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## Community to honour ANZAC Day at Liverpool Hospital

Liverpool Hospital will commemorate ANZAC Day this year with a service that includes special guest speaker, Liverpool Hospital colorectal surgeon, Dr Kate Gibson who is also a Major with the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps (RAAMC) of the Army Reserve.

Dr Gibson joined the RAAMC in 2007 to serve her country on the front line as a surgeon. She was deployed to Indonesia in 2009 during the Sumatra earthquakes and Afghanistan in 2011.

“My role serving in the field as a surgeon alongside soldiers is very different to what I face on a daily basis as a colorectal surgeon at Liverpool Hospital,” Dr Gibson said.

“Being on the front line to heal those who’ve been injured and harmed by conflict or disaster is very rewarding and while it comes with a unique set of challenges, I feel honoured to be able to make a difference in areas where my skills are needed most,” she said.

Liverpool Hospital General Manager Robynne Cooke said knitted poppies that spell out the word ‘ANZAC’ will be on display as a sign of respect in the courtyard and sprigs of rosemary will be handed out for the ceremony.

“ANZAC Day 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,” Ms Cooke 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,” she said.

The Liverpool Hospital ANZAC Day Service will provide staff, patients, volunteers and visitors the opportunity to pay their respects to the men and women who lost their lives in the service of their country. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

### **ANZAC Day Service Details:**

**Date:** Thursday 20 April 2017

**Time:** 10am

**Location:** Liverpool Hospital, ANZAC Courtyard, adjacent to the main reception of the Hospital. Use entrance B, corner of Elizabeth and Goulburn Streets.

**Attendees:** All welcome

**Photo opportunity:** If media would like to attend, please contact the Media and Communications Unit on 8738 6848.