



**Palliative
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Minister Elliot launches national foundation for palliative care in Australia

Today the Honorable Justine Elliott, Minister for Ageing will launch the first national philanthropic organisation for palliative care in Australia – The Palliative Care Foundation.

“As we move into 2008 with the clear vision to see a world in which every single person in need could have access to the best pain and symptom relief possible” it is vital that we work together to make this dream a reality, said Associate Professor Peter Martin, Chair of the Foundation.

The Foundation, supported by principal partner Hillross Financial Services Limited, seeks to improve the delivery of the best possible care at the end of life through supporting one of Australia’s fastest growing fields of specialist medicine –Palliative Care. The aim of palliative care is to relieve pain and symptoms and to maximise quality of life for the patient, their families and carers.

The Foundation delivers scholarships targeted to support health professionals and researchers to expand the expertise and evidence behind best practice care.

“In my work as a senior medical specialist, I see far too many health professionals – doctors, nurses, allied health providers who are keen to dedicate their time to learn new skills – however cannot as they are unable to access funds. If more health professionals are trained in the evidence and best practice of palliative care, we are closer to ensuring the best pain and symptom relief for all Australians”

The Foundation Board is advised by the Grants Advisory Committee aim to bring a palliative care a professional and strategic approach utilising best practice methodology in what is recognised as the highly competitive space of fundraising.

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