

Noala Flynn AM

Biography



Noala commenced her nursing training in 1962 at St Vincent's hospital, which was the start of a very distinguished and successful career. Noala did many years of general nursing, however her passion was in palliative care.

Noala started her palliative nursing career at Mercy Hospice when it was first established in 1985. She was one of the trail blazing palliative care nurses in the early formative years of the Hospice. When Noala was appointed CEO she brought much energy and passion to the role and genuinely cared for all patients, Nurses and volunteers. She was the leader that was required for the time and was pivotal in bringing to realise the vision of hospice care, which was not about death, but about respect, dignity and providing a quality of life to patient and their families.

Noala had a unique gift, she was able to connect with every family she cared for and they in turn never forgot her. Noala went above and beyond for her 'families'. If they needed something to help them better care for a loved one at home, she somehow made it happen. It was that generosity that endeared her to the many families she came in contact with.

Noala was tireless in her efforts to support those in Palliative Care. This was recognised by a very deserving award of the Member of Order of Australia presented to her on Australia Day, 2005 for her Services to Palliative Care. Noala also served on the Peter MacCallum Hospital Board of Directors from 2000 – 2008, having always felt a connection with the hospital who cared for her young daughter Kristina, 35 years prior, when she sadly passed from Leukemia aged 3 years.

Noala is remembered with much love by her husband of 54 years Gerald, children Anthony, Allison and Rachel, their families and a legacy of treasured friendships. Noala was a very special woman who made a difference to the lives of many.

