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MEDIA RELEASE

HOSPICE AUXILIARY REFURBISHES PALLIATIVE CARE SITTING ROOM

The Wimmera Hospice Care Auxiliary has purchased new chairs and a sofa bed for the palliative care sitting room at Wimmera Base Hospital.

President Agnes Seater said that the auxiliary had raised \$13,000 over the past year. "Along with the new furniture, we have also purchased some syringe drivers for Wimmera Hospice Care clients and ordered a new bed for the palliative care room which will be arriving shortly" she said.

Mrs Seater said that the auxiliary plays an important role in supporting Wimmera Hospice Care. "Our charter is to raise funds to purchase much needed equipment for hospice clients" she said.

Co-ordinator Melanie Hahne said that Wimmera Hospice Care provides support to people with life limiting illnesses and their families and carers. "Patients may be living at home or in acute or aged care facilities across the local government areas of Yarriambiack, Hindmarsh, West Wimmera and the Horsham Rural City. The role of the auxiliary is very important to us. They are a fantastic group of people who are very supportive of the service we provide" she said.

Mrs Seater said that the auxiliary is currently planning for their annual Mother's Day luncheon on Thursday 5th May in the Uniting Church Hall. "This year will be our 15th Mother's Day luncheon, it has become quite a tradition" she said.

Mrs Seater urged people to consider joining the Wimmera Hospice Care Auxiliary. "We have recently welcomed five new members which is just fantastic. We have a terrific group of people on the auxiliary and some more new members would be very welcome" she said.

The next meeting of the Wimmera Hospice Care Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 10.00 am in the Uniting Church Hall.

For further details about the Wimmera Hospice Care Auxiliary, people can contact Agnes Seater on ph. 5382 2218 or Joan Harrison, Secretary on ph. 5382 3582.

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