EMPHN Virtual Aged Care Community of Practice

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Acknowledgement of Country

Eastern Melbourne PHN acknowledges the Wurundjeri people and other peoples of the Kulin Nation on whose unceded lands our work in the community takes place. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past and present. EMPHN is committed to the healing of Country, working towards equity in health outcomes, and the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Recognition of lived experience

We recognise and value the knowledge and wisdom of people with lived experience, their supporters and the practitioners who work with them and celebrate their strength and resilience in facing the challenges associated with recovery. We acknowledge the important contribution that they make to the development and delivery of health and community services in our catchment.



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Kim Poyner



Founder and Director of **MediCoach** and a nationally recognised leader in primary care. With more than 35 years of experience spanning nursing, coaching, innovation and system redesign, Kim has shaped workforce development and quality improvement across Australia and internationally.

Kim is known for her work in change management, chronic disease care and team-based practice transformation.

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Agenda

Welcome and Acknowledgment	2.00 - 2.05pm	EMPHN & Kim Poyner
Case Study Palliative Care /End of life care & difficult conversations	2.05 - 2.15pm	Emma Hall Donwood Aged Care
Facilitated break out room discussion	2.15 - 2.30pm	EMPHN and Kim Poyner
Share discussion themes for each room	2.30 - 2.40pm	All
Q&A	2.40-2.50pm	Kim Poyner & Emma Hall
Evaluation, Resources & Close	2.50 - 3.00pm	EMPHN

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10 Minute Case Study

Emma Hall | Donwood Aged Care

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AGED CARE COLLABORATIVE SESSIONS

Presented by Emma Hall RN, Deputy Residential Service Manager and education officer

Donwood Community Aged Care

28th October 2026

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Topic Primer

Palliative Care Support and Education in RACF

- ELDAC (End of Life Directions for Aged Care) – knowledge hub website and resources Home | ELDAC
- ELDAC Linkages Program – facilitator program Linkages Program
- PEPA AGED CARE – Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach –Reverse PEPA Aged Care placement PEPA Aged Care - PEPA

Access these services and programs and the benefits to staff and residents

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- ELDAC- Linkages Program

An **ELDAC facilitator** will **support participating aged care providers** through the program. This support is **tailored** to need, provided at no cost and designed to assist participants to achieve their selected **improvement goals/activities**.

Builds relationships between service providers and specialist palliative care services, **development of resources**, **improvement activities** staff **understanding, skill and confidence** in advance care planning and end-of-life care.

Linkages Program - Service Development

Specialist Approach & Outcome

PEPA

- Reverse **PEPA Aged Care** placements - provides **free education** and training that involves a **specialist palliative care educator travelling to your place** of employment to facilitate learning for 2-4 days.

Training is flexible and designed to align specifically with your organisation's learning needs.

- Standard PEPA placement – 2-5 days with a specialist palliative care service

- Various Workshops available from PEPA

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Key Takeaways

Key Takeaways & Question for the Room

- Increased staff skills, confidence and knowledge around advance care planning, palliative care and end-of-life care delivery
- Greater awareness and access to current evidence- based resources
- Benefits to staff, resident and loved ones
- Free palliative care support and education programs are available

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Breakout Room Feedback

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What's next

February 2027 Case study

RN Triage and the deteriorating patient

Guest Presenter: TBC

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Feedback



Resources

EMPHN Event Resource Hub

Aged Care GP Matching

Aged Care Resource Navigator

HealthPathways Melbourne

Healthy Aging Mental Health Services

EMPHN RACH webpage

Residential InReach
Northern Health 9955 7474 Daily 8.00am - 4.30pm
Austin Health 0422 006 655 Daily 8.00am - 8.00pm

Resources

Resource	Best for
ELDAC	Building organisational capability
PEPA Aged Care	Onsite education
palliAGED	Practical aged care guidance
PACOP	Quality improvement and outcome measurement
CareSearch	Evidence, education and practical information
Advance Care Planning Australia	Advance care planning
Palliative Care Advice Service	Specialist clinical advice
The Advance Project Dementia	Dementia, advance care planning and palliative care
Palliative Care Victoria	Palliative Care resources and guidance

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