

Media Release



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Tasmanian hospice team honoured in nursing awards

Today, HESTA announced hospice@HOME, a statewide hospice service developed by a Tasmanian district nursing team to help terminally ill patients who wish die at home, as a Team Innovation award finalist in the 2015 HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

The hospice@HOME team from Moonah was recognised for developing a more coordinated and comprehensive suite of home-based palliative care services.

hospice@HOME team leader, Fiona Onslow, said the service was the first of its kind in Australia with more than 40 organisations across the state working together to coordinate and deliver extra in-home care services.

“Establishing a single referral access point to engage health providers, the program works across the state to deliver extra services to people wanting to receive end-of-life care at home,” she said.

“An interdisciplinary team of experts is engaged to provide palliative, medical, nursing, psychosocial and spiritual care. This ‘wrap-around-care’ model puts the patient’s needs at the centre of the care and provides both the patient and their families with peace of mind during this stressful and challenging time.”

Ms Onslow said the program also provided additional services such as access to Skype to connect patients to family, friends or health professionals, an emergency medical kit to manage some pain symptoms and bereavement support for family members.

“The program has delivered more than 1,200 packages of care so far, which has led to greater collaboration between patients, their families and health professionals,” said Ms Onslow.

HESTA Australian Nursing Awards finalists are in the running for a share of a \$30,000 in prizes, from proud awards sponsor **ME**.

The Team Innovation winner will receive a \$10,000 development grant. Nurse of the Year and Outstanding Graduate Award winners will each receive a \$5,000 **ME** EveryDay transaction account and \$5,000 towards further education.

ME CEO, Jamie McPhee, said, “We’re delighted to give these outstanding individuals the opportunity to develop their careers, while also supporting innovative health programs which benefit the entire sector and community.”

Winners will be announced at the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards dinner on Thursday, 15 October in Brisbane.

For more information about the awards visit hestaawards.com.au

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