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Celebrating our Valued Volunteers Monday 5th December 2006

Invaluable are the numerous volunteers who give their time to programs throughout Northeast Health Wangaratta, helping with patients and assisting us with providing additional services and conducting a range of events and activities.

To celebrate *International Volunteer Day on Tuesday 5th December*, Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW) Chief Executive Officer, Ms Lis Wilson, will host a special ceremony to acknowledge and thank the organisations volunteers with a special certificate and morning tea to recognise their valuable contribution commencing at 10am at NHW's Spiritual Sanctuary Gardens.

Northeast Health Wangaratta Community Relations Manager, Tanya Tatulaschwili says, "Volunteers are an integral part of Northeast Health Wangaratta and its community. Invaluable are the many volunteers who whole heartedly give their time and expertise to patients, residents, clients, families and staff to help provide the best care and quality of life to those who require our help and support."

Northeast Health Wangaratta Volunteer Programs consist of:

- Friends of the Hospital Auxiliary
- Palliative Care Volunteers
- Discharge Lounge Volunteers
- Library Ladies
- Nursing Home Aged Care Volunteers
- Pastoral Care Volunteers
- Community Advisory Committee Members
- Volunteer Patient Visitors
- Spiritual Sanctuary Volunteers
- Psychiatric Support Volunteers
- Fundraising Volunteers

Northeast Health Wangaratta's volunteer programs combined, engage more than 100 permanent volunteers as well as a number of service clubs, students, local community groups and individuals who volunteer for fundraisers, special events and projects. More volunteers however are needed to ensure the longevity of NHW's volunteer programs and activities. People interested in volunteering at Northeast Health Wangaratta are encouraged to contact NHW's Volunteer Co-ordinator, Kerryn Mitchell on (03) 5722 0297 for more information.

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