



## **TERMINAL ILLNESS & THE BENEFITS OF SHARING** *LOCAL RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO TELL THEIR STORY*

**Local residents with a terminal illness are being asked to share the story of their experience, and benefit those who will face a similar challenge in future.**

***Palliative Care Australia* is conducting a 'National Photo & Story Competition' to encourage awareness of the journey of these Australians, along with the experiences of family, friends and carers.**

"Palliative Care is everyone's business", notes Professor David Currow, president of *Palliative Care Australia*.

"One in three Australians have had someone close to them die from a life-limiting illness in the past 12 months. One in 10 people have been involved directly in that persons care.

"While death is a natural and inevitable experience – their stories often die with them.

"The competition aims to generate a collection of stories and photographs for use in future projects, raising awareness and sharing stories about palliative care and assisting those who will face similar journeys."

### **A LIFE APPRECIATED - AN EXPERIENCE SHARED**

- The competition is being held as a means of encouraging people to share their stories about dealing with terminal illness, and raise awareness about the important role of palliative care in our community.
- Entries to the competition are invited from professional and non-professional photographers and writers. Each entry needs to be authorised by a palliative care service.
- Details are available at [www.pallcare.org.au](http://www.pallcare.org.au) including information on prizes for the winning entries, and the terms and conditions.
- The Palliative Care service providers that authorise the winning entries will also receive a prize.
- The competition runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> until December 16<sup>th</sup> 2005.

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- To find out more about your local contacts for the National Photo & Story Competition, contact *Palliative Care Australia* CEO Angela Magarry on 02-6232 4433 or [www.pallcare.org.au](http://www.pallcare.org.au).
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