



# Building Compassionate Communities Forum Tasmania 2017

## Call for Abstracts

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS to ([admin@tahpc.org.au](mailto:admin@tahpc.org.au))

Palliative Care Tasmania invites you to contribute your voice and submit an abstract to present at the 2017 *Building Compassionate Communities Forum* (BCCF). BCCF will be held in Hobart on 13 October 2017 and Launceston on 16 October 2017.

BCCF is the premier palliative care event in Tasmania during 2017 and will provide you with great opportunities to hear new information, meet new people and share your ideas and innovations.

We are looking for abstracts from organisations and individuals with an interest in palliative care – doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, academics, volunteers, carers, researchers, educators, advocates, consumers, families, industry partners, peak bodies and State associations.

### Important information

Call for abstract closes:	30 June 2017 (no extensions)
Abstracts under review:	1 July – 8 July 2017
Authors notified of results:	mid July 2017
Program Publicly Announced:	end of July 2017
Presenting authors must be registered by:	15 August 2017

### THEME

The Theme of the Forums is *Building Compassionate Communities*. This theme challenges us to examine what Compassionate Communities means to us, how we build and support compassionate communities, and how communities can strengthen palliative care.

### SUB-THEMES

Your abstract must address one or more of the following sub-themes:

1. *Living and dying in the community*  
This theme refers to the experience of patients, families and community. Abstracts should consider topics such as relationships, sexuality, self-care, living with uncertainty, spirituality and grief and bereavement.
2. *Strengthening our communities*  
This theme examines the different groups involved in providing care and addressing the systems that provide support. Abstracts should focus on community based care, volunteers, carers, the general community, planning for the future and education and training. Abstracts could also include advocacy, economics, policy development, and socialising dying.

### 3. *Clinical Practice and Community*

Focuses on all types of clinical practice, including pain management, symptom management, wound care, chronic disease and therapeutic treatments and how communities can support palliative care practitioners. Abstracts should focus on general practice, allied health practitioners, practical models of care and integrated care settings.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Presenters will be provided with 30 minute time periods. This will include oral presentations and time for questions.

There will be three one and a half hour sessions relating to each stream.

## **SUBMITTING AN ABSTRACT**

An abstract is a 250 word summary of your chosen topic. All abstracts must relate to one or more of the three sub-themes. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Forum committee against the following criteria:

1. *Relevance to palliative care*
2. *Insights or learning achieved and relevance to communities*
3. *Conference theme – the abstract's contribution to Building Compassionate Communities.*

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The people that are nominated as the authors of an abstract retain all propriety rights and patent rights. The authors retain the right to use all or part of their abstracts in future works of their own. The presenting author is responsible for obtaining copyright clearance and authority for all material included in their presentation.

By submitting your abstract you agree that Palliative Care Tasmania can publish it in any of our publications and that your presentation can be recorded, distributed and made available online. If you need to adjust your abstract before publishing, or if you do not agree, please let us know.

If your abstract is successful, you must register for the Forum by 15 August 2017. If you have not registered by this date your presentation will be removed from the program. If your abstract is successful, a special speaker registration fee will be made available to you. Please see table below.

<b>Registration Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Forum attendee - non PCT member	\$150
Forum attendee – PCT member	\$80
Speaker	\$40

When registering you will need to select the appropriate Forum day:

- A. Friday 13 October 2017 HOBART
- B. Monday 16 October 2017 LAUNCESTON
- C. Both venues and dates

You will also need to nominate if you are attending the Tasmanian Palliative Care Awards in Hobart on the evening of 13 October 2017.