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Peak body scores award win as 11th hour looms.

Palliative Care Tasmania has taken out the 'Can Do Community' award for Tasmania at the Aged and Community Services Tasmania awards night.

General Manager Colleen Johnstone said the win is bittersweet, coming as it does as the organisation is facing closure unless it can secure ongoing funding from the State Government.

"With the door now closed by the Federal Government, we will work to secure funding from the State Government," she said. This will allow us to continue to build capacity across the sector.

In the past three years Palliative Care Tasmania has provided education, training and information to more than 14,000 people, the majority of whom work in the aged care and community service sectors.

"This award recognises the value of our core work, to better support the dying," She said.

"We are proactive about effecting cultural change in the way people think about death and dying, and planning for the type of palliative and end of life care they want." Ms Johnstone said.

"It's ironic that we should win this award as we face our own demise."

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