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‘Airing of the Quilts’ Event supports Palliative Care.

The Belong Blue Mountains Palliative Support Service is a very special service supported by a very special community. It is a free service run by Belong Blue Mountains Community and Neighbourhood Services with a team of dedicated volunteer visitors who provides care and support for people who are terminally ill, as well as care and support for their Carers. Palliative Support Service Volunteers provide support at home, in local hospitals, or in aged care facilities.

The ‘Caring Hearts Quilters’ are a much-loved part of our local Palliative Care community. They are a group of kind and talented people who donate their time and creativity for the comfort of others. For many years, the Caring Hearts Quilters have donated lovingly made quilts to the Palliative Care Wards at Blue Mountains District Hospital, Springwood Hospital and the Blue Mountains Palliative Care Volunteer Service. The quilts are given to patients in the wards and in their homes to place on their beds and brighten up their rooms. Families are then welcome to keep the quilts in memory of their loved ones.

To raise money to support their work, the Caring Hearts Quilters have held an annual ‘Airing of the Quilts’ event. This year they will be holding the 12th and final ‘Airing of the Quilts’ and it promises to be a wonderful day with more than 200 quilts on display, market stalls, Devonshire tea and a sausage sizzle.

The 12th Annual ‘Airing of the Quilts’ will be held on Saturday April 10th from 10am-4pm at the Arms of Australia Inn Museum, Great Western Highway, Emu Plains. Cost of entry is \$5. The Caring Hearts Quilters will continue to create quilts for donations in future years but this will be the last opportunity to see their amazing quilts on display and support their cause. Make sure you don’t miss it!

Volunteering plays such an important role in our community and can be highly rewarding. Belong Blue Mountains has many different volunteering opportunities opening up now and all volunteers are trained and supported so they feel confident and well equipped to make a valuable contribution.

If you would like to find out more about how the Belong Blue Mountains Palliative Support Service can help you or someone you know, or if you think you may be interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Katrina on 02 4709 6053, or Danielle on 02 4759 2592 or email info@belongbm.org.au

For more information about the ‘Airing of the Quilts’ event, please call the Caring Hearts Quilters on 0438 670 012.



Warming up for the 'Airing of the Quilts' Charity Event: Blue Mountains Palliative Support volunteers (from Back Left) Terry Ryan, Kathy Smith, Robyn Artup, Boudi Maassen, and Ivy Lorenz with Caring Hearts quilter Linda Shreeve (front centre) and Katrina Simmons, Belong Blue Mountains Palliative Support Service Coordinator (front left).

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