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Did You Know:

Palliative Care Week runs 24 – 30 May 2010. To find out more go to Palliative Care Australia website. For Queensland events go to the Palliative Care Queensland website. If your organisation is planning an event during that week and would like it publicised – contact CPCRE to let us know what you are planning.

Newsletter Content

Please email CPCRE if there is content that you would like considered for publication in Centre On-Line.

CPCRE News Update

CALENDAR & eBulletin - The Centre has published its Education Calendar for the first half of 2010 and you should have received it already if you are our mailing list. If you have palliative care education activities to be added to the Calendar for the second half of the year (July – December), please email details to CPCRE before April 30. Activities will be added to CPCRE's online calendar as well as the monthly Events eBulletin.

Upcoming CPCRE Educational Activities

CPCRE and PEPA (Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach), are running the following workshops over the next few months:

- **CPCRE Clinical Skills Update** Rockhampton, March 8 and RBWH April 14
- **PEPA GP Update** Sunshine Coast March 13, 2010 in association with Sunshine Coast Division of General Practice.
- **For more information on PEPA workshops**, please email Kathryn Laurent or phone (07) 3636 6216.
- **For more information on Clinical Skills Updates**, please email Rosaleen Matters or phone 3636 1449.

Australia Day Honours

It was announced on Australia Day that two Queensland palliative care practitioners have been awarded an OAM. Dr Fabio Brecciaroli, of the Sunshine Coast – Wide Bay District received his award for service to medicine, particularly through the provision of palliative care services, and to the community of the Sunshine Coast. Dr Will Cairns of Townsville District received his award for service to palliative medicine, and to the community of the Townsville region. Congratulations to both of them.

Mailing List

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CPCRE 9th Annual Research Conference

CPCRE's 9th Annual Research Conference will be held in the Russell Strong Auditorium, Princess Alexandra Hospital, on **Friday 30th April 2010**. The keynote speaker will be Andrew Wilson, Executive Dean, School of Health at QUT.

Presentations from Conference 2009 are available on the CPCRE website. For more information or to provide feedback or suggestions for future conferences, please email CPCRE.

Newsflash - National Palliative Care Strategy

The National Palliative Care Strategy (2000) is currently under review. The report on the first phase of this review is available at http://npcsu.communiogroup.com. The new strategy will shape the direction of palliative care in Australia for many years to come. The review process needs your input! There are a couple of important opportunities for your participation in shaping the future of palliative care in Australia.

1) – participate in an online survey at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PalliativeCareStrategyUpdate

2) Attend a free consultative workshop in Brisbane on March 24. You can register by going to
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/68MPWYF

Upcoming Queensland Activities

Palliative Care Queensland Biennial Conference- Ipswich, May 21st - 22nd, 2010. For more information, contact PCQ directly on (07) 3633 0096 or by visiting Palliative Care Queensland.

Palliative Care Nurses Australia Palliative Care Nurses Australia 3rd Biennial Conference - Brisbane, August 27th - 28th, 2010.

Queensland Palliative Care Research Group

Following a period of 'rest' the **Queensland Palliative Care Research Group (QPCRG)** has started again and is hosted by CPCRE. The primary role of the QPCRG is to promote high impact and quality collaborative research in supportive and palliative care throughout Queensland. The QPCRG provides a forum for researchers involved in supportive and palliative care research to share ideas, knowledge and experience. Collaborative research partnerships are fostered and encouraged. QPCRG meets quarterly.

Paediatric Palliative Care Forum

In November a community forum run by the newly formed **Paediatric Palliative Care Service (PPCS)** was held to introduce the PPCS and as a group discuss paediatric palliative care in South East Queensland. Professionals from most of the health disciplines representing tertiary and regional hospitals, community services and support groups, individuals from Queensland Health Corporate office as well as bereaved parents accepted the invitation to attend resulting in a gathering of a wide cross section of stakeholders. To read the full report.

Palliative Care Educator's Network

The **Palliative Care Educators Network** provides a forum for members to collaborate on education programs, share ideas and experiences with the ultimate aim of reducing duplication in palliative care education delivery in Queensland. The Network aims to facilitate discussion on ideas for palliative care education, promote collaboration and coordinate the provision of palliative care education across the whole health sector in Queensland.

Membership is voluntary and open to Queensland based organisations with demonstrated experience and capacity to provide palliative care education events. For more information contact Carol Hope.

Third National Palliative Care Education Conference

Held at QUT, Brisbane and hosted by the **Palliative Care Curriculum for Undergraduates (PCC4U)** project, the conference program considered future directions for building a health workforce capable of meeting the needs of our communities.

Attracting 138 delegates including academics and palliative care clinicians from all disciplines as well as government officials and educators, the two days provided opportunities to reflect on many aspects of undergraduate learning and development of life-long learning skills. For more information about PCC4U or to read conference reports visit www.pcc4u.org.

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