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Palliative Care core business for aged care

National Palliative Care Week (21-28 May)

National Palliative Care Week aims to raise awareness and understanding about palliative care in the Australian community.

The theme of this year's National Palliative Care Week, *You matter, your care matters. Palliative care can make a difference*, focuses on the need for aged care services to provide palliative care where appropriate.

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) CEO Pat Sparrow said palliative and end-of-life care were important elements of the overall service delivered by the aged care industry.

"Palliative care is core business for aged care providers and we need to ensure that those we look after receive the best care possible," Ms Sparrow said.

"Our workforce delivers palliative care and services to older Australians in a range of different settings, and it is imperative that we continue to support people to receive these services in their place of choice, whether that is in their own home or in residential aged care.

"Providers are consistently exploring new and innovative methods to improve quality of life for residents and clients, and there is significant work being done in the palliative care area.

"It was pleasing to see continuing commitment to palliative care in the Budget and ACSA is keen to work with stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of programs to deliver maximum value for people requiring palliative care and services."

For more information on National Palliative Care Week, visit palliativecare.org.au.

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