

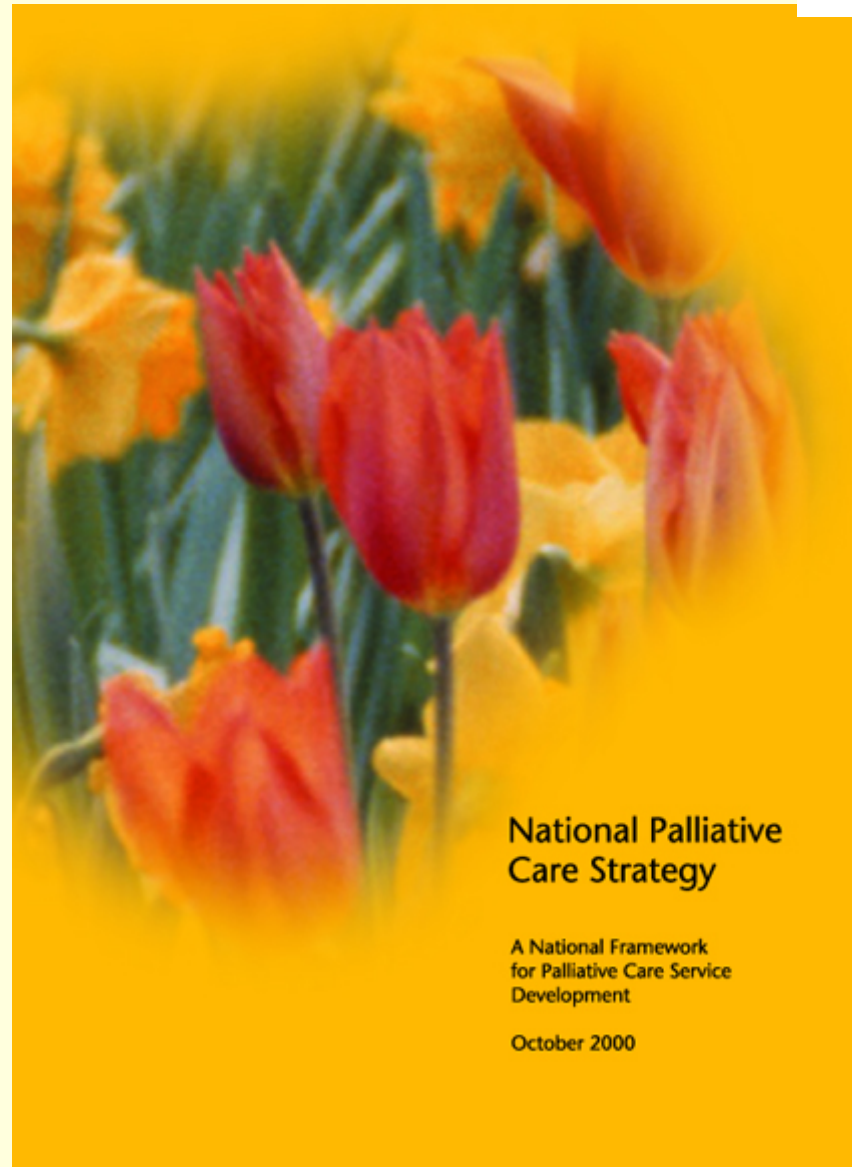
# NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

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**National Palliative  
Care Strategy**

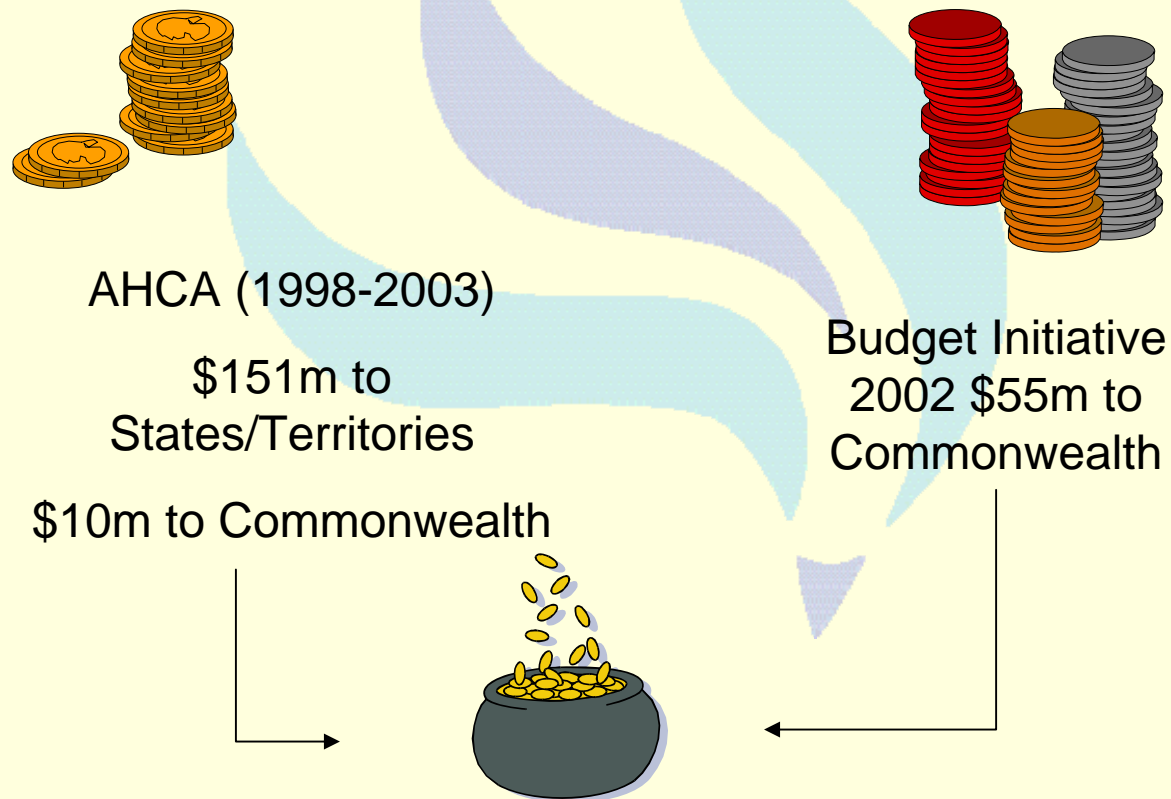
A National Framework  
for Palliative Care Service  
Development

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Ageing**

# Funding for Palliative Care



# The National Palliative Care Program

- Assistance for families and increased support to other care networks
- Education, training and support for the primary care workforce
- Increasing the range and reach of palliative care services
- Provision of an expanded range of medications for palliative care in the community
- Capacity building in the palliative care research community
- Performance information development.

# Analysis of Applications

\$4.7 million nationally - 277 applications received nationally  
 37 Successful

State/Territory	Applications received	Successful
NSW	68	9
VIC	77	5
QLD	65	5
SA	24	4
WA	15	5
NT	11	4
TAS	9	2
ACT	5	3

# Caring Communities Program

- **Projects are diverse on almost every dimension, eg,**
  - size
  - location
  - target group
  - goals
  - strategies
  - evaluation capacity

# Location of Projects

Location	Total
Capital city	18
Regional	4
Rural	11
Remote	4
Grand Total	37

# Target Populations

- Professionals - 15
- Community - 6
- Carers - 5
- Volunteers - 4
- Patients - 3
- Children - 2
- Residential Aged Care Workforce - 1
- Workplace - 1

# Activities projects will carry out

- 9 - Training health professional
- 7 - Education and support for volunteers, carers etc
- 6 - Developing a new practice model (most = role for GPs)
- 4 - Setting up or enhancing a volunteer service
- 3 - General community awareness raising
- 3 - Various other
- 2 - Coordinating existing services
- 2 - Developing a website or booklet

# Training for Health Professionals

- Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA)
- Undergraduate curriculum in palliative care
- GP Education - Research project into education, training and support for general practitioners in palliative care
- Distance Education: Health Promoting Palliative Care
- Australian Palliative Aged Care project (APAC)
- Guidelines and education and training resource in Indigenous Palliative Care
- Guidelines for palliative care in residential aged care and an education program on palliative care for staff working in aged care facilities
- Post graduate courses in Gerontology and palliative care

# Carers, Volunteers, Community Awareness

- Respite for palliative care
- Palliative Care Equipment program
- Carers Focused Palliative Care Information and Education Initiatives
- National Palliative Care Week activities and general awareness program

# Service Delivery Models

- Palliative Care Trial: A study of the use of Enhanced Primary Care Medicare Items and Educational Interventions (EPC)
- Griffith Area Palliative Care Service (GAPS)
- Rural Australia Palliative Care Partnerships Program
- Paediatric Palliative Care models of care
- Indigenous Palliative Care Scoping study
- Palliative Care Research Program

# Critical Issues

- Communications
- Sustainability / generalisability
- Evaluation