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Research into palliative care practices Hope Healthcare palliative care nurse wins NHMRC grant

In the most recent announcement of research funding by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) on 27 July, Peta McVey, Clinical Nurse Consultant in Palliative Care at Hope Healthcare's Neringah Hospital, was the recipient of funding of \$93,000 over three years for her PhD research work.

Ms McVey's research involves examining the extent to which a palliative approach is being used in the organisation and provision of care to elderly people with complex needs in hostel settings.

Hope Healthcare Director of Nursing and Patient Care Clare Neems said this is a wonderful opportunity for Peta and an acknowledgement of her skills and abilities. "We are very proud of her having gained this prestigious scholarship. It also serves to affirm the important role of Palliative Care nursing."

Research into end of life and palliative care practices is being supported by 10 NHMRC grants and 12 researcher support awards across Australia recently announced by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, Senator Brett Mason. In total, more than \$3.5 million will go towards improving the quality of palliative care, informing policy development, improving clinical practice and developing researcher capacity and expertise.

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