

MESSAGE FROM THE **ACTING ED COMMUNITY & ORAL HEALTH**

Metro North Health

Mary Wheeldon

Dear team,

Anzac Day is an important time for many of us to acknowledge the significant contribution made by past and present service personnel.

Anzac Day is a day for the nation to reconnect with our past, understand the present and look to our future.

Across many of our COH facilities today, the last post will be played, followed by one minute of silence.

This follows a number of Anzac Day Services being held, leading into this important day.

For many of our residents at Gannet House, the Halwyn Centre and Coindda House, they find it difficult to make it to an Anzac Day service.

Ensuring that they have opportunity to reflect is so important and an essential part of the care we provide.

I want to thank the recreation officers and everyone who has been involved in coordinating these services and activities at our bedded services and facilities.

Thank you to the participants of the Gannet House Anzac Day Service pictured above:

- Navy Lieutenant Stevie Barrie who has served in the Middle East and on our northern borders.
- Defence Civilian and grandson of a Boar War veteran, Graham Smith.
- Gannet House resident Fran who placed the wreath on the day.
- Staff, families and residents.

"This is a day not of celebration but of national memory. It's a day when we learn, and learn again, of the horror of purposeless war. It is a day for looking after your mates, cherishing your home, your neighbourhood and family. It's a day for realising how rare this wonderful country of ours is and how precious it is." - Author Unknown

In 2025, we commemorate the 110-year anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps troops at Gallipoli, Turkey.



As a directorate, we have always had strong links to our defence forces, especially at Brighton Health Campus and through many of our veterans, family members and current service people across our organisation.

These people share a common dedication and commitment to delivering a high level of care, and service to others.

I am very proud to work alongside you.

Lest we forget.

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Metro North Health acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, and pays respect to Elders, past, present and future.