

What's happening in the consortium?

At the recent consortium planning day we set the agenda for the work over the next 10-12 months.

In addition to the ongoing work of the consortium, here are the new priorities:

- Shaping the role of the consortium in the context of the new service delivery framework and refreshed policy
- Developing and implementing a CALD strategy
- Influencing the research agenda and applying research findings
- Coordinating support for palliative care in Residential Aged Care Facilities
- Service Access: define common tools for assessing complexity and support need across the region.

We are looking forward to developing some useful resources for the sector and improving access to palliative care services for those who need it.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions: consortium@sepallcare.org.au

Tanja Bahro, SMRPCC Manager

Postgraduate Palliative Care Scholarships Close 27th November 2009

The Department of Health is offering 20 scholarships for medical, nursing and allied health professionals to undertake graduate or postgraduate study in the area of palliative care from 2009.

Palliative Care Victoria will be administering this program for the third consecutive year.

Scholarships of up to \$3000 per year are available for people undertaking approved courses.

Applications will be assessed on the basis of previous education and clinical experience related to palliative care and the applicant's demonstrated or stated commitment to continue or commence employment in the palliative care sector.

Scholarship funding is granted for a 12 month period only.

For further information on the guidelines, list of suggested courses and to access an application form please visit the [What's New](#) section on the website.

Call For Abstract Submissions Reminder

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT TODAY! DON'T MISS OUT!

The Organising Committee invites you to submit an abstract for the Inaugural International Advance Care Planning Conference

The theme for the Conference is "Advance Care Planning: Working Towards Success and Sustainability".

Please visit the Conference website to view the abstract submission guidelines www.internationalacp2010.com

Palliative Care State Conference 2010

Palliative Care Victoria is now organising the next State Conference which will be held on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July 2010 in Melbourne. Please put this date in your diary now and circulate to interested people as this will be a major event on the palliative care calendar in Victoria.

PCV would like to have a challenging theme for 2010. If you have any bright ideas or topics you would like to see explored at the conference at a state level, please let them know.

Did you know that there are still some very small grants available for projects building community capacity in palliative care in the region?

We would like to concentrate now on the inner south and peninsula sub-region. Interested? Contact CiCi on h.promotion@sepallcare.org.au

News, Dates and Events

Inaugural International Advance Care Planning Conference that I am assisting them to organise for 22 – 24 April 2010. The Conference will be held at the *new* Melbourne Convention Centre.

Web-link to the 3rd e-blast:

<http://www.internationalacp2010.com/email/index3.html>

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.

Griefline forum on Migrant Women

Wednesday 18th November

Cost: \$45 per person

Venue: Ashley Ricketson Lecture Theatre
Caulfield General Hospital
260 Kooyong Road
South Caulfield 3162

For any enquiries please call 9532 9980 during BH.

Annual St Vincent's Psycho-oncology Lecture.

The lecture is an opportunity for those interested in psychosocial cancer care to meet and this year Professor Phyllis Butow from University of Sydney will deliver a presentation on Migrants in Cancer.

The lecture will be held on Thursday 3 December 2009 5.30 Refreshments, 6.15 – 7.15 Lecture

Michael Chamberlin Theatre

Mary Aikenhead Building

St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

Please secure your place by emailing Jane Fletcher

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