

## Project News No. 3: September 2004

### **Last chance to take the Needs Assessment!**

Have you taken the Knowledge Network survey yet? By taking the survey you are helping us understand what you would most like to see on a Knowledge Network. The survey closes on Friday 10 September. To take the survey click [here](#).

### **Where we are in the process**

The IT report has been completed and will be reviewed by the Knowledge Network Management Group. The report proposes a modular approach to the development of the network due to the complexity of the system requirements, the volume of content needing to be managed and the variety of functions and users being supported by the network.

Currently work is being undertaken on understanding the marketing needs associated with introducing and maintaining a network. Communication strategies would be a significant component of ongoing support for the network.

Another strand of work being finalised is identifying the costs associated with a Knowledge Network. These costs would include not only the costs involved in developing the platform but the staff resources to identify, locate and evaluate materials for inclusion on a Knowledge Network. The issues around a governance structure and the most appropriate home for a Knowledge Network also need to be investigated.

The relationship of existing resources such as the CareSearch website to a Knowledge Network also needs to be resolved. The relationships between

these types of resources needs to be clarified to ensure that resources are not duplicated.

### **The Next Steps**

When the marketing, financial and risk management reports have been prepared, this information along with the IT report and other materials will be reviewed. The results of the needs assessment and feedback from the Knowledge Network Tour will also inform the options being considered for the Knowledge Network.

All of these elements will be brought together in the final business plan review and proposal that will be completed in December.

### **Knowledge Network Tour**

Final dates for the tour are now available. Professor David Currow will be making these presentations.

#### **Adelaide**

6th October  
12.00 - 2.00pm  
Lecture Room  
Southern Adelaide Palliative Services  
Daw House Hospice  
700 Goodwood Road  
Daw Park SA 5041

#### **Canberra**

13th October  
4.00 - 6.00pm  
The Function Room  
Clare Holland House  
Menindee Drive  
Barton ACT

## **Launceston**

3rd November  
2.00 - 4.00pm  
Launceston Tram Shed  
Function Centre and Auditorium  
Inveresk Rail Yards  
Mowbray, Tasmania

## **Melbourne**

4th November  
5.00 - 6.30pm  
Lecture Theatre  
Education Department  
Peter McCallum Cancer Centre  
St Andrews Place  
East Melbourne

Members of the email distribution list will be sent information on the workshop in their state.

Dates and venues will also be publicised on the Knowledge Network page of the CareSearch website. The website can be found at [www.caresearch.com.au](http://www.caresearch.com.au)

### ***Sites you might like to visit***

While we've been investigating content and infrastructure for a Knowledge Network we've found some wonderful sites that you may like to visit. Here are just a few:

Centre for Evidence Based Medicine at [www.cebm.net](http://www.cebm.net)

Help the hospices, which has excellent resources for carers and e-learning [www.helpthehospices.org.uk](http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk)

National Institute of Clinical Studies which has excellent resources in their Knowledge Bank and some very good powerpoints on-line at [www.nicsl.com.au](http://www.nicsl.com.au)

An American initiative dealing with paediatric palliative care at [www.ippcweb.org](http://www.ippcweb.org)

Visitors can run searches in Pubmed that are already limited to only complementary and alternative medicine articles at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nccam/camonpubmed.html>

For health professionals Twycross and Wilcock's site on the use of drugs in palliative care is extremely valuable at <http://www.palliativedrugs.org/pdi.html>

For those of you with a Canadian contact, it is well worth having a look at the Canadian Virtual Hospice at

<http://www.virtualhospice.ca/Public/splash.asp>

Access to this site is unfortunately restricted to those with Canadian postcodes.

### ***Keeping in touch with the Project***

We would encourage you to provide feedback or to send us some useful website information.

We'd welcome your input in any of the following ways

- Join the email list for newsletters or send comments and ideas to [Jennifer.Tieman@rgh.sa.gov.au](mailto:Jennifer.Tieman@rgh.sa.gov.au)
- Speak to someone on the Knowledge Network Management Group.
- Complete a feedback survey for the Knowledge Network at <http://www.mortonblacketer.com.au/survey.asp/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=7>

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