Funding Model, the Refresh of the Palliative Care Policy, as well as projects in some regions and these activities will impact on any consortium activities in the future.

We'll keep you posted.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions: [consortium@sepallcare.org.au](mailto:consortium@sepallcare.org.au)

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## Motor Neurone Disease

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The MND shared care worker has produced a brochure to outline her area of work, what she can do for services and how to contact her. You can download the brochure from the website:

[www.smrpalliativecare-consortium.org.au](http://www.smrpalliativecare-consortium.org.au)

## SMR presence at the Together! Palliative Care Conference 2009

The Southern Metropolitan Region was represented significantly at the Palliative Care Conference in Perth. There were at least 6 speakers from our region in the main conference program as well as a number of interesting poster presentations. Conference proceedings will soon be available on the PCA website: [www.palliativecare.org.au](http://www.palliativecare.org.au)

Inge McGinn from Peninsula Hospice Service won the "Best Australian Poster" with the contribution titles: "From lover to carer and the dance of mutual protection", which focussed on the integration of couple relationships into holistic care.

## Volunteer Speakers Kit

As part of the Health Promoting Palliative Care project of the consortium, the executive decided to produce a resource for member agencies in order to enable them to better resource their volunteers when they are asked to speaking engagements in the community. This resource will take the form of a speaker's kit as and will be supported by training for potential speakers in the region.

The kit will be developed in collaboration with member agencies in the SMR and some input from PCV.

It is expected that the kits will be ready for distribution by February or March 2010 and that the training will be conducted shortly after that timeline. If you are interested in the kit or the training, please contact: [h.promotion@sepallcare.org.au](mailto:h.promotion@sepallcare.org.au)

## Health Promoting Palliative Care

The HPPC project is now officially finalised and the evaluation of the project is available on the Palliative Care Victoria website on: [www.pallcarevic.asn.au](http://www.pallcarevic.asn.au)

Some bridging funding has been made available and the Health Promotion Coordinator CiCi Edwards-Jensen is still working with us one day per week. CiCi will expand some of the activities now to the whole region and small grants for projects on health promotion in palliative care are still available. Contact CiCi for more information on [h.promotion@sepallcare.org.au](mailto:h.promotion@sepallcare.org.au)



Flowers in a community garden project as part of the Health promoting Palliative Care seed funding (not a pun).

## Podcasts

There are now about 15 podcasts available on the PCV website. These short presentations and interviews cover a wide range of palliative care topics, ranging from communication with patients and families to the role of providers as well as conditions and treatments. It's easy, go to:

<http://www.pallcarevic.asn.au/-pepa/podcasts>

## Resources

### Arranging a funeral

The New South Wales Office of Fair Trading has released a brochure in five languages providing information on arranging a funeral.

The brochure is available in:

- [English](#)
- [Arabic](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [Korean](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

Brochures can be ordered from the [Office](#).

## News, Dates and Events

### Victoria Integrated Cancer Services Supportive Care Conference

Monday 19 October 2009 at RACV Club, Melbourne.. Download [flyer](#)

### Indigenous Health and Healing Symposium

9th of November, 4-5.30pm  
BMW Edge, Federation Square, free event, but register 99055971 or [mnhs.rsvp@med.monash.edu.au](mailto:mnhs.rsvp@med.monash.edu.au)

### National Palliative Care Week 2010

National Palliative Care Week will be 23-29 May 2010. Log on to PCA Connect to receive updates through the PCA e-bulletin.