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We are all very excited about the commencement of the Banksia Palliative Care Course, which is running for the first time out of Melbourne. We are supporting Banksia to provide this valuable accredited course in Shepparton. Our first intake of 25 nurses is from all over the Hume Region, and with various nursing backgrounds. We have enough expressions of interest to warrant running another course in 2008. The Banksia Palliative Care Course will help with the broader education of general nurses throughout our region. We hope that in time, the increased understanding of palliative care amongst the general nurses in the community will provide an important positive link when seeking specialist palliative care support from our Hospice Service and other palliative care services in the region.