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Fairfield Hospital to commemorate ANZAC Day

Fairfield Hospital will commemorate ANZAC Day this year with a service and two special guest speakers, Paul Ryant from Fairfield RSL and Cecil Boland, a 90 year old patient who is also a World War II veteran.

The Hospital will mark the anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli on Wednesday April 27.

Fairfield Hospital General Manager Arnold Tammekand said 250 poppies would be supplied for the ceremony by Fairfield RSL.

“The ANZAC Centenary is as much about respectfully honouring all men and women of the Australian Defence Force both past and present while creating a lasting legacy for all Australians,” Mr Tammekand 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,” he said.

“All staff, volunteers and friends of the Hospital are invited to help us come together and commemorate the centenary as a community,” he said.

Photo opportunity: The service will be held at 10:00am on 27 April at the front entry of the Hospital, near the flag poles, opposite both Oral Health Services and Prairiewood Community Health Centre. If media would like to attend, please contact the Media and Communications Unit on 8738 6848.