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Sounds of Christmas bring festive cheer

Camden Hospital's Palliative Care Inpatient Unit was filled with the sounds of the festive season when Western Sydney University student volunteers performed Christmas carols for patients, their families and staff.

The unit was filled with Christmas cheer thanks to the beautiful carols performance by Jodie O'Brien and Timothy Teylan and a Christmas lunch donated by the Jennifer Eggins Cancer Foundation.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Palliative Care Volunteer Coordinator Arlene Roache said the patients and their families loved the carols music.

"There were many smiles from the patients – their faces lit up when they heard the music," Ms Roache said.

"Some of the patients put in requests for their favourite carols and sang along. It was a lovely occasion for everyone."

Ms Roache said the carols celebration aimed to bring a sense of home to the palliative care unit at Christmas.

"The carols create a home-like feel to the hospital environment," she said.

"The patients love to have the opportunity to share in the spirit of Christmas with their loved ones.

"I thank the volunteers and the Jennifer Eggins Cancer Foundation for their fantastic support."

Other special Christmas events at Campbelltown Hospital include:

- A Christmas lunch for Camden and Campbelltown Hospitals' auxiliaries on Monday 17 December from 1-2pm,
- Christmas lunch for Camden and Campbelltown Hospitals' volunteers on Wednesday 19 December from 12 noon to 1pm, and
- Christmas carols at Campbelltown Hospital with Santa Claus and children from Little Zak's Childcare Academy handing out gifts on Wednesday 19 December from 3-pm.