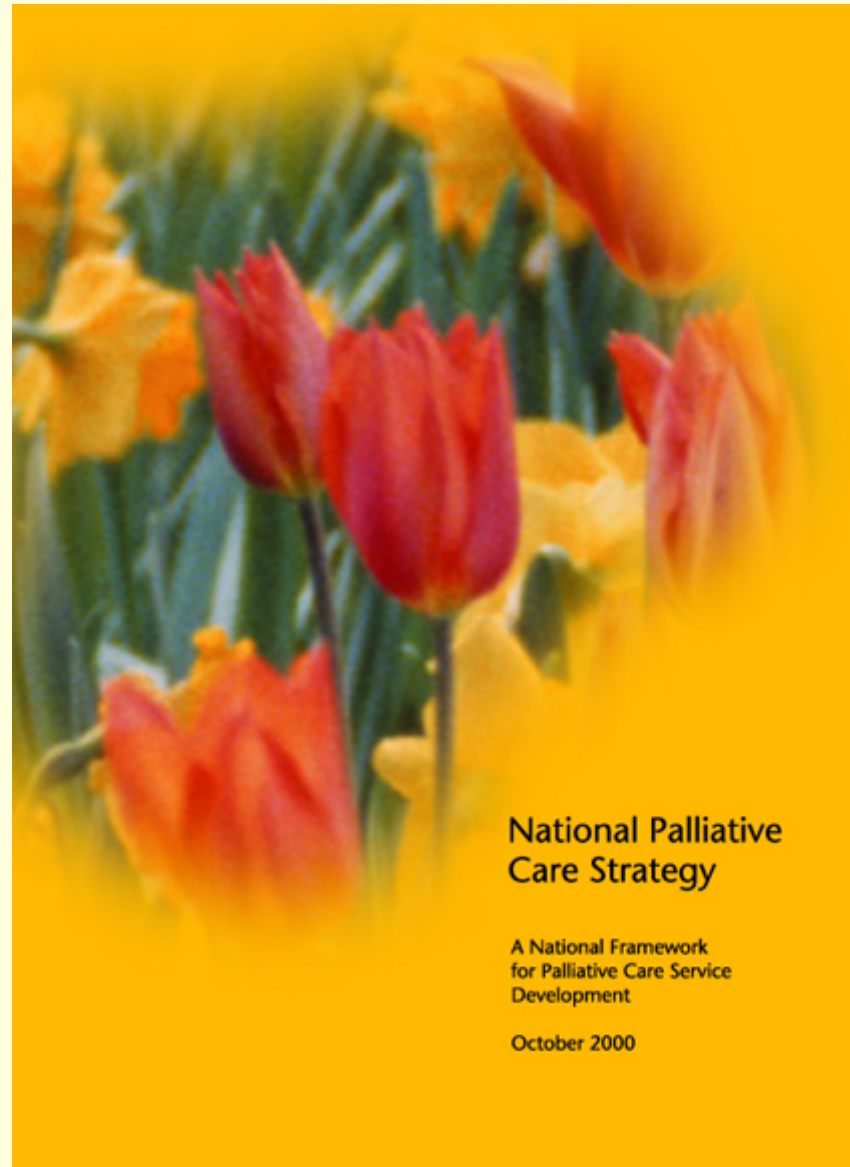


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THE NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

LPCGP Care Planning Workshop
27 November 2006





**National Palliative
Care Strategy**

A National Framework
for Palliative Care Service
Development

October 2000



Growing need for palliative care

- **Changing demographics**
 - Ageing population
 - Living longer with complex needs
 - Increasing consumer expectations
 - Increasing incidence of major drivers – eg. cancer, cardiovascular disease
 - More than terminal care



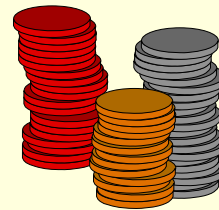
Funding for the National Program



AHCA (2003-2008)

\$188m to
States/Territories

\$13m for National
Initiatives



Palliative Care in the
Community

2006-2010 \$62.8m



**Local Palliative Care
Grants Program**

2005-2009 \$23.1m





Support for patients, families and carers in the community

Increased access to palliative care medicines in the community

Education, training and support for the workforce

Research and quality improvement for palliative care services

Community Awareness

PBS listings for palliative care medications

PEPA
Nurses, GPs, Allied Health

Knowledge Network & CareSearch

Rural Palliative Care Program

Quality use of medicines

Undergraduate Curriculum

NHMRC Research Program

Paediatric Palliative Care Resource

Postgraduate Courses

Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration

Indigenous resources

Vocational Education

Information development framework to support quality improvement

Bereavement

Advance Care Planning

Guidelines for needs-based assessment & referral

Palliative care patients living at home without a carer

Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in aged care – RACF and Community

RURAL AGED CARE PAEDIATRIC INDIGENOUS



Local Palliative Care Grants Program

- **Four funding rounds 2005 – 2009**
 - Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support (first release)
 - Pastoral care counselling and support
 - Care planning
 - Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support (second release)



1. Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support

- 55 projects funded in all states and territories
- Grants of between \$30,000 and \$100,000
- Projects such as refurbishment of rooms, provision of specialist equipment and workforce development have been funded



2. Pastoral care, counselling and support

- 32 projects funded, including a National Overview and Evaluation Project
- Grants of between \$30,000 and \$120,000
- Projects to address the emotional and spiritual needs of patients requiring palliative care and their families, by improving pastoral care, counselling and support services.



3. Care Planning

- 33 projects funded nationally
- Grants of between \$100,000 and \$250,000 for projects to develop flexible models of care, improve collaboration and support transition between settings of care
- Projects to share and disseminate findings



Evaluation of the Care Planning sub-program

Aims

- To promote partnerships, links and contacts
- To foster and promote discussion and information sharing
- To assist with data collection
- To support the development of communities of practice



4. Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support

- The fourth funding round (a second release of fit out and equipping premises and transition to home support) will be advertised in early 2007



Palliative Care Knowledge Network

- One stop shop for those providing palliative care or affected by palliative care
- Content and resources for patients and carers, volunteers, health professionals, specialist palliative care services and the general community
- Supporting the development of communities of practice
- Visit: www.caresearch.com.au



For more information

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