

National Palliative Care Week



Taking care: Banksia patron Krista Vendy (middle) visiting Banksia staff last week.

MAY 24 to 30 is National Palliative Care Week, a reminder about the services delivered by palliative care organisations.

Banksia Palliative Care Service cares for and supports more than 500 clients and their families who are living with a progressive terminal illness and want to live at home, across the municipalities of Whittlesea, Banyule and Nillumbik.

Community Development Manager Tim Paul said Banksia also provides consultancy to many aged care homes and has a learning centre with courses on pain management and palliative care.

He said that Banksia is the only charity of its type in the area, and it is actively recruiting applicants for a volunteer program.

The volunteer program includes four main roles – client support, administrative support, fundraising support and the committee of management volunteers.

Mr Paul added that Banksia is also seeking

community help from business people “who may wish to donate their particular expertise to help a specific management area, or products for fundraising events.”

“Community Palliative Care is evolving and Banksia is seeking speaking engagements from community groups or businesses who have employees residing in the north east.

“These well-received talks focus on issues relevant to the everyday family and the impact if the types of services available, including Advanced Care Planning,” he said.

Banksia Palliative Care’s patron, singer and actor Krista Vendy, visited clients and carers during National Palliative Care Week.

For more information about Banksia and its services visit <www.banksiapalliative.com.au>.

