

Palliative Care Enhancement Council

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To: Peter Thompson, General Manager, Wagga Wagga City Council

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Dear Mr Thompson,

On Tuesday, 16 May 2023, the Palliative Care Enhancement Council will hold a community information evening to assist those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, their families, and those involved in their care, at the Civic Theatre.

The Forum is a free-ticketed event and will be held in the evening. Hosted by a MC, a number of speakers will cover a range of topics including: accounting and legal advice (including wills), managing terminal illness, palliative care at home, emergency department management, hospice options and more. The Forum will conclude with a Q&A session. After the Forum, a light supper will be served and attendees will be provided the opportunity to mingle with one another, as well as access further information at a number of information stands.

Those affected by a terminal diagnosis can find the process of accessing services, support or simply getting information overwhelming and extremely difficult. It is the aim of the Council to provide this critical information to the public by holding an open information evening.

On behalf of the Palliative Care Enhancement Council, I write to you to request that the hire fee for the Civic Theatre (\$685.00 including GST) be waived.

Our Council (made up of volunteers from the community) are committed to ensuring that those in both public and private systems are aware of all that is available to them in relation to palliative care to ensure they access these valuable services. The Palliative Care Enhancement Council was formed when it became evident that the planning of a palliative wing at the new Wagga Wagga Base Hospital had been dropped. The Council members work to raise funds, and monitor the use of funds raised or donated to enhance the care and comfort of palliative patients, their families and carers.

This Forum will be paid for using raised or donated money so the waiver will ensure more money is directed into enhanced care for the terminally ill. We have not run a Forum since before the COVID-19 pandemic and there is a critical need to ensure palliative patients and their families have all the most up-to-date information at their hands to make their journey into palliative care as smooth as possible.

Thanking you for considering the request to waive the fees associated with the use of the Civic Theatre. Should you need any further information please feel free to contact me on 0428 211 591.

Regards,

Kay Hull AO on behalf of the Palliative Care Enhancement Council.

About the Palliative Care Enhancement Council

The purpose of the Palliative Care Enhancement Council is to advise and monitor the use of funds raised or donated to ensure access for both public and private patients to quality in management and treatment of their terminal diagnosis. Our objective is to enhance the care and comfort of both Public and Private Palliative Care patients at Calvary Riverina Hospital Palliative unit

The Council may raise funds and accept donations and bequests. The Council ensures community input and consultation regarding the use of these funds.

Council representation

Chairperson: Kay Hull AO (Founder)

Minute Secretary: Sarah Moon

Council members: Greg Brylski, Julie Durnan, Dan Uden, David Friedlieb, Dr Gerard Carroll, Dr Jane Hill, Penny Lamont, Eleanna Ballis, Georgie Davies