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Palliative Care Nurses Australia Launch

A new national nursing organisation (NNO) was launched by Professor Linda Kristjanson of Edith Cowan University today at the 8th National Palliative Care Conference in Sydney.

With the support of Palliative Care Australia, the newly formed Association will be known as Palliative Care Nurses Australia Incorporated (PCNA).

Specialist palliative care nurses are the largest craft-group working within specialist palliative care services in Australia today. According to Professor Margaret O'Connor, interim Chair of the PCNA Association, there have been many efforts over the years to establish a specialist Association for nurses within the palliative care sector.

"Today is about recognising the importance of palliative care nursing. It is a real and exciting opportunity for any nurse interested in palliative care to join up and network with other palliative care nurses across Australia," Angela Magarry, Executive Director, said today.

PCNA will promote the importance of a national voice for palliative care nursing and in particular, the links that can be made to other specialty fields in nursing. PCNA will provide members with an opportunity to promote and support palliative care as their clinical specialty, teach or undertake research in the field.

For further information on PCNA go to www.pallcare.org.au/links/pcna

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