

THE NATIONAL
PALLIATIVE CARE
PROGRAM



Caring Communities Program 2nd National Workshop

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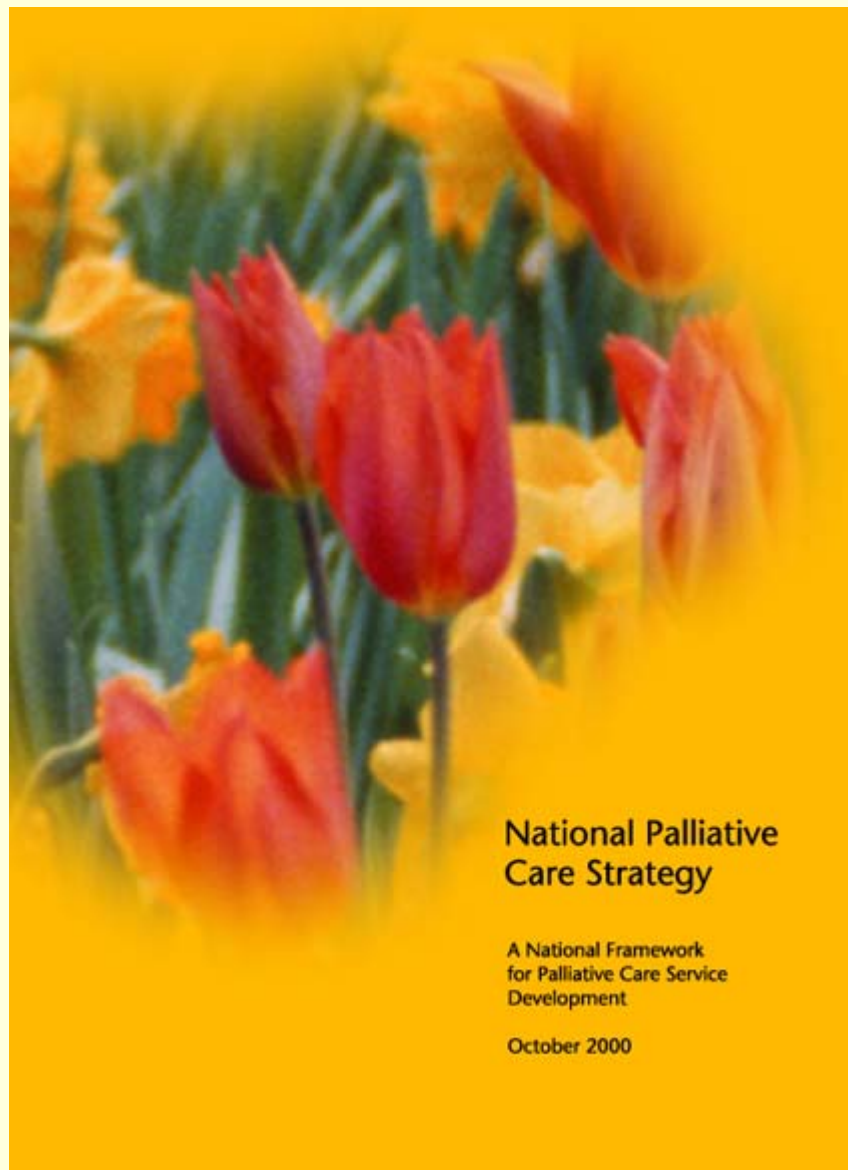
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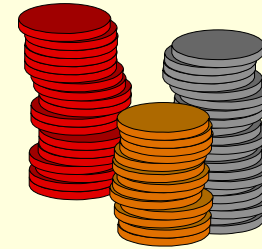
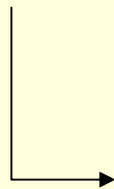
Funding for Palliative Care



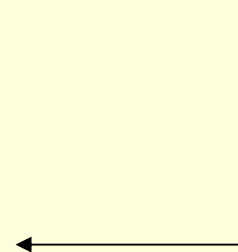
AHCA (2003-2008)

\$188m to
States/Territories

\$13m for National



Budget Initiative
2002-2006 \$55m for
National



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



Caring Communities Program

- Projects are diverse on almost every dimension, eg
 - size
 - location
 - duration
 - 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 being undertaken

- 9 - Training of health professional
- 7 - Education and support for volunteers, carers etc
- 6 - Developing a new practice model (most = role for GPs)
- 5 - 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
- Undergraduate Curriculum in Palliative Care
- GP Education – Research into E&T and Support Needs of GPs in Palliative Care
- Distance Education: Health promoting palliative care
- Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care - development and implementation
- Indigenous Palliative Care Resource Kit
- Palliative Care in Aged Care Postgraduate Courses
- Opioid Medication Management in Palliative Care



Carers, Volunteers, Community Awareness

- Funding provided to Commonwealth Carer Respite Centres
- Palliative Care Equipment Program – round 2
- National Palliative Care Week initiatives and general awareness program
- Indigenous palliative care magazine
- Volunteer support for palliative care in residential aged care



Service delivery models

- Griffith Area Palliative Care Service (GAPS)
- National Rural Palliative Care Program
- Paediatric Palliative Care Models of Care
- Indigenous Palliative Care Needs Study
- Palliative Care Research Program



Workshop Themes

- Capacity building/sustainability
- Communications and dissemination

