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## Community-based palliative care service rolled out in Wingecarribee

Residents of Wingecarribee will benefit from a significant service enhancement with the introduction of the highly tailored palliative care program PEACH, for people with a terminal illness who wish to die at home.

The Palliative Care Home Support Packages (PEACH) program provides support to palliative care clients in the last days of their life in their own home. Clients will be supplied with rapid access to clinical and related support services designed to ensure safe and comfortable end of life care at home.

SWSLHD Palliative Care Manager Janeane Harlum said the PEACH program, which this week was rolled out in Wingecarribee, enables more people to fulfil their wish of dying at home.

“The PEACH Program includes personal care during the day, a visit from an evening registered nurse and video support with a night nurse as they reach the end of their life,” said Ms Harlum.

“The PEACH Program is flexible and can be tailored to the needs of each person, which means they can get end of life care at home with loved ones instead of having to go into hospital,” she said.

The PEACH program was piloted by South Western Sydney Local Health District and was launched across five metropolitan Local Health Districts including South Western Sydney LHD, Western Sydney LHD, Nepean Blue Mountains LHD, Sydney LHD and Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD.

Referrals are coordinated by the SWSLHD’s central intake information and intervention centre at the Triple I (Hub), ensuring the patient is properly set up at home with the appropriate equipment and medications and patient referrals to other services can be coordinated.

South Western Sydney LHD is the contract holder for the PEACH Program and is coordinated in collaboration with the five Local Health Districts and not-for-profit health care provider, Silver Chain.

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