

Royal Darwin Hospital Chaplaincy Report

The Cathedral Annual General Meeting

This year has seen some significant changes to the Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy unit at RDH. The unit has been realigned from Nursing to Allied Health. This means that Chaplains are directly aligned to a range of Professionals including Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Dieticians, Speech Pathologists, Physiotherapists and Audiologists. There is one full time position (Morris Bastian - Chaplaincy Co-ordinator), one half time position (David Crawford) from the Uniting Church and Tony Cunningham (Catholic Deacon). There is also provision of an on call roster for after hours.

There has been significant involvement of members of Christ Church Cathedral during this year. I would like to sincerely thank Pat and Keith Williams, Father Mike Nixon, Nicole Anderson, Jeremy and Garry Basset who have actively supported the provision of Sunday Services and visitation /pastoral care to patients. I am sure there other congregation members who have visited patients from time to time and for your care and support, thank you. Members of the congregation have also been involved in the Introduction Pastoral Care Unit being offered by the RDH Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Unit.

Through Bishop Greg's approval, and with support from the Dean, we have also been able to provide a reserved sacrament as an extension from the Cathedral to patients upon request. This has been valued by several patients.

Early morning Holy Communion services for the Anglican Clergy are held in the RDH Chapel three times each year.

At the heart of our pastoral care work is the broken and faithful Christ, pointing us God, who in turn fills us with the Spirit of Christ in order to serve others.

Thanks be to God

Morris Bastian

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