



VOLUNTEER LINK-UP

Calvary Health Care Kogarah – Volunteer Services

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NEWS FROM CALVARY : DREW KEAR GENERAL MANAGER / DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Mary Potter House:

Last week we informed the staff at Mary Potter House that Calvary will cease operating the service on the 30th June 2022. The decision to cease providing centre based day care and social support was made by the Local Health District late last year in response to the changes in funding for the remaining 12 months of the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) - which funds Mary Potter House.

Calvary has operated a day centre for close to 35 years and has forged an exceptional reputation in our community for providing compassionate and evidenced based care to some of our communities most vulnerable. The dedication, commitment and pride that the Mary Potter team have shown in delivering their service has been exceptional and I am personally and professionally very proud of what the team have delivered to our community during those 35 years.

I understand the closure of Mary Potter House will be upsetting to a number of you who have been part of this wonderful service over the years.

Janet Petterson and Staff of Mary Potter House would like to leave you with some of our memories of our beautiful Mary Potter House.

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Renovations:

Below are the projects commencing/planned/completed:

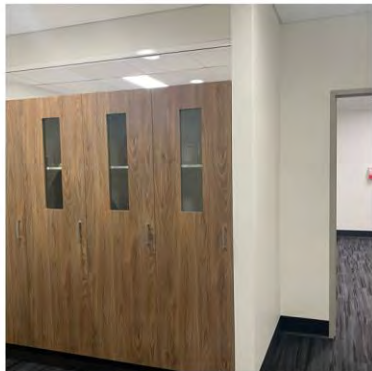
- o Block-out blinds ordered and will be installed on the veranda where RAT is currently undertaken.
- o Upgrade of our paging system.
- o Replacement of automated watering system for gardens.
- o Education Room, Ground Floor and Conference Centre – blinds installed.
- o Merging of rear gardens across Cottage Gardens where Community Palliative Care Teams are housed: Plan to be developed to amalgamate the rear gardens of cottages nos: 40, 42, 44 and 46 with paved seating areas, increase green footprint and pedestrian access to main hospital.

Refurbishment of our Palliative Care Ward is progressing well, , the scope has included the patient/family tea room, west wing balconies, Multi-faith room, quiet room tutorial room.

Calvary Kogarah Palliative Care Site : Palliative Care West is complete and work is now beginning on East side (along Rocky Point road) see collage

Photos of Patient room: Balcony off Patient room 2West: bathroom; Patient dining room which now extends out on the Balcony via sliding doors. Multi faith room: balcony at end of 2 west and new Quiet room and flower room is next to this room.

The balconies have tiles that look like timber flooring.... Very inviting space. We will have plants in the white planter boxes, to beautify the area.



Volunteer Service Update:

Sorry I have been out of action for a while. I had three wonderful relaxing weeks away then managed to get Covid when I returned to Sydney and have been off for the past month... back at work 2 days and now off again for the week. Hopefully will be back next week.

It seems we have to live with this virus for a bit longer. So please take all the precautions of wearing masks when you go shopping etc, the numbers out there are escalating again, and it's important to stay safe.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and hopefully we will see the light at the end of the tunnel soon and we will have you back, doing all the things you love doing for our patients and their families.

Calvary has one ward in a red zone lock down, so everyone is in the N95 masks- it seems we have to live with this virus for a bit longer. So please take all the precautions of wearing masks when you go shopping etc, the numbers out there are escalating again, and it's important to stay safe.

Shared by Scott Reid: CNS on the Calvary Community Palliative Care Team.

'At the NSW Palliative Care education session held last Friday we were introduced to a new initiative that is aimed to get people talking about EOLC. The website is excellent and has several very powerful vignettes of people who have been receiving palliative care.

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The I Am Living campaign partners acknowledge the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the lands on which all our services operate. We commit to Closing the Gap and to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation

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