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RECOGNITION FOR HOSPICE CO-ORDINATOR

Wimmera Hospice Care Co-ordinator Anne Hayes has been recognised for her contribution to palliative care services across the region.

She was awarded life membership of Palliative Care Victoria at a recent annual meeting in Melbourne.

Chief Executive Chris Scott said that Ms Hayes was appointed as co-ordinator of Wimmera Hospice Care in 1989 when the program first commenced at Wimmera Health Care Group. "Wimmera Hospice Care started with one staff member and a budget of \$39,000. Today, the service has a staff of four and a budget of almost of \$300,000" he said.

Mr Scott said he was pleased that Palliative Care Victoria had formally recognised Anne's contribution. "She has overseen the establishment of Palliative Care consultation throughout the Wimmera".

Mr Scott said that Anne had played a key role in the development of the first palliative care program for the Grampians region. "She has extensive knowledge, passion and commitment to palliative care services. Over the years, she has worked on many state-wide projects, committees and planning groups. We are very proud of Anne's achievements, she is a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award" he said.



Anne Hayes (seated) proudly shows her life membership certificate to members of the Wimmera Hospice Care team from left, Lyn McIntyre, Melanie Hahne and Jennifer Noonan

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