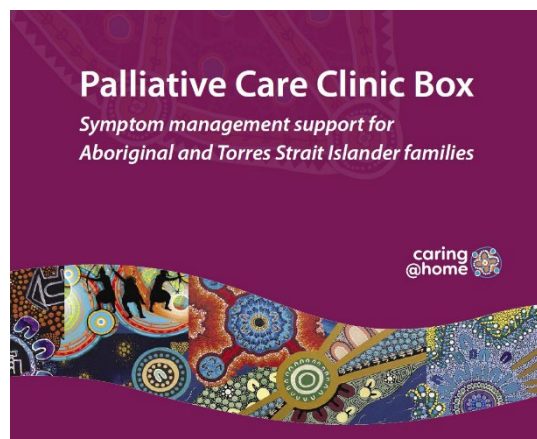


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caring@home today launches its Palliative Care Clinic Box (*shown right*) which contains a suite of tailored resources to support the provision of palliative care at home for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The launch, taking place at the Compass Conference in Darwin, follows an 18-month nationwide consultation process with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, health professionals in specialist and generalist services and relevant peak bodies.



Project Director, Professor Liz Reymond said the resources can support the provision of at-home palliative care symptom management. “When care at home is preferred, it can be provided to help connect family, culture, community, Country and the spiritual wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.”

This project is funded by the Australian Government and is conducted by a consortium involving Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet, the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives and Palliative Care Australia and is led by the Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative.

Professor Neil Drew from Australian Indigenous Health/InfoNet said the organisation was excited to be a part of this important initiative over the past few years. “Users of the Health/InfoNet website and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander palliative and end-of-life care portal will be able to access the *caring@home* website and order the Palliative Care Clinic Box. We will be supporting the promotion of this to our stakeholders nationally.”

The Palliative Care Clinic Box contains a range of hard copy resources for families, health professionals and clinical services to support families to help manage symptoms, including safely giving subcutaneous medicines, for a person who chooses to be cared for at home. Appropriate resources can be selected from the Clinic Box to meet the needs of individual families.

The *caring@home* Palliative Care Clinic Box is free and can be ordered now from www.caringathomeproject.com.au

- *The Clinic Box design features the winning artworks from the caring@home Indigenous Art Competition, held in early 2022.*