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Palliative Care Australia supports National Carers Week, 2005

Palliative Care Australia joins *Carers Australia* in paying tribute to the vital role of carers in the delivery of quality services to millions of Australians each year.

Palliative care plays a vital role in our community, helping patients, families and friends deal with progressive, terminal illness. Current statistics indicate that in the past 12 months, palliative care is now reaching almost 25,000 Australians every year in hospitals, the community and in the home.

One in 3 people in Australia have experienced a known death of someone close to them, and of this at least 1 in 10 have been involved in the care of these persons, and then 1 in 30 in the day to day general care giving role.

“With an ageing population, palliative care is becoming an ever important reality for an increasing number of Australians, and PCA welcomes the support of volunteers and carers who work with trained staff providing quality end-of-life care for their fellow Australians.”
Angela Magarry, CEO Palliative Care Australia said today.

Palliative Care Australia is the peak non-government body representing the interests of palliative care service providers.

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