

## Awards 2010 Criteria and Process

### Aim of the Awards

The Palliative Care Awards have been organised by Palliative Care NSW to recognise the efforts of those who support and care for people who are dying through public recognition of organisations and individuals who provide excellent support and care to those people.

Palliative care professionals contribute to a compassionate and skilled response when helping people to live well alongside serious illness and die with dignity. These Awards provide the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution to palliative care in NSW by members of our community.

Nominations must be consistent with the philosophy of Palliative Care New South Wales.

### The Judging Process

An independent judging panel will again be convened to assess applications. This year there will be two teams of judges as we have

expanded the number of award categories. Each team will consist of one non-NSW based palliative care expert, one representative from the Management Committee of Palliative Care New South Wales and one non-active NSW based palliative care specialist.

### Awards - General Criteria and Nomination Process:

1. Entry is free. Eligibility is open to individuals or teams
2. Please refer to the category award criteria and address relevant points in your submission. Applications that do not address the specified criteria will not be considered
3. Complete the official Nomination Form
4. All nominations received will be acknowledged by email reply
5. All accepted nominees will be presented with a certificate at the Gala Awards Dinner
6. All submitted nominations and supporting material remain the property of Palliative Care New South Wales and will not be returned
7. Nominators MUST be fully paid up individual members of Palliative Care New South Wales
8. Nominations must arrive at the office of Palliative Care New South Wales by no later than 30 April 2010
9. Once the nominations have been submitted the judging process remains confidential until the announcement
10. The Gala Awards Dinner will be held on Friday 28 May 2010. For Sydney Metropolitan finalists both nominator and nominee are expected to attend. For non-Sydney finalists either the nominee or nominator is expected to attend. Presentation of an Award is conditional on attendance.

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### Award Category 1: Leadership in Palliative Care

Leadership in Palliative Care involves engaging the hearts and minds of those providing Palliative Care to progress and maintain excellence in care provision. Leaders exhibit many and varied skills, including mentorship, support, passion for their field of work, commitment to working in partnerships, respect for others, teamwork, persistence, pioneering developments and good humour.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

Nominations can be made by any health care worker for anyone working within Specialist Palliative Care (Nursing, Medical or Allied Health)

**Nominations for this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate at three or more of the following:**

1. Demonstrated Leadership in Palliative Care using examples of activities and/or initiatives
2. Provision or support of Mentorship
3. Supporting staff to enable ongoing excellence in Palliative Care provision
4. Demonstrate how there has been enhanced communication between multidisciplinary team members eg enhancing communication; supporting training opportunities.

### Award Category 2: Outstanding Contribution to Specialist Palliative Care (the Quiet Achiever Award)

This category refers to staff/teams who have demonstrated a commitment to providing quality Palliative Care.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

Specialist Palliative Care individuals or teams can be nominated for this award. These can be self nominated or you may submit a nomination.

**Nominations for this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate ALL of the following:**

1. Commitment to lifelong learning or commitment to professional development
2. Excellence in care provision
3. Linkages and partnerships within multidisciplinary teams or primary care providers, and with other agencies
4. Evidence of impact on the attitudes and practice of others.

### Award Category 3: Palliative Care New South Wales Innovation in Palliative Care

This category refers to staff/teams who have initiated innovative projects, practices or services that have enhanced Palliative Care provision.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

Specialist Palliative Care individuals or teams can be nominated for this award. These can be self nominated or you may submit a nomination.

**Nominations for this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate ALL of the following:**

1. The individual/team has initiated an innovative project/practice/service that enhances care for persons with Palliative Care needs, their family or carers and/or the wider community

2. The individual/team can demonstrate the impact or outcomes of the innovation
3. The individual/team's innovation is sustainable.

*Please include information about how the innovation was supported, eg grant, restructure etc (not included in word limit).*

### Award Category 4: Volunteers Supporting Palliative Care

This category refers to an exceptional contribution by a volunteer or volunteer service to improving the experience of a patient/s with Palliative Care needs or their family.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

A Palliative Care Volunteer is a person who has chosen to give time to assist the patients and/or their families/carers of a Palliative Care Service.

This award relates to an individual volunteer or a volunteer service that works within a Palliative Care Service.

*Nominations can ONLY be made by a Specialist Palliative Care provider.*

**Nominations for this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate ALL of the following:**

1. The activity of the individual or service has improved the quality of life of others
2. The individual or service makes an exceptional or outstanding contribution.

*Please provide examples.*

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### Award Category 5:

**Excellence in provision of Primary (non-Specialist) Palliative Care within a Non-Specialist Care setting (eg. Hospital wards, GP practices, Community health, community care settings)**

The role of primary (non-Specialist) care services is fundamental to high quality care for people with palliative care needs. This includes providing supportive care, symptom assessment and management, education and bereavement support, implementing best practice referral policy and procedures and undertaking holistic assessments.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

Individuals or teams can be nominated for this award. Nominations can ONLY be made by a Specialist Palliative Care provider.

**Nominations for this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate ALL of the following:**

1. Provision of excellent primary level palliative care (either a single event or ongoing care provision)
2. Procedures in place to enable ongoing excellence in primary level palliative care
3. Demonstrated clear understanding of the role of a Specialist Palliative Care service
4. Demonstrated appropriate use of Specialist Palliative Care support
5. Evidence of promotion of quality Palliative Care to others.

### Award Category 6:

**Excellence in provision of Palliative Care within a Residential Aged Care Facility**

Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) are caring for a population with complex health care needs. It is clear that many residents require a palliative approach to their care, based on impeccable assessments, holistic care and clear communication both within multi-disciplinary teams and with residents/families.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

Individuals or teams can be nominated for this award. Nominations can ONLY be made by a Specialist Palliative Care provider.

**The nominee for this category must be able to demonstrate or illustrate ALL of the following:**

1. The individual/team has provided a quality palliative approach within a RACF setting to an individual resident/family and/or service improvement
2. The individual/team can demonstrate the outcome from this care for residents/families
3. The RACF demonstrates a clear understanding of the role of a Consultative Specialist Palliative Care service and how/when to access their support
4. Demonstrated appropriate use of Specialist Palliative Care support
5. Evidence of promotion of quality Palliative Care to others.

### Award Category 7:

**Significance in Palliative Care Research**

People living with a life limiting illness and their caregivers deserve the best quality evidence to guide their care; and there remain many unanswered questions about the best approach for many aspects of the care we provide in palliative care.

#### Who is eligible for this award?

Individuals or teams can be nominated for this award. Nominations for this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate how this research or programme of research improves the experience of those requiring Palliative Care.

*Nominations can ONLY be made by a Specialist Palliative Care provider/s.*

**The nominee for this category must be able to demonstrate or illustrate ALL of the following:**

1. The nominee must be able to provide evidence of how the research programme of research will lead to direct clinical impact to the palliative care population and/or their caregivers
2. The research must have been presented at a conference; or be formally accepted for presentation within the next 12 months
3. Consideration will be taken of the nominee publication and grant record in palliative care related research; and use of innovative strategies to address challenges in palliative care research
4. The lead investigator must be a resident of NSW.

*If the research was funded, the funding source and amount is stated.*

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