

Residential Aged Care Newsletter

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Welcome...

The Southern Metropolitan Region Palliative Care Consortium is an alliance of palliative care service providers that aims to support improvements in the integration and coordination of palliative care services. The Consortium includes palliative care services that work in the community, acute settings and inpatient settings (palliative care units).

AGED CARE PROJECT

The Consortium is supporting a project to develop sustainable strategies to support Aged Care Facilities in a Palliative Approach to care of residents.

As part of the project a bi-monthly newsletter will be circulated to ACF's in the Southern Metropolitan Region.

The aim of the newsletter is to:

- Keep you informed about project activities
- Provide you with relevant information and resources about palliative care that will assist you in your practice
- Forward details about educational opportunities and events

Project Officer

Robyn Allan has been appointed as Project Officer. Robyn has had over 20 years experience in Palliative Care and over the last few years has focussed on support and education in Palliative Approach to the Aged Care Sector.

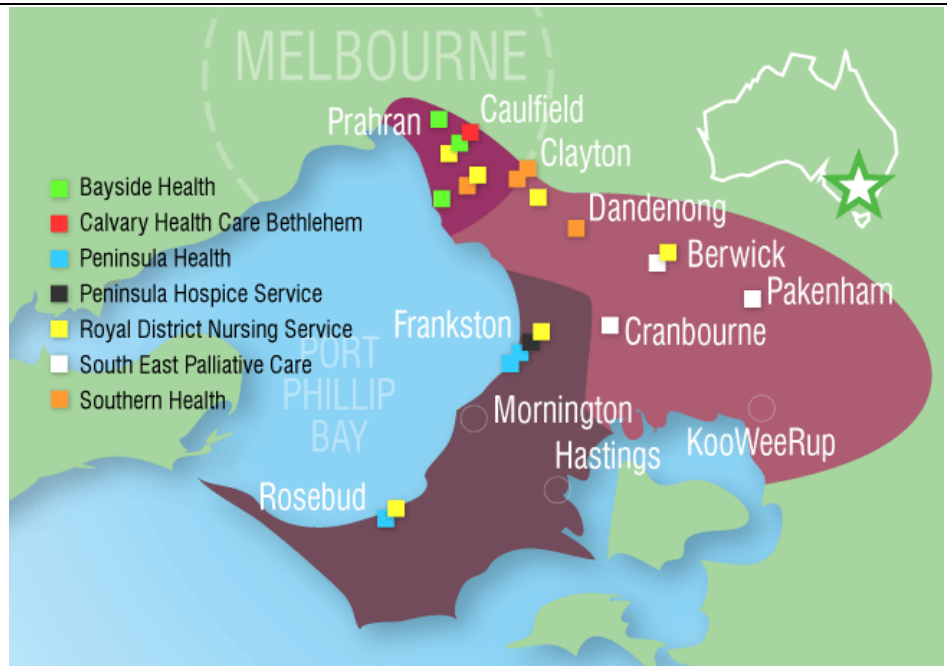
Robyn can be contacted on 0409139371 or rallan@sepc.org.au

Website

www.smrpalliativecare-consortium.org.au

The SMRPCC website now has a section for Aged Care which includes;

- information about the project
- resources and web links
- upcoming events and educational opportunities



Palliative Care Services in the Region

Name & Weblink	Catchment (See Map)	Address
Community Palliative Care		
South East Palliative Care	Greater Dandenong, Casey, Cardinia, and parts of Kingston	Integrated Care Centre Locked Bag 2500 140-154 Sladen Street Cranbourne VIC 3977
Calvary Bethlehem	Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside and parts of Kingston	476 Kooyong Road Caulfield VIC 3162
Peninsula Hospice Service	Frankston, Mornington Peninsula	Building 6 125 Golf Links Road Frankston VIC
RDNS		
Royal District Nursing Service	All Southern Metropolitan Region see map	Several locations in the region see map
Inpatient Palliative Care		
Calvary Bethlehem	N/A	476 Kooyong Road Caulfield VIC 3162
McCulloch House (Southern Health)	N/A	McCulloch House Monash Medical Centre 246 Clayton Road Clayton VIC 3168
Casey Hospital (Southern Health)	N/A	52 Kangan Drive Berwick VIC
Peninsula Health Palliative Care Unit	N/A	125 Golf Links Road Frankston VIC

Project Advisory Group

Contact	Agency
Brenda Wells	St Michaels
Daniyela Rob	ACCV
Gill Hynes	Argyle Court RACF
Jackie Bonjiavani	RDNS
Janice Hadgraft	Accreditation Agency
Lillian Brown	
Janine Stockley	Blue Cross
Kate Hough	ACCV
Liz Barton	Palliative Care Unit, Peninsula Health
Lizz Hamilton	South East Palliative Care
Lynne Bickerstaff	Southern Health
Marie Hunt	Monash Division of General Practice Bayside General Practice Network
Mary Waterfall	Casey Hospital
Melinda Poon	Calvary Health Care Bethlehem
Pam de Klerk	Peninsula Hospice Service
Rachel Bovenizer	Consortium Chair
Robyn Allan	SMRPCC
Shannon Thompson	Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem
Stephanie Campbell	Cabrini Health, Community Service

Pain Assessment in People with Cognitive Impairment

Pam Johnson, Manager, Aged Care at the Eltham Retirement Centre (Melbourne Citymission) will be speaking about her research at eight Victorian facilities into pain assessment tools; their validity, reliability and utility especially with non-verbal/cognitively impaired people. This research has been funded through the National Aging Research Institute with an NH&MRC grant.

This presentation will be followed by the Special Interest Group meeting.

When 10 am to 12.30 pm,
Wednesday, 18th May
2011 (morning tea
provided)

Where Room 102/103 La
Trobe University, 215
Franklin St, Melbourne

Register at <http://pall-aged-care-sig.eventbrite.com?ref=elink>



Thanks to all of you who have completed the online survey. The link is still open for updating/adding information, as below.

[click here for the survey](#)

We are assuming if you have not completed the survey that your details are correct!

Resource of interest

CareSearch



(www.caresearch.com.au) is a palliative care knowledge network funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and managed by Flinders University. The website has evidence based and quality palliative care information for patients, families, GPs and other health professionals and includes information for specific population groups and workers (eg Aged Care). Learn more about what this website can offer by viewing the CareSearch DVDs (short clips which can be played on the computer) You can also register free with the Nurses Hub to receive the monthly Newsletter online. <http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/ProfessionalGroups/NursesHubHome/NursesNews/nursesHUBNews/tabid/1606/Default.aspx>

Palliative Care Victoria Special Interest Group

Did you know that Palliative Care Victoria has an AGED CARE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP that meets every three months in the city. This is a proactive group and a great networking opportunity. Meetings run from 10am-12.30pm. Guest speakers present topics of interest and relevance to the sector followed by a group meeting. Regular electronic mail-outs to members of the group provide information about activities, events and education opportunities for Aged Care staff. For further information contact Merrian Oliver-Weymouth at Palliative Care Victoria: moliver-weymouth@pallcarevic.asn.au PH 03 9662 9644

Next Meeting 18th of May, 10-12.30, Franklin Street, Melbourne, see opposite

**COMING UP.....
FORUMS ACROSS
THE SOUTHERN
REGION FOR ACF
MANAGERS AND
SENIOR STAFF
...MORE DETAILS
SOON**