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MERCY HEALTH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE SISTERS OF MERCY IN YOUNG

Mercy Health is celebrating 100 years of service of the Sisters of Mercy in the local community of Young, NSW through a month-long celebration in November 2023.

The Sisters of Mercy founded Mercy Health, first arriving in the Young community in 1923 when the Goulburn Congregation took over management of Mount St Joseph's Home (now Mercy Place Young) and Sacred Heart Hospital (now Mercy Hospital).

Celebrating this historic milestone, Group Chief Executive Officer Angela Nolan paid tribute to the Sisters of Mercy who's legacy lives on within Mercy Health and all its services nationwide.

"For the past 100 years, the Sisters of Mercy have selflessly served the people of Young with hospitality and compassion. It is both heartening and honourable to sustain their legacy by providing the highest quality of care to the communities we serve," said Ms Nolan.

The Sisters of Mercy have been fundamental in supporting the advancement of healthcare across not only regional New South Wales but across all Mercy Health services nationwide. Their tireless commitment and dedication to healthcare has supported the establishment of Mercy Health's key services in palliative care, aged care and healthcare across the country.

Sister Theresa Foley is one of the many Sisters of Mercy who cared for the local Young community, beginning her journey with the Mercy Order in January 1962. Across her time with Mercy Health, Sister Foley said she witnessed many periods of change and watched Mercy Health deliver high quality care by the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy.

"When I first started my training as a professed Sister of Mercy, I was privileged to be able to stand alongside another Sister and five other trainee nurses," said Sister Foley.

"In my beginning years, I watched many renovations take place and saw firsthand how Mercy Health grew into the dedicated health service it is today".

Reflecting on her time in Young, Sister Foley said the community has always played an important role in supporting the Sisters of Mercy.

"We are very grateful to the many trainees, trained staff, ancillary staff doctors and the people of Young who have supported us over these past 100 years."

Today, the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy lives on through the dedicated staff who continue to provide care with kindness and compassion.

For more information on Mercy Health, please visit <https://www.mercyhealth.com.au/>



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ABOUT MERCY HEALTH:

Mercy Health is a Catholic organisation grounded in a 2,000-year tradition of caring for others. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Health is made up of approximately 10,000 people who provide acute and subacute hospital care, aged care, mental health programs, maternity and specialist women's health services, early parenting services, home care services and health worker training and development.

Mercy Health is proud to be recognised as an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality by the WGEA.

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