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## **NURSES WELCOME palliAGED WEBSITE**

The Australian College of Nursing welcomes today's launch of the palliAGED website by the Federal Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP and joins the Minister in congratulating Flinders University and CareSearch on this welcome initiative.

Alarminglly, whilst around 70% of Australians would prefer to die at home only 14% actually do.<sup>[1]</sup>

“We applaud measures that can help improve quality of life for people at this important stage of their life,” Australian College of Nursing CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward said.

“We would remind the Minister that nurses are the largest health workforce in the country and are at the frontline of end of life care. Nurses use a holistic approach to care and have been highly effective in providing care of the highest quality to the vulnerable. As such, any policy-making decisions should involve nurses.”

The website contains evidence based medical and practical information to support the provision of palliative care to older people at the end of life.

palliAGED is free to use and available at [www.palliaged.com.au](http://www.palliaged.com.au)

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[1] Bartel, R. (2016) Conversations: Creating Choice in End of Life Care. Melbourne: Australian Centre for Health Research (ACHR).

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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.



# Australian College of Nursing

Advancing nurse leadership

## Notes to Editors:

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva.

ACN, an organisation not afraid to intelligently challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence

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to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN advances the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care.

A membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialities, ACN's membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

### What is the role of ACN to media?

- ACN provides trusted, well supported information about Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN has a number of spokespeople within the organisation who can comment on Australia's health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN offers media with an alternative voice to that of an industrial relations perspective.
- ACN is in-the-know and can comment on health care matters of interest.
- ACN can respond to media requests in a timely manner and with subject/clinical expert's available on-hand for further discussion.
- ACN regularly responds to government updates pertaining to Australia's health care system.

### What role does ACN play?

ACN is here to act and deliver results as agents of change. They are working towards a brighter future through advancing nurse leadership to enhance the delivery of health care to all. The organisation provides nurse leaders with access to relevant information, support and education that will enhance Australia's reputation on the world stage.

### Social media channels:

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LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/company/australian-college-of-nursing>

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