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Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service celebrates its volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role in supporting the delivery of services at the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS).

It is National Volunteer Week, and we're celebrating our valued volunteers. This year, the volunteers continue to celebrate the theme “Give Happy, Live Happy” which explores the research into why volunteers often live happier and healthier lives.

More than 500 volunteers donate their time to the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service each month, providing support in a variety of ways.

Volunteer Senior Coordinator, SCHHS, Michelle Acworth says volunteers are often the first point of contact for patients and visitors, and make an important initial impression for the health service.

“Our volunteers provide vital support helping patients in our hospitals and also residents in Glenbrook Residential Aged Care facility. Volunteers provide a warm welcome and support in each of our facilities,” Mrs Acworth said.

“This week we’re saying thank you to our many wonderful volunteers across the health service who donate their time to help others. Special morning teas will be held in each of our facilities to celebrate National Volunteer Week.”

John Slaven, Executive Director, Finance, Business and Operational Services, SCHHS, says our volunteers are essential and valued members of the team who support our patients, their family and friends, often through difficult times.

“SCHHS volunteers complement the care provided by our staff by generously giving their time to enhance the comfort and well-being of patients and their loved ones.

“Our volunteers are highly valued within our organisation, and we encourage any potential volunteers to consider joining our team,” Mr Slaven said.

SCHHS volunteers don’t require formal qualifications, just a friendly, helpful disposition, a willingness to learn and general people skills, as well as a basic level of fitness.

If you’re considering volunteering at Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, you can phone Volunteering Sunshine Coast on (07) 5443 8256 or visit www.volunteeringsunshinecoast.com.au

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Photo opportunity: National Volunteer Week celebrations--10am Wednesday, 10 May 2017 at Sunshine Coast University Hospital

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