Caring Communities Program - Project Overview

Organisation: Central Australian Division of Primary Health Care

Name of Project: Palliative Care Education and Support Program

Length of Project: Two Years

Project Summary:

The project aims to offer palliative care training, education and awareness opportunities appropriate for specialists, a broad range of primary health care workers involved in palliative care and the general community. In addition, the project will establish peer support to specialist palliative care professionals in Central Australia and the Barkly regions and improve co-ordination and co-operation between agencies involved in Palliative Care.

Project Objectives:

Offer expert Palliative Care education to all health care providers in the Central Australian region.
Offer peer support to specialist Palliative Care services.
Raise professional awareness of services available.
Enhance Palliative Care networks within the regional areas

Project Activities:

Bring to the Northern Territory specialists in Palliative Care (Doctors, Nurses, Allied health, Bereavement counsellors) to offer education and support to providers of palliative services. The speakers will be available for Grand rounds at the relevant hospitals, GP CPD training sessions, Ward rounds, specific education sessions to the wider community and specific time spent with the regional Palliative Care teams.

In consultation with other health care providers the Division will determine areas that need to be covered and allocate a program over the two years. This may be tailored to relevant needs, as is required.