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Anzac Day 2023

Please enjoy photographs from the Anzac Day Service held in the Remembrance Garden, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital Friday 21 April 2023.



Above (R): Plaques and wreaths prepared for the Service. (L) Robert Winther, Veteran Liaison, Austin Health. Below (L) Minister Suleyman and Dr Fleigner unveiling the Furphy Garden plaque. Below (R) Col Collins listing names of those lost at the Gallipoli Landing.





Above: Children from the Austin Child Care Centre present Veterans with handmade poppies.



Above: Noel Blake, National Servicemen Association of Australia helps with the ringing of the bell.



Above: Austin Board Chair Ross Cooke and artist Lisa Foley unveil the Past, Present and Future painting.



Above: Bob Elworthy and Dr Renata Fleigner who developed the Furphy Garden concept.



Above: Artists Allison MacMillan and Lisa Foley launching the new Repat Art & History book.



Above: Ed Sheehan, nephew of Teddy Sheehan VC, recites the Ode.



Above (L): Sue Westthorp, Spiritual Care Austin Health dedicating the plaques unveiled on the day.
Above (R) : Professor Jeanette Milgrom displays the sponsored Poppy Images





Above (L): Bugler Kathleen O'Reilly is watched on by the children of Austin Health Staff
Above (R): Children and staff from the Austin Child Care Centre take part in the Service

It was wonderful to host an Anzac Day Service this year in the Remembrance Garden. We were able to unveil plaques for the Peacekeepers and Peacemakers and the Furphy Garden. The Repat Art & Heritage Book was launched, it is the third in a series of four books about the Repat. Also, a Japanese Sword from WWII, donated by the Corps of Commissionaires to the 57/60th Bn Assoc., was unveiled. The commissioned painting 'Past, Present and Future' was unveiled by the Austin Board Chair and the Artist. It is hoped that this image will become the symbol of the Austin Health Master Plan for the 'Repat'.

In attendance was the Hon Natalie Suleyman, Minister for Veterans; Bob Elworthy State President VVAA; Col David Collins representing the Army and Ed Sheean nephew of recently awarded VC Teddy Sheean killed on HMAS Armidale in WWII.



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