

CARER EDUATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM

All workshops run from 10:00am - 11:30am. The education session runs from 10:00 - 10:30am followed by the Complementary Therapy session running from 10:30 - 11:30am. The Carer Support Group will follow on after each workshop from 11:30am - 12:00pm. This is an opportunity for carers to meet and share experiences over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Week	Topic	Complementary Therapy	Date
1	Looking after your own health & wellbeing Positive thinking Managing stress Healthy eating	Meditation • Develop techniques to create self-care and relaxation	10 th July
2	 Equipment needs Learn about practical solutions and equipment available to help activities of daily living 	Massage Therapy	17 th July
3	 Understanding your loved one's illness Developing a picture of illness progression The importance of Advance care planning 	Music Therapy Find your rhythm - access your strengths & self-expression while enjoying some play time	24 th July
4	 Coping with financial, legal or work issues Learn how to access benefits, financial and support packages and legal support. 	Art Therapy • Use Art to explore feelings and challenges	31 st July
5	 Open forum - Q & A Join our panel of Palliative Care Specialists who can answer your questions to support you in your caring role. 	Music Therapy Find your rhythm - access your strengths & self-expression while enjoying some play time	7 th August
6	 Knowing what to expect in the future Managing Pain and Medications Preparing for death Understanding the impact of increased dependency 	Massage Therapy • Enjoy some me time with a relaxing head/shoulder or foot massage	14 th August
7	Dealing with feelings and concerns	Meditation Develop techniques to create self-care and relaxation	21 st August
8	Volunteers – Support from people who know what it is like to be a carer • Weavers Carer Support Volunteers • Family Support Volunteers • Biography Volunteers • Bereavement Support Volunteers	Music Therapy Find your rhythm – access your strengths & self-expression while enjoying some play time	28 th August
9	Knowing who to contact - supports available Planning for emergency care Accessing the After Hours Service Supports for carers	Meditation • Develop techniques to create self-care and relaxation	4 th September
10	Open forum - Q & A • Join our panel of Palliative Care Specialists who can answer your questions to support you in your caring role.	Music Therapy Find your rhythm – access your strengths & self-expression while enjoying some play time	11 th September