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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **AUXILIARY CELEBRATES 85 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR WIMMERA HEALTH CARE GROUP**

Tickets are selling fast for the Wimmera Base Hospital Ladies Auxiliary's fashion parade next week. The parade will be held on Tuesday 20 April at the Sunnyside Bowling Club starting at 10.00 a.m.

Auxiliary President Betty White said that the fashion parade would feature new season's fashions by Sixteen Plus, along with other entertainment. "The cost is just \$10 per person and there will be a finger food luncheon to follow. Stylecorp is sponsoring the parade and we are very grateful for their support" she said.

Mrs White said that the parade will be extra special because it coincides with the auxiliary's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. "We will even have a birthday cake made especially for us to celebrate the occasion" she said.

Mrs White said that the anniversary provided an ideal opportunity to reflect on the work of the auxiliary over the past 85 years. "Over the years, the auxiliary has raised more than half a million dollars to support our local hospital. In the last two years alone, we have donated \$180,000 towards the purchase of vital lifesaving equipment for Wimmera Health Care Group" she said.

Chief executive Chris Scott said that he was extremely proud of the auxiliary's achievements. "They started off in 1925 mending hospital linen and later became involved in fundraising for major building appeals and lifesaving equipment."

"They are an active and forward thinking group who are always looking for new ways they can support our organisation and staff. The fashion parades have become a local tradition that the community has come to expect over the years. They are well known not only for the fashions, but also for the feat of tasty home cooked treats on offer."

"Since 1956 the auxiliary has also run a very successful opportunity shop, operating five days a week in Horsham's central business district. A more recent initiative has been the commencement of a uniform shop for staff run entirely by volunteers on-site at our Horsham campus, this service is highly valued by our staff. We congratulate the auxiliary for their achievements and are very grateful for their support over the past 85 years" he said.

People can rsvp to the parade by contacting Betty White on ph. 5382 0099, Lorna Woodhart on ph. 5382 1608 or Marg Ferguson on ph. 5382 3071.

The Wimmera Base Hospital Ladies Auxiliary meets on the first Monday of every month at 1.30 p.m. in the Arapiles Building Board Room, Baillie Street, Horsham. New members are always welcome.



Wimmera Health Care Group uniform shop volunteers Betty White, Lorna Woodhart and Maureen Lewis provide assistance to staff member Carly Papst

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