

MEDIA RELEASE

17 September, 2015

Miles Hospital celebrates 30 year association with Meals on Wheels

MILES Hospital Director of Nursing/Facility Manager Aschleigh Perring has helped the local Meals on Wheels service celebrate 30 years of delivering meals to the community.

Since the volunteer-run organisation began in 1985, Miles Hospital has been contracted to provide meals that get delivered to Meals on Wheels clients.

A total of 80,705 meals have been prepared by the Miles Hospital and distributed by dozens of volunteers to clients in and around the Miles township for the past three decades.

“The Meals on Wheels committee in Miles is completely organised and run by a dedicated group of volunteers,” Mr Perring said.

“It was great to acknowledge their services and the association the hospital has had with Meals on Wheels for all these years.”

Meals on Wheels Regional Support Officer Debbie Dennien also acknowledged the efforts of the organisation’s volunteers.

“The Miles Hospital supplies a soup, one main meal, dessert and fruit juice for each of the Meals on Wheels clients every day,” Ms Dennien said. “The hospital supplies not only fresh meals, but also frozen food for clients who live outside the town area.”

The service currently has 12 clients, however over the years, their client list has been up to 20 people. On average, volunteers travel six kilometres each day to deliver the meals, collectively clocking up just under half-a-million kilometres in the past 30 years.

The association between Miles Hospital and Meals on Wheels was acknowledged at the service’s 30th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8 September.

The meeting was also attended by the Meals on Wheels’ first president, Gladys Emery, and the volunteer who delivered the first meal, Bette Little.

Caption: Celebrating 30 years of home-delivered meals are (from left) Meals on Wheels Miles Treasurer Dorothy Upton, MOW State Vice President David Trigg, MOW Miles Secretary Noreen Bourne, Miles Hospital Cook Lenni Davis, MOW Miles president Pam Fawcett and Miles Hospital Director of Nursing Aschleigh Perring.

Ends

MEDIA: Contact Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Media Team 4699 8547, 0438 702 328 or DDHHS_media@health.qld.gov.au