



Sydney, NSW

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Purpose

To transform the experience of dying into a catalyst for community regeneration, through the delivery of programs that offer rich learning experiences for people of all ages around dying and the preciousness of life, including HOME Hospice’s flagship community mentoring program.

Rationale for SVA Investment

Although the majority of people in Australia express a wish to die at home, at best only 20 per cent of people actually realise this wish, being neither aware of their options, nor that they are part of a majority. Carers also often feel alone, overwhelmed and unable to care for a dying loved one at home, due to the lack of support available to them.

HOME Hospice is an innovative venture which allows terminally ill people to regain control over those final days of their lives by supporting them in remaining at home within the supportive circle of their family, friends and community as they approach death. Via its *Community Mentoring Program*, rigorously selected and trained volunteer mentors focus on supporting the dying person’s carer. They help carers to muster and coordinate support from family and the community so that he or she can devote their attention to living the final journey of life with their loved one. HOME Hospice also provides information and learning opportunities in relation to dying (e.g. via events and a freephone support line) and seeks to normalise society’s attitudes to death.

As the only national non-profit organisation addressing end of life and the benefits of dying at home, SVA believes HOME Hospice is uniquely placed to support families and communities to embrace the opportunities around the end of life.

SVA’s support will play an important role as HOME Hospice begins to implement their growth plan and expand their Community Mentoring Program to operate in all Australian states and territories by 2014.

Historical Achievement

In FY08, HOME Hospice grew from five volunteer mentors to 64 trained volunteers who mentored over 72 carers.



Growth Goals as agreed with SVA

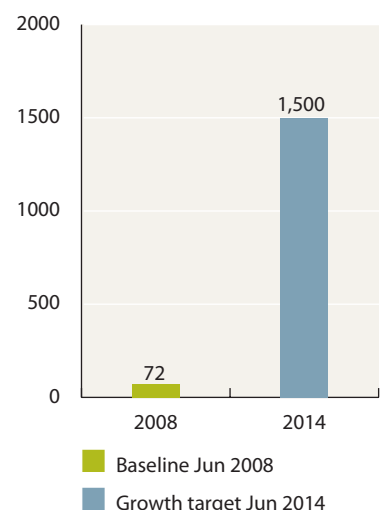
HOME Hospice’s strategy (FY09-FY14)

Deliver Community Mentoring and Community Learning Programs across Australia and achieve an annual target by 2014 of mentoring 1500 care givers and engaging 20 000 community members in caring.*

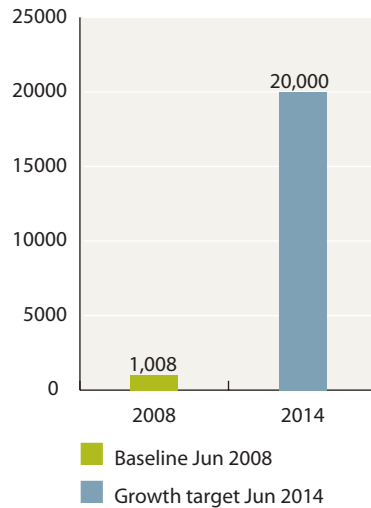
* Community member definition: the average number of ‘personal community’ members engaged with HOME Hospice Community Mentoring Program (average engagement as a result of mentor is 14 people, range 0-35 people. Source: Cancer Council Evaluation of HOME Hospice Mentoring Program, June 2008)

Performance Indicators

- Aim to have 1,500 carers supported by HOME Hospice-trained volunteer mentors by June 2014.



- Aim to have 20,000 community members supporting carers at home by June 2014.



Full detailed performance indicators are contained in the HOME Hospice Strategic Plan.

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Nick Toonen, CEO

Nick has extensive experience leading, governing and managing non-profit organisations in Australia and New Zealand. He started his working life in Tasmania, managing the Tasmanian AIDS Council and then Volunteering Tasmania. He served as President of the Tasmanian Council of Social Services and of Family Planning Tasmania, where he was appointed a life member. During his time in Tasmania he also served on the Boards of ACOSS, Family Planning Australia and the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations.

Nick was awarded an Order of Australia medal for his human rights work, including leading a nine year international campaign for gay rights in Tasmania.

In 2000, after establishing and running a grocery store in the Philippines with his partner Jay, Nick migrated to New Zealand, where his roles included Chief Executive of Citizens Advice and Manager of Wellington City Council City Communities Unit. He also chaired the New Zealand International Year of Volunteers 2001 National Committee.

Nick returned to Australia in late 2007, settling in Sydney where he took up the role of CEO for the AIDS Trust of Australia, before making the move to Home Hospice.