



### NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK CELEBRATED AT BETHESDA HEALTH CARE

National Palliative Care Week is an annual awareness-raising week organised by Palliative Care Australia (PCA) from 20 – 26 May 2018.

The theme for this year's National Palliative Care Week is 'What matters most?'

National Palliative Care Week is a national week supported by the Department of Health to raise awareness and understanding about palliative care in the Australian community.

The theme addresses the need for Australians to plan ahead for their end-of-life care and discuss it with their loved ones and health professionals.

PCA will highlight how palliative care can help people with a life-limiting illness to have a high quality of life, right to the end of life.

Bethesda Health Care Bethesda is an experienced provider palliative care to the WA community for the past 12 years.

Their in-patient Palliative Care Unit (PCU) consists of 23 beds. In conjunction with the Health Department of Western Australia, and the WA Cancer and Palliative Care Network, the hospital also coordinates the Metropolitan Palliative Care Consultancy Service (MPaCCS) – assisting in the provision of palliative care in the community.

Dr Paula Moffat, an experienced Palliative Care Physician and Geriatrician, is the Head of Palliative Care at Bethesda Health Care. Together with Palliative Care Specialist, Dr Keiron Bradley and Clinical Nurse Specialist Ms Glenys Thomas, they bring a wealth of experience and expertise in palliative care.

Bethesda Health Care is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont who has been providing care and service to the Western Australian community for more than 70 years.

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