



State Palliative Care
Awards (SA)
2026

Awards Guidelines



Palliative Care
South Australia

The Palliative Care South Australia 2026 Awards are aimed at recognising innovation, teamwork and emerging talent in the palliative care sector. The awards publicly recognise South Australian organisations and people who support and care for people who are experiencing serious illness, dying, death, grief and caregiving.

AWARDS TIMELINE

Award nominations open	Monday 20th July 2026
Award nominations close	Wednesday 5pm 12th August 2026
Finalists announced	Friday 18th September 2026
Winners announced	Saturday 10th October 2026 at Awards Ceremony

AWARDS CATEGORIES

Team Awards:

- Outstanding Work by a Team in Specialist Palliative Care
- Outstanding Work by a Team in Generalist Palliative Care
- Outstanding Achievement by a Team in Palliative Care Fundraising
- Outstanding Achievement by a Team in Palliative Care Community Capacity Building

Individual Awards:

- Outstanding Work by a Individual in Specialist Palliative Care
- Outstanding Work by a Individual in Generalist Palliative Care
- Outstanding Work by a Individual in Palliative Care Volunteering
- Lifetime achievement award

THE JUDGING PROCESS

An independent judging panel of at least two (2) experts external to South Australia who have demonstrated a clear commitment to and understanding of the provision of palliative care, will be convened to assess the nominations.

PRIZES

The winner(s) of each awards category will receive recognition on the PCSA Website and Social media. Public presentation of the award at the PCSA 2026 Awards Ceremony and a framed recognition certificate.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY CRITERIA

- Entry is free.
- Awards are only open to residents and organisations in South Australia.
- Individuals and organisations can self-nominate but will require a referee to confirm and validate the nomination, as well as consent from the Manager of the nominee's organisation.

- Please ensure your submission addresses criteria for the relevant category.
- Nominations can only be made via the PCSA Awards Nomination Form by submitting through the website.
- Nominations must be received by Wednesday 5pm 12th August 2026. No late nominations will be accepted.
- The awards will be presented on Saturday 10th October 2026 at the Palliative Care South Australia 2026 Awards Ceremony. Finalists will be notified in mid-September. All nominators are encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony.
- It is a condition of entry that finalists and winners are available for publicity opportunities, which may include advertising features and interviews with in-house or external print, digital or TV media. Palliative Care South Australia (PCSA) may use the finalists and winners' names, images, and/or voices (including photograph, film and/or recording of the same) for an unlimited period of time with no recompense of the finalists or winners.
- All submitted nominations and supporting material remain the property of Palliative Care South Australia and will not be returned.
- Once the nominations have been received, the judging process remains confidential until the awards ceremony. PCSA may contact nominators or nominees in the lead up to the Awards Ceremony for further details.
- PCSA Staff Members or Board Members are not eligible to be nominees or to submit a nomination.

COMPLETE THIS FORM TO ENTER A NOMINATION



<https://forms.office.com/r/evhnWDz3rG>

AWARDS CRITERIA - TEAM AWARDS

Award: **Outstanding Work by a Team in Specialist Palliative Care**

This award recognises a team or organisation that has initiated an innovative practice, project or service that enhances the delivery of palliative care. The team's work can have taken place across any setting of care, so long as it has enhanced the delivery of palliative care (including specialist level 4-6).

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- How the team has made a difference to South Australians experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and/or caregiving
- How the team embraces innovation and demonstrates commitment to the specialist palliative care sector
- Specific examples of team work in a specialist palliative care environment

Limitations

- Activities identified as innovative must have been in place for more than one year and less than three years
- The nomination must be endorsed by the organisation whom they are working for

Award: **Outstanding Work by a Team in Generalist Palliative Care**

This award recognises a team or organisation that has initiated an innovative practice, project or service that enhances the delivery of palliative care. The team's work can have taken place across any setting of care, so long as it has enhanced the delivery of palliative care (including all areas of health care who are not specialist palliative care and provide the palliative approach to care, such as acute hospital settings, primary care, aged care and disability care).

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- How the team has made a difference to South Australians experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and/or caregiving
- How the team embraces innovation and demonstrates commitment to the palliative care
- Specific examples of team work in relation to palliative care

Limitations

- Activities identified as innovative must have been in place for more than one year and less than three years
- The nomination must be endorsed by the organisation whom they are working for

Award: **Outstanding Achievement by a team in Palliative Care Fundraising**

Fundraising play a vital role in strengthening palliative care services, programs, research and support for patients, families and communities. This award recognises a team or organisation that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in fundraising leadership, resulting in meaningful and sustainable contributions to palliative care in SA. It celebrates innovation, generosity, community support and the development of successful partnerships that have enhanced the delivery of palliative care and improved outcomes for those receiving care and their loved ones.

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- The fundraising activitie/s delivered during the assessment period
- The total funds raised for palliative care and the methods used to generate support
- How the funds were allocated, including specific programs, services, equipment, research, education workforce development or patient and family support initiatives that benefited from the funding
- Evidence of the outcomes achieved as a result of the funding, including measurable improvements service enhancements, increased access to care, strengthened community support, or other demonstrated impacts on patients, families, carers or the palliative care sector

Limitations

- Activities identified as innovative must have been in place for more than one year and less than three years
- Must be endorsed by the organisation/team whom they are working for

Award: **Outstanding Achievement by a team in Palliative Care Community Capacity Building**

Community capacity building seeks to strengthen the skills, knowledge, resources and confidence of communities so they can better support people experiencing serious illness, dying, death, grief and caregiving. This award recognises a the importance of building sustainable community capacity as part of palliative care.

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- The Palliative Care Community Capacity Building activities delivered during the assessment period
- How the activity has built lasting skills, knowledge or capability within the community to support people experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and caregiving
- How the activity has strengthened the community's ability to sustain this capability beyond the life of the initiative, including how it involves community members or partnerships to build local capacity
- Evidence of the outcomes achieved as a result of the activity

Limitations

- Activities identified as innovative must have been in place for more than one year and less than three years
- Must be endorsed by the organisation whom they are working for

Award: **Outstanding Achievement by an Individual in Specialist Palliative Care**

This award recognises a person who has displayed excellence in delivering palliative care. Characteristics of excellence include innovative practice, outstanding mentorship, inspirational behaviour, support and passion for their work, commitment to working in partnerships, excellent teamwork and respect for others.

The recipient of this award will show excellence in delivering specialist palliative care and a champion for others in the specialist palliative care sector. (including specialist level 4-6).

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- How the nominee has demonstrated excellence in specialist palliative care
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to South Australians experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and/or caregiving
- How the nominee has demonstrated commitment to and passion for the palliative care sector using specific examples
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to their organisation

Limitations

- The nominee has been working in a role relevant to the specialist palliative care sector for more than 12 months
- The nomination must be endorsed by the organisation whom they are working for

Award: **Outstanding Achievement by an Individual in Generalist Palliative Care**

This award recognises a person who has displayed excellence in delivering a palliative approach to care. Characteristics of excellence include innovative practice, outstanding mentorship, inspirational behaviour, support and passion for their work, commitment to working in partnerships, excellent teamwork and respect for others.

The recipient of this award will show excellence in delivering palliative care and a champion for others in the palliative care sector. (including all areas of health care who are not specialist palliative care and provide the palliative approach to care, such as acute hospital settings, primary care, aged care and disability care).

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- How the nominee has demonstrated excellence in their palliative approach to care
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to South Australians experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and/or caregiving
- How the nominee has demonstrated commitment to and passion for the palliative approach to care sector using specific examples
- How the nominee's work has made a difference to their organisation

Limitations

- The nominee has been working in a role for more than 12 months
- The nomination must be endorsed by the organisation whom they are working for

Award: **Outstanding Achievement by an Individual in Palliative Care Volunteering**

Volunteers mean the world to us. This award recognises the exceptional contribution of a volunteer or Volunteer Coordinator in improving the experience of South Australians experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and/or caregiving. Palliative Care South Australia is proud to recognise those who selflessly and generously volunteer their time and skills to look after others, without asking for recognition or expecting anything in return.

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- How this volunteer/volunteer coordinator have demonstrated considerable commitment in terms of responsibility assumed and how his/her responsibilities have increased over time
- How this volunteer/volunteer coordinator has made a notable impact while South Australians experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and/or caregiving?
- How the nominee has grown personally through their work in palliative care volunteering and how that has been demonstrated by using specific examples
- How this nominee has served as an inspiration to other volunteers

Limitations

- The nominee must have been a volunteer/volunteer coordinator for more than 12 months
- The nomination must be endorsed by the organisation whom they are volunteering for

Award: **Lifetime Achievement Award**

This award recognises the outstanding contribution of an individual in either delivering outstanding palliative care to South Australians experiencing a serious illness, dying, death, grief and/or caregiving, and/or designing quality and enduring palliative care services/supports/education/research/strategy (etc) over an extended period of time.

Nominations in this category are judged on their ability to demonstrate or illustrate:

- **Commitment:** How this nominee has demonstrated considerable commitment, both in longevity and effort, to delivering and/or designing quality palliative care
- **Impact:** How this nominee has made a notable impact to the South Australian palliative care sector and to the community
- **Inspiration:** How this nominee has served as an inspiration to people within the palliative care sector

Limitations

- The nominee must have contributed to the palliative care sector for more than 15 years
- If the nominee is still employed, the nomination must be endorsed by the organisation whom they are working for
- Two referees must be provided who can talk about the achievements of this individual



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