



## 2026 NSW Palliative Care Volunteer Awards

### Nominations Fact Sheet

#### Timeline

Nominations Open:	Tuesday 29 January
Nominations Close:	Friday 27 February
Judging period:	3 – 24 March
Finalists Announced:	Tuesday 31 March
Winner announced:	At Awards Event held during National Volunteer Week 18 – 24 May

#### Important information

##### Volunteer of the Year Award

All entries must be submitted online via [this webform](#) by midnight, Friday 27 February.

You must have the consent of the nominee/s and their volunteer service to make a nomination.

The nominee must be a palliative care volunteer in NSW and have been active in their role in the past 12 months.

Previous winners are ineligible for nomination however previous finalists may be nominated.

Nominees will be judged on their impact, teamwork, and dedication to patient/client care.

Answers to each question must not exceed 250 words.

You have the option to attach supporting documents to your nomination such as professional references or letters of support. Only PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF files are supported.

Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of three impartial judges that understand palliative care volunteering - one from the PCNSW Management Committee and two from interstate.

Finalists will be invited to attend a special awards event to be held during National Volunteer Week (18-24 May). The winners of the NSW Palliative Care Volunteer Awards will be announced at this event.

The NSW Palliative Care Volunteer of the Year will be automatically entered into the Palliative Care Australia National Awards, held biennially. Winners of the National Awards are announced at the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference.

## Submissions required on the nomination form

1. **Nominator's contact details** (name, phone number, email address, relationship to nominee, name of the volunteer service or organisation you work for (if applicable))
2. **Nominee's contact details** (name, phone number, email address)
3. **Nominee's volunteer service details** (name of volunteer service; name, phone number, email address of Volunteer Coordinator)
4. What **impact** has the nominee had on their community or volunteer service? What benefits did their activities provide? (max 250 words)  
*You may wish to consider the following: overcoming obstacles/challenges, improving quality of life for patients and/or carers, raising awareness about the importance of palliative care, supporting vulnerable and/or minority populations, etc*
5. How has the nominee demonstrated **teamwork** with their colleagues, manager, or community? (max 250 words)  
*You may wish to consider the following: working collaboratively with their palliative care team and/or alongside family and carers, mentoring other volunteers, reflecting the purpose of the service, effective communication, openness to ideas, sharing information, adaptability, conflict resolution, etc*
6. How has the nominee demonstrated **dedication** to patient/client care? (max 250 words)  
*You may wish to consider the following: strong commitment to providing compassionate and/or equitable care to clients and/or carers, building strong relationships with clients and/or carers, advocating for client and/or carer needs, etc*
7. Attach here any supporting documents such as professional references or letters of support (Optional). Only PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF files are supported.

### 8. **Declaration**

In making this nomination I affirm I have the consent of both the Nominee and their Volunteer Service.

I hereby affirm that I have obtained consent to share this information as part of this application for the NSW Palliative Care Volunteer Awards. The nominee and service acknowledge that by submitting this form, the nominee's name, image, and narrative may be utilised publicly by Palliative Care NSW in promotional materials for its programs.

## Volunteer Team of the Year Award

All entries must be submitted online via [this webform](#) by midnight, Friday 27 February.

You must have the consent of the nominee team and their volunteer service to make a nomination.

The nominee must be a palliative care volunteer team in NSW that has been active during the past 12 months.

Nominee teams will be judged on their impact, teamwork, and dedication to patient/client care.

Answers to each question must not exceed 250 words

You have the option to attach supporting documents to your nomination such as professional references or letters of support. Only PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF files are supported.

Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of three impartial judges that understand palliative care volunteering - one from the PCNSW Management Committee and two from interstate.

Finalists will be invited to attend a special awards event to be held during National Volunteer Week (18-24 May). The winners of the NSW Palliative Care Volunteer Awards will be announced at this event.

The NSW Palliative Care Volunteer Team of the Year will be automatically entered into the Palliative Care Australia National Awards, held biennially. Winners of the National Awards are announced at the Oceanic Palliative Care Conference.

### Submissions required on the nomination form

1. **Nominator's contact details** (name, phone number, email address, relationship to nominee, name of the volunteer service or organisation you work for (if applicable))
2. **Team nominee's volunteer service details** (name of volunteer service; name, phone number, email address of Volunteer Coordinator)
3. What **impact** has the nominee team had on their community? What benefits did their activities provide? (max 250 words)  
*You may wish to consider the following: overcoming obstacles/challenges, improving quality of life for patients and/or carers, raising awareness about the importance of palliative care, supporting vulnerable and/or minority populations, etc*
4. How has the team demonstrated exceptional **teamwork** and collaboration with clinical staff, key stakeholders, and the wider community? (max 250 words)  
*You may wish to consider the following: working collaboratively as a group and with the wider palliative care team, building and maintaining strong relationships with external stakeholders and community partners, supporting and mentoring one another, collectively reflecting the purpose of the service, openness to diverse perspectives and ideas, sharing knowledge and resources, etc.*

5. How has the nominee team demonstrated **dedication** to patient/client care? (max 250 words)

*You may wish to consider the following: strong commitment to providing compassionate and/or equitable care to clients and/or carers, building strong relationships with clients and/or carers, advocating for client and/or carer needs, etc*

6. Attach here any supporting documents such as professional references or letters of support (Optional). Only PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPG, JPEG, GIF files are supported.

7. **Declaration**

In making this nomination I affirm I have the consent of both the Nominee Team and their Volunteer Service

I hereby affirm that I have obtained consent to share this information as part of this application for the NSW Palliative Care Volunteer Awards. The nominee team and service acknowledge that by submitting this form, the nominee team's name, image, and narrative may be utilised publicly by Palliative Care NSW in promotional materials for its programs.

## **Saving, editing, and submitting nominations**

When completing the nomination form/s you have the option to save your progress and return later. To return to the form, you must use the same device and web browser used to start the survey because a cookie is stored in your browser that remembers your responses.

Nominators can return to the nomination form/s to pick up where they left off and/or edit previous responses right up until the survey closes.

It is however recommended that your response is compiled in a separate document and then entered into the nomination form, just to ensure you have a backup if your response in the nomination form cannot be retrieved.

How do I save my progress?

Responses are saved by clicking the NEXT button at the bottom of each page of the form. No responses are saved if you do not click NEXT.

To submit your completed nomination, click the DONE button at the end of the form.

## **Any questions**

Please contact:

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