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BETHESDA HEALTH CARE LAUNCHES 2016 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Bethesda Health Care's 50 plus team of Volunteers celebrated the New Year with a morning tea today to welcome a new Volunteer Coordinator and to officially launch their new Volunteer uniforms.

Kay McIntyre has recently taken up the role of Volunteer Coordinator, although she has worked for Bethesda Health Care since 2013 managing Doctor Accreditation. She has a psychology degree with a strong background in HR and staff workplace training.

'My parents are involved as Volunteers at a Hospice in Scotland so I am familiar with volunteer programs', Kay said. 'I have wanted to broaden my involvement with Bethesda Health Care and I am so excited for this opportunity to work with the invaluable Volunteers employed by the hospital'.

As part of the rebranding of Bethesda Health Care, Volunteer uniforms were developed last year and are now being phased in to all Volunteers over the next three months.

Deborah Bell, Executive Manager, Clinical and Support Services / Perioperative Services at Bethesda Health Care said that 'although our Volunteers have always been considered part of our team, a uniform now gives us an opportunity to let our patients, patient families, visitors and our own staff know who they are and offer the opportunity to be acknowledged for the truly valuable contribution they make'.

'As well as meeting our requirements for Infection Control we hope that making the Volunteers more visible throughout the hospital will encourage others thinking of volunteering to speak with them and become part of our team. We have already had an increase in enquiries', Deborah said.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer at Bethesda Hospital, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Kay McIntyre on 9340 6423 or email kmcintyre@bethesda.org.au.

Bethesda Health Care is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont who has been providing care and service to the Western Australian community for more than 70 years.

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