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Volunteers celebrate at annual Christmas lunch

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board Chair Mr Mike Horan praised the hundreds of volunteers who generously give their time throughout the year at today's annual Volunteers' Christmas Lunch.

Around 100 volunteers and Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) staff were present at the function which is a highlight of the volunteers' calendar.

"We have more than 260 volunteers across our health service, each of whom give their own time to help others," Mr Horan said.

"This is a remarkably generous thing to do, especially when so many of our volunteers lead active and busy lives already.

"Their efforts are very much appreciated and it's a pleasure to be able to say thank you here today."

Sam Savva, DDHHS Manager for Volunteer Services said the volunteers had provided almost 1,300 years of combined service.

"Our 262 volunteers play a vital role at Toowoomba Hospital, Baillie Henderson Hospital, Mt Lofty Heights Nursing Home and at a number of our rural facilities," he said.

"Between them they have provided 1,277 years of service, which is a marvellous achievement."

"Whether they are involved as Guiding Stars, welcoming and directing visitors around the hospital, delivering newspapers to patients, or providing companionship, the importance of their efforts cannot be overstated."

Mr Savva thanked the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation for its ongoing support and for providing Christmas gifts to each of the volunteers at the lunch.

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