

The North West Rural Palliative Care Project (NWRPCP) is one of eight federally funded, rural palliative care projects, facilitated nationwide by the Australian Divisions of General Practice.

The North West Tasmania Division of General Practice is coordinating the project with the support of key partners, the Palliative Care Service and the University of Tasmania's Rural Clinical School.

Over the next three years the NWRPCP will be developed and implemented in accordance with the Statewide Palliative Care Strategic Plan, the recent review of the statewide palliative care service, The National Palliative Care Strategy and the Caring Communities Project.

The development of the NWRPCP will occur in consultation with other service providers and members of the community who are sensitive to the needs of people living in our community with a life limiting illness.

The aim of the North West Rural Palliative Care Project is;

to improve access to quality, coordinated palliative care services for people in the North West region of Tasmania"



The NWRPCP provides the North West Coast with a fantastic opportunity to,

"develop a sustainable model for healthcare delivery in rural and remote Tasmania, which is above all sensitive to the needs of those living in local communities"

The NWRPCP already enjoys the support of a wide range of partner Organisations including;

- General Practitioners.
- The University of Tasmania's Rural Clinical School.
- The Palliative Care Service.
- Community Health Services.
- Community Nursing Services.
- North West Hospice Association.
- North West Regional Hospital.

The Vision.....

- Increased community awareness of palliative care and the support options available within local communities.
- A review of the current patient centered health record system.
- Effective, coordinated communication processes between multidisciplinary teams, service providers, the patient and their family/caregivers.
- The development of rural and remote sites across the region where key GPs have leadership roles in palliative care provision.
- The provision of palliative care education, mentor support and resource groups for GPs, multidisciplinary teams and nursing, medical and pharmacy students.
- The coordination of multidisciplinary team meetings.
- A review of current out of hours service provision.

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