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media release

100 Years of Hope
a Century of Care

For immediate use

**Celebration of 100 years of compassionate care
Thanksgiving Service at Ryde Anglican Centre**

As part of celebrations of our 'Century of Care', Hope Healthcare held a Thanksgiving Service at the St Anne's Ryde Anglican Centre on Sunday 16 September. About 100 people attended.

Speakers included Rev. David Tyndall, Hope Healthcare's Director of Chaplains and Pastoral Care who welcomed those to the event, Ms Thelma Thoms, former General Manager Braeside Hospital and Director of Nursing reflected on our past and The Right Reverend Dr. Glenn Davies, Bishop of North Sydney delivered the sermon.

In his address Hope Healthcare Chief Executive Officer Mark Newton spoke of a range of challenges and opportunities for Hope Healthcare in the future.

He spoke of his confidence that Hope Healthcare will have a bright future, "Over the last year we have made significant progress in the face of the challenges we face. Hope Healthcare is a wonderful organisation providing much needed health services to people at the most vulnerable time of their lives. We have been doing this in the name of Christ for 100 years. Under God, long may we continue."

Background

On Tuesday 17 September in 1907 the NSW Governor Sir Harry Rawson had officially opened our first facility, a hospice for the terminally ill at Petersham called the Home of Peace.

Neringah Hospital, Wahroonga was added in 1954, Greenwich Hospital in 1966 and Braeside Hospital at Prairiewood in 1996.

Today Hope Healthcare has expanded to provide a range of specialised public health and community services. These include palliative care, rehabilitation, mental health care for older people and community and aged services. The single enduring area has been our provision of palliative care and is provided at all our hospitals as well as community settings.

Our Centenary provides the opportunity to review our history and the significant contribution we have made through these 100 years, with our health and community services. As part of this we have produced a short booklet 'Hospitals of Hope' as a record of highlights of our history.

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