

NORTHERN TERRITORY PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES



- The Northern Territory Government is improving palliative care services in the Northern Territory in line with requirements for the *Rights of the Terminally Ill Act*.
- The Palliative Care Team provides advice, support and education and includes a full time manager, two part time medical officers, six nursing staff, part time social worker, part time pastoral care worker and one administrative officer.
- Funding has been made available to provide respite care.
- The NT Palliative Care Service has been able to access the expanded after hour nursing service in Darwin and Alice Springs provided by Community Care Centres.
- There are two Palliative Care beds being utilised at Darwin Private Hospital and one in Alice Springs Hospital. Two rooms at Royal Darwin Hospital have been decorated for Palliative Care patients to use.
- Palliative Care and Bereavement Workshops have commenced and will be conducted for professional staff from Territory Health Services and non-Government agencies in Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Darwin.
- The total anticipated annual expenditure on Palliative Care Services is approximately \$1 million, and includes a small contribution from the Commonwealth Government.
- Emphasis is being placed on the extension of services to remote areas.
- Further information can be obtained from the NT Palliative Care Service by phoning 8999 7099.

