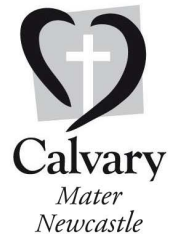


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Celebrating Service & Achievement in '09

19 November 2009

Over one hundred people will proudly attend Calvary Mater Newcastle's Annual **Celebration of Service Awards** tonight at 6pm. Staff, family and friends will join with invited community guests to honour staff receiving awards in the new Lecture Theatre at the Mater.

Calvary Mater Newcastle's researchers will also be rewarded for their work in cancer research with grants and fundraising monies being awarded to assist research efforts in medical oncology, melanoma, immunology and head and neck cancer.

Staff from all areas of the Hospital will be awarded service badges including, doctors, scientists, nurses, administration staff, volunteers and auxiliary members. They will be awarded for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years.

Altogether the group rack up a combined service to the hospital of **1,817 years!**

General Manager Colin Osborne said hospital staff and volunteers look forward each year to the awards night and enjoy receiving their service medals.

"We are very proud of our staff and volunteers, they take great pride in the work they do whether it be with our vulnerable community or dedicating their service to progressing better outcomes for patients through research.

"Some of our long serving staff have committed their whole working life to the hospital and for many of our staff, their job is their life.

"Their work within the community is testimony to their professionalism and I commend their long serving commitment to their professions in healthcare," said Mr Osborne.

Calvary Mater Newcastle currently employs approximately 1200 staff and has a 120 strong volunteer workforce.

Tonight's awards ceremony will be followed by a well deserved celebration.

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