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## HEALTH VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED IN PAMBULA

Greater Southern Area Health Service (GSAHS) extends a warm vote of thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who generously donate their time to maintain connections with the community during a stay in hospital.

Pambula Hospital is hosting a morning tea on 27 February to formally recognise the ongoing support provided by volunteers.

Acting Nurse Unit Manager Susan Berry has invited all staff to join the volunteers at the morning tea. Certificates of appreciation will be presented during the event.

Ms Berry said: "The service provided through the auxiliary, chaplaincy, pastoral groups, dementia support, and Friends of Pambula Hospital is highly regarded and much appreciated by health service staff and patients alike. We express our sincerest thanks to local volunteers for their outstanding contributions to patient wellbeing over the past year."

The support provided through volunteers is greatly appreciated by both staff of GSAHS and the many thousands of patients who make contact with our hard working volunteers.

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**Media note: There is a photo opportunity 11:20am Friday 27 February at Pambula Hospital. To make arrangements to attend please contact Susan Berry on 64956002.**

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