

April 2024 | Southern Region

Introducing...

## Veterans HOME CARE

Program from Catholic Care





CatholicCare is proud to support the Veteran's Home Care (VHC) program which provides basic in-home care support.

Veterans holding a Gold or White DVA card who struggle with daily living activities may be eligible.

The Veterans Home Care program also extends to carers, widows, or dependent children of eligible veterans for selected services.

#### Our services for veterans include:

- Domestic assistance with household chores and meal preparation
- Personal care
- Respite services
- Home & yard maintenance<sup>†</sup>

For more details and to get started please call 1300 523 985

Please note: A small co-payment applies to most services. \*Service eligibility is assessed through the VHC assessment agency, with a referral and service plan then provided to CatholicCare. †Home & yard maintenance is not currently available in Mackay











**LEST WE FORGET** 

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# Veterans & Seniors **We Salute You**

### Welcome to the April issue of Chat.

It seems incredible to me that we are already four months into 2024, and as it has been a while since I have had the chance to 'Chat' directly to you all, I'm glad I get to do it with such a significant event this month.

### I am of course talking about Anzac Day.

Anzac Day serves as a poignant reminder not only of the historical sacrifices made on the battlefield but also of the ongoing duty we have to care for those who have given so much for our country.

This Anzac Day, let's come together as a community to celebrate the strength and resilience embodied by our veterans and seniors alike.

By recognising the common thread of service that runs through these two groups, we can foster a sense of unity and appreciation for the contributions made across generations.

As we honor the Anzac legacy this April 25th, let us also extend our gratitude to the elderly members of our community, some of whom will have served in our armed forces, ensuring that they receive the exceptional care and respect they deserve.

Until next time.



Shari Jackson **General Manager Health** & Wellbeing Services CatholicCare Southern Region



### So many ways to show we care...



**In-home Support** 



**Social Groups** 



**Community Transport** 



**Allied Health Care** 



**Home Care Packages** 



**NDIS Delivery** 



**NDIS Support Coordination** 



**NDIS Plan Management** 



**Family Support** 



**Family Mediation** 



**Domestic & Family Violence Response** 



Counselling



**Employee Assistance** 

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### Staff in focus...

# Over 75 years experience

The first quarter of the year has seen a number of our team in Bundaberg hit some incredible employment milestones.

They say "There's no such thing as a job for life anymore", but we are thrilled that these three team members are bucking the trend, racking up 78 years between them.

It should be reassuring for clients needing support in our Southern region to know they are in safe hands with not only the wealth of experience and compassion the team members below show, but also as they impart their knowledge to new members joining the team.

There's a reason we can say that CatholicCare really is Central Queenland's MOST experienced team!



**Shari Jackson** 

22 years with CatholicCare

Shari joined the CatholicCare team in 2002 as a Family Relationship/School Counsellor and is now the General Manager of Health & Wellbeing Services in the Southern Region.



### **Kerrie Martell** 30 years with CatholicCare

Kerrie joined the CatholicCare team in 1994 and is currently working as a Home Maintenance Support Officer.



### **Neil Crossland**

26 years with CatholicCare

Neil's career at CatholicCare began in 1998 and he is currently working as part of the counselling team as a Registered Psychologist.



# Bundaberg Social Groups Get onboard & have an adventure!

It's not just bingo (although we have that too), our social group activities reach far and wide! From arts and crafts for those looking to exercise their creativity, to walking groups and trips to the beach for those that want to stretch their legs a bit further afield.

With a range of transport options, and all activities being supervised by the fun loving (but always safety first) CatholicCare team, you are guaranteed a memorable experience for all the right reasons!

Find out what's happening this month by scanning the QR code, or visit: www.catholiccarecq.com/socialgroups







### Ingredients...

- -1/2 cup coconut flour
- -2 cups gluten free self-raising flour
- -1/4 cup brown sugar
- -1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- -1 cup mashed banana
- -1 teaspoon vanilla
- -1 egg, lightly beaten
- -1½ cups plain yoghurt (or for a dairy free alternative use coconut yoghurt)
- -1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup frozen or fresh blueberries

#### Just five simple steps...

- **1.** Preheat oven to 180°c (170°c fan-forced). Line a 12-hole muffin pan with baking paper/paper cases.
- 2. Combine flours, cinnamon, and sugar in large bowl. Make a well in the mixture.
- 3. Add banana, vanilla, egg, yoghurt, oil, and blueberries. Stir until just combined.
- 4. Spoon into paper cases.
- **5.** Bake for 20-25 minutes. Leave to cool for a few minutes and then transfer on to a wire rack to fully cool. (Be careful as the blueberries and banana will retain heat for some time!)

Share and enjoy!

CatholicCare now offers consultations with a nutritionist to help you improve your overall health and wellbeing.

to get started!



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