

- taking specialist palliative care consultancy on the road

“Road tripping”



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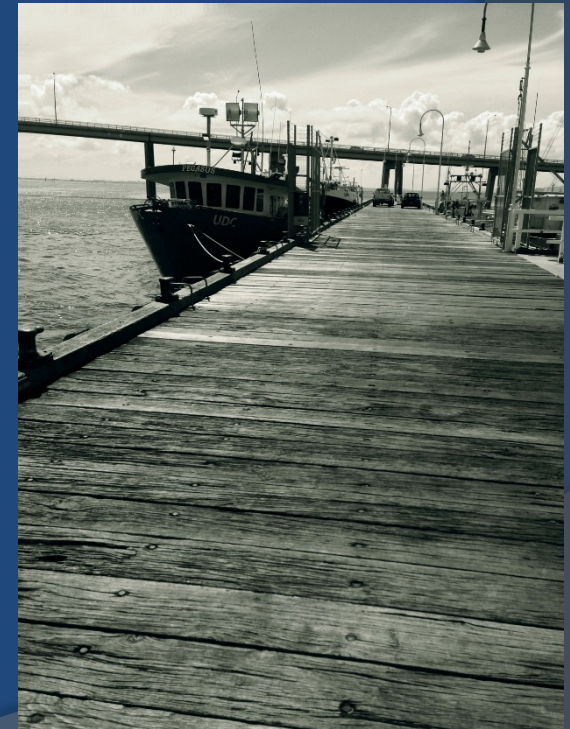


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Current Model in South Gippsland

- Weekly visit from palliative care senior medical staff and social worker/ counsellor
- 1st : Leongatha/ Foster
- 2nd : San Remo/ Philip Island
- 3rd : Leongatha/ Korumburra
- 4th : Wonthaggi



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Previous GRPCCC gaps identified and recommendations (2014)

- Additional facilitation for review of inpatients/ home visits/ OPD patients
- Increased psycho-social input into MDT teams
- Provide after hours access to support from palliative medical specialists

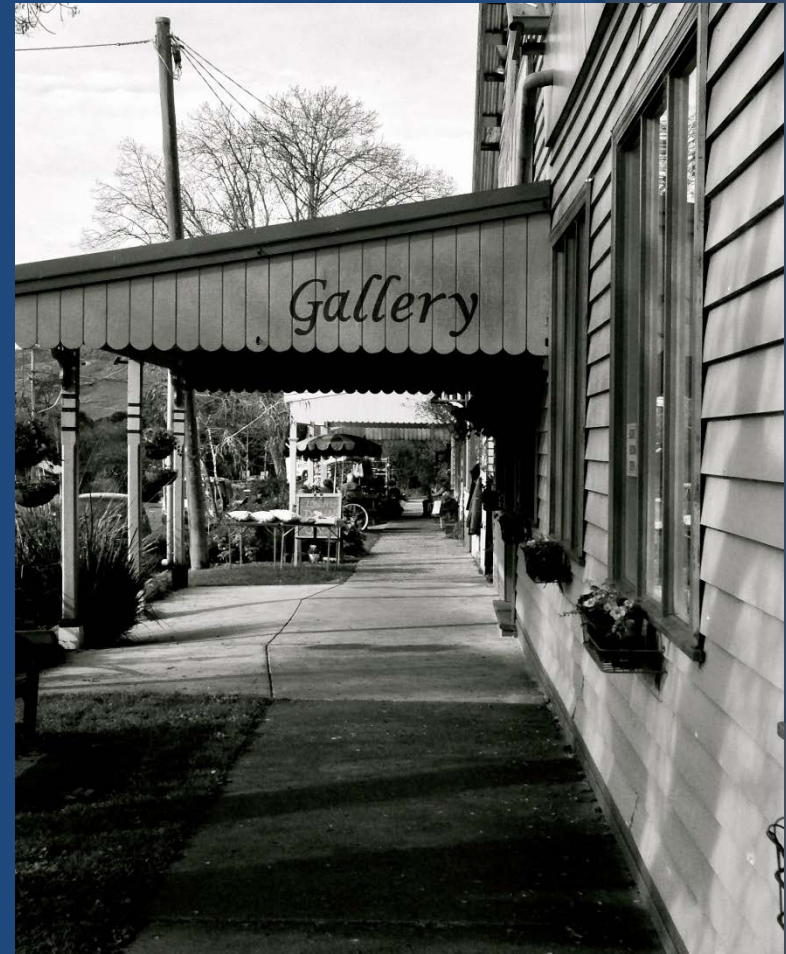


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How have we been involved?

- Home visits
- Hospital/ NH consults
- MDT meetings
- Complex pain & symptom management
- GP and staff support
- Debriefing
- Ongoing 24 hr phone support
- Facilitating access to PCU



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Specialist palliative counsellor /social worker support

- Background:

- Identification of need

Jan 2014, invitation as part of team

- Getting to know the teams involved and how best to help with respect to local professionals



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How has the support been offered?

- Consultancy
- Resourcing
- Education
- Peer support
- Patient/ carer visits

Support based around:

- Anticipatory bereavement
- Adjustment to illness
- Carer stress/ burden
- Grief and loss
- Bereavement
- Mental health





- “This service generates a holistic and professional service that contributes positively to the overall care of our home based patients”



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Qualitative audit of staff responses

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Thank you

- Peninsula Health
- GRPCCC
- Bass Coast Regional Health
- South Gippsland Palliative Care Service
- And most of all –

All the patients, carers
and families involved in South
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Thank you



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