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National Volunteer Week Celebrated at Bethesda Hospital

Bethesda Hospital in Claremont will be celebrating along with their 50 plus volunteers during National Volunteer Week (12-18 May) with a dedicated volunteer morning tea at 10am on Wednesday 14 May at the Hospital Café.

The 2014 theme for National Volunteer Week is : 25 years of National Volunteer Week – Celebrate the Power of Volunteering.

Each year during this important week, Bethesda Hospital shows their support and appreciation to their volunteer group who donate their time on a regular basis to the Hospital, by hosting the celebratory morning tea.

The volunteers provide vital assistance and support to the staff, patients and visitors to the Hospital, and mainly work in the main reception as a 'meet and greet' service, or in the 24 bed Palliative Care Unit (PCU) of the Claremont based hospital. They also hold regular raffles and cake stalls to raise additional funds for the PCU.

Another project that the volunteers were recently involved in was the collation of the Bethesda Hospital Family and Friends Cookbook, which is currently on sale at the Hospital Café for \$15. The book features recipes collected from the volunteers, as well as staff and patients over the past few years. All of the book sale proceeds go towards purchasing comfort items for PCU patients.

Hospital Chief Executive Officer Ms Yasmin Naglazas said that 'we really value our volunteers' input and hard-working dedication to the Hospital, and recognize that they play a vital role in patient care'.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer at Bethesda Hospital, please contact Volunteer Manager Sahara Scaddan on 9340 6423 or email sscaddan@bethesda.asn.au.

Bethesda Hospital is an independent eighty-eight bed award winning Hospital in Claremont which has been providing outstanding surgical and palliative care and service to the West Australian community for seventy years.

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