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MEDIA RELEASE

DAY CENTRE HOSTS IRISH WEDDING

Green was the theme for a mock Irish wedding in Horsham last week.

Molly Catherine (otherwise known as Elizabeth Bushby) and Seamus Murphy (Bill Pilkington) took their vows in front of a crowd of well-wishers including clients and staff at Wimmera Health Care Group's Day Centre.

Activities Co-ordinator Angela Amor said that the day featured all the trappings of a traditional Irish wedding including entertainment by local pianist Andy Wood. "There was the traditional wedding breakfast, speeches, wedding cake and even a bridal waltz. Our staff provided entertainment for wedding guests as well" she said.

"The wedding was a huge success with everyone having a fantastic time" Mrs Amor said.

Day Centre Manager Barry Arnott said that the centre offers a welcoming and supportive environment for frail, socially isolated older people and those with dementia and/or disabilities. "It allows them to maintain their personal independence and provides support to the carers as well" he said.

The Day Centre operates weekdays from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and a meal is provided as part of the day's activities. Transport to and from the centre is also provided.

People interested in finding out more about the Day Centre can contact Wimmera Health Care Group on ph. 5381 9285.



Bride (Betty Bushby), father of the bride (Bill O'Connor) and bridesmaid (Dianne Myer)



Guests await the arrival of the blushing bride



Groom (Bill Pilkington), Best Man (Michael Reinsma), Priest (Barry Arnott) and Photographer (Ron Nitschke)



The wedding gets underway



Guests (Maureen Argall and Bev Jenkins) came all the way from Ireland

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