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## Community invited to create a field of poppies for ANZAC Day

Liverpool Hospital is calling on the community to help commemorate the ANZAC centenary this year with a field of hand-knitted poppies.

The Hospital will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli on Friday April 24, the day before ANZAC Day, with a service in the ANZAC Courtyard.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager Robynne Cooke said the community can help make a stunning visual tribute by knitting, crafting or crocheting red poppies to create a 'field' of red in the courtyard.

"The ANZAC Centenary is about respectfully honouring all men and women of the Australian Defence Force - past and present - while creating a lasting legacy for all Australians," she said.

"The association with poppies goes back to the spring of 1915 when poppies flowered on the battlefields of Belgium, Gallipoli and France, and since then poppies have become a lovely symbol of remembrance.

"The aim is to have the ANZAC courtyard at the Hospital full of knitted red poppies spelling out 'ANZAC 100', that can be dedicated to loved ones or created as a mark of respect.

"All staff, volunteers and friends of the Hospital are invited to help us come together and commemorate the centenary as a community by clicking their knitting needles."

### Knitted poppy pattern:

Use red 8 ply wool and 3.75mm knitting needles

Leaving enough wool to sew up poppy, Cast on 60 stitches

Row 1-8: knit two, pearl two

Change to black wool

Row 9: knit two together and repeat across the row

Row 10: slip one, knit two together, pass slip stitch over, then repeat across the row (10 stitches remaining)

Pull stitches together and sew in the black wool

Use the red wool from cast on row to sew up the side of the poppy using mattress stitch

Start again, and make another poppy!

*\*Knitted poppies can be dropped off at the Conference Facility Manager's Office.*