



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Palliative Care Australia launches *Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care***

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) announces the commencement of the rollout of one-day Residential Aged Care Palliative Approach Network workshops for residential aged care staff about the Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care.

Developed in consultation with the peak aged care bodies, these workshops are funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, as part of the National Palliative Care Program.

'I am pleased to announce that between mid September this year and February 2006, residential aged care staff will have the opportunity to participate in the 250 workshops conducted nationally', Ms Angela Magarry, CEO said today.

The Hon Julie Bishop, Minister for Ageing officially launched the initiative at the National Congress of Aged and Community Services Australia, entitled Thriving with Age conference, in Canberra today.

Further information on the project including a timetable for the workshops can be obtained from [www.pallcare.org.au/projects](http://www.pallcare.org.au/projects)

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

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