

WHO OR WHAT IS THE PINK LADIES VOLUNTEER SERVICE?

THE PINK LADIES VOLUNTEER SERVICE IS COMPOSED OF LADIES AND MEN WHO WORK AT GOSFORD, WYONG, LONG JETTY AND WYONG HOSPITALS, ALL OF WHICH MAKE UP THE CENTRAL COAST AREA HEALTH SERVICE.

THIS IS A GROUP OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS WHOSE ROLE IS TO PERFORM SELECTED TASKS WHICH WILL ENABLE EXTRA CARE TO BE GIVEN TO PATIENTS, ADD POSITIVE VALUE TO THE PATIENTS EXPERIENCE IN HOSPITAL AND ENHANCE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AREA HEALTH SERVICE AND THE COMMUNITY.

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HOW & WHEN DID PINK LADIES BEGIN?

APPROXIMATELY 27 YEARS AGO (1967), THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE THEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MRS. MURIEL WESTERWELLER, FIRST SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS FEASIBLE FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WORK BESIDE PAID STAFF IN GOSFORD HOSPITAL AND SHE PROPOSED THAT A PINK LADIES AUXILIARY SHOULD BE FORMED, SIMILAR TO OTHER PINK LADIES VOLUNTARY GROUPS ALREADY FUNCTIONING IN HOSPITALS ELSEWHERE IN N.S.W. AND VICTORIA.

HER INSPIRATION CAME AS A SEQUEL TO HER VISIT IN 1967 TO A RELATIVE IN HORNSBY HOSPITAL WHERE SHE SAW THE VALUABLE AND SELFLESS WORK THE PINK LADIES WERE DOING THERE.

IT WAS WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE C.E.O. OF HORNSBY HOSPITAL, PINK LADIES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HORNSBY STAFF THAT OUR OWN HOSPITAL WAS ABLE TO PREPARE SOME GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW. OUR OWN HOSPITAL SENIOR EXECUTIVE TOALLY SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF PINK LADIES WORKING IN THE HOSPITAL.

WHAT FOLLOWED, WERE THE USUAL PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS NEEDED TO RECRUIT AND FORM THE GOSFORD DISTRICT HOSPITAL PINK LADIES AUXILIARY WHICH WAS INAUGURATED IN 1969. 1969 WAS A YEAR TO REMEMBER FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THIS WAS THE YEAR IN WHICH MAN FIRST LANDED ON THE MOON, PRINCE CHARLES WAS INDUCTED AS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE CONCORDE FLEW ITS MAIDEN FLIGHT AND, ON A PERSONAL NOTE, IT WAS THE YEAR IN WHICH MY DAUGHTER WAS BORN. LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT IN THE SAME MONTH MY DAUGHTER WAS BORN, PINK LADIES BEGAN THEIR WORK AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL AND EVEN MORE SURPRISING IS THAT I WOULD BE PART OF THE PINK LADIES WORK TODAY, 26 YEARS LATER.

PINK LADIES BEGAN WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 75. ((MENTION LADIES OF THE TOWN)).

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WHAT DO PINK LADIES DO?

WE PERFORM SUCH VOLUNTARY DUTIES WHICH WILL RELIEVE THE REGULAR STAFF OF MANY TIME CONSUMING ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN THOSE REQUIRING THE EXPERTISE OF TRAINED PERSONNEL IN THE VARIOUS HOSPITAL DEPARTMENTS.

SOME OF THESE DUTIES INCLUDE:-

ATTENDING TO FLOWERS

DELIVERY OF MAIL AND TELEPHONE MESSAGES

FOLDING

SHOPPING

READING/WRITING LETTERS

HAIRDRESSING - NO CHARGE - DONATIONS ACCEPTED

COLLATING

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY

BLOOD BANK

DAY SURGERY

OUTPATIENTS CLINICS

CHILD MINDING

LIBRARY *Iran Books* .

Immunization clinics

ADMISSIONS

LAUNDRY

SUPERVISING NURSEES EXAMS

ONCOLOGY

RENAL UNIT

MANDALA

PADDY & DOUG

WOY WOY LADIES REHAB

CHAPLAINCY DEPARTMENT - ~~Wanda Zapf~~

IN ALL THAT WE DO, WE EXERCISE WHAT I WOULD CALL A "CARING"
MINISTRY.

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A PATIENT NEEDS A NON-MEDICAL, NON-
RELATIVE PERSON TO TALK TO - WE GIVE A LISTENING EAR.

BOUND BY ETHICS

ELDEST AND YOUNGEST

4 ORIGINAL MEMBERS

CHAPEL

PINK LADIES HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF THE LOVELY CHAPEL WE HAVE AT GOSFORD HOSPITAL.

SOME YEARS AGO, A GRATEFUL PATIENT GAVE A CONSIDERABLE DONATION TO PINK LADIES IN APPRECIATION OF THE TREATMENT SHE HAD RECEIVED BY THE PINK LADIES DURING HER STAY IN HOSPITAL.

IN CONSULTATION WITH THE THEN D.O.N. A DECISION WAS MADE TO WAIVE THE NON FUND RAISING ROLE ~~TO SPECIFICALLY~~ ^{9 x 0} FORM A COMMITTEE OF PINK LADIES AND SPECIFIC MEMBERS OF HOSPITAL STAFF FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANISING FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES TO FINANCE THE BUILDING OF A CHAPEL ON THE HOSPITAL CAMPUS.

RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN TO THE NEED TO CARE FOR THE WHOLE PERSON INCLUDING THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS. HAVING A CHAPEL WOULD HELP TO MEET PART OF THIS NEED FOR PATIENTS, STAFF AND VISITOR. ~~WE WOULD~~ ^{BY PROVIDING} PROVIDE A "QUIET PLACE" FOR THOSE IN NEED.

*Meditation
Questions
by praise*

THE COMMUNITY, CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE ^{in the fund raising effort} AND GENEROUS IN THEIR GIVING, ~~AND~~ AS A RESULT, THE MONEY NEEDED WAS QUICKLY RAISED AND WE NOW HAVE A CHRISTIAN CHAPEL IN THE STAGE 3 BUILDING . DESCRIBE!!!!

*Location
Interior
Window*

THE CHAPEL IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY AND AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE IS HELD EACH WEDNESDAY AT 12.30 PM ~~AND IS~~ ^{WHICH IS} CONDUCTED BY CLERGY FROM MOST DNEOMINATIONS ON A ROSTER BASIS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES.

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*Scholarships for C.P.E. trainees
- Ward chaplains & chaplaincy Dept.*

WHAT OR WHO IS A VOLUNTEER?

A HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER IS SOMEONE WHO HAS A HEART THAT CARES FOR OTHERS. IT IS SOMEONE WHO CAN IDENTIFY ~~AND~~ *9 empathise with those who are experiencing suffering.* SYMPATHISE WITH THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OTHERS ARE EXPERIENCING.

IT IS USUALLY SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

IT IS SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO SERVE HIS OR HER FELLOW MAN.

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IT ~~IS~~ ~~SOMEONE~~ WHO KNOWS JESUS AS THEIR LORD AND IS ABLE ~~TO~~ *or wants to* LIVE OUT THEIR WITNESS IN THIS WAY.

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SPIRITUAL APPLICATION

IN ANY ONE YEAR, OUR VOLUNTEERS GIVE APPROXIMATELY 20,000 MAN HOURS . THOSE HOURS REPRESENT A PERSONAL SACRIFICE OF TIME, [&] ENERGY, AND IT IS A SACRIFICE WHICH BRINGS ITS OWN REWARDS WHEN WE REALISE THE PRIVILEGE THAT HAS BEEN OURS IN BEING PART OF A CARING FAMILY AND CONTRIBUTING IN SOME SMALL WAY TO MAKING A PATIENTS" STAY IN HOSPITAL A LITTLE EASIER AND COMFORTABLE.

WHILST SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE CHRISTIANS AND SOME ARE NOT, IT IS THE ONE GOD WHO GIVES US THE INSPIRATION TO GIVE OF OURSELVES IN THIS VOLUNTARY CAPACITY.