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New grants ensure better end of life care in Victoria

Organisations from suburban Melbourne to rural Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Moorabool will share in six grants totalling \$480,000 announced today as part of the Decision Assist Linkages project.

Linkages Project Leader, Professor Patsy Yates from the Queensland University of Technology said the residential aged care facility Glanville Village in Echuca has identified a strong need for culturally appropriate palliative care for its Indigenous residents.

“Echuca Regional Health will link with the community palliative care service, the Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer and Glanville Village to focus on strategic planning and to optimise appropriate palliative care,” Professor Yates said.

“Victoria’s culturally and linguistically diverse community will also be the focus of the project from Partners Residential In Reach Service Peninsula Health and Peninsula Home Hospice, TLC Forest Lodge and Ranelagh Gardens..

“The group will focus on culturally appropriate palliative care for this significant community in the Cranbourne, Frankston and Mornington areas and will link to develop a range of services to manage physical and psychological symptoms and care in the last days of life.

“The project funds will support organisations such as these in developing communication pathways, establishing agreements, developing different care approaches or establishing new or enhanced existing linkages between palliative care and aged care,” Professor Yates added.

More than \$1.5m in grants was announced as part of the Decision Assist Linkages project to build better links between the providers of palliative and aged care across Australia.

The Decision Assist program is enhancing the delivery of advance care planning and palliative care to older Australians, by providing education and support to GPs and aged care staff nationally.

Funded by the Australian Government, Decision Assist also includes a 24/7 telephone advisory service for health professionals, specialised workshops and a dedicated website featuring the latest information and advice about advance care planning and palliative care.

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