

# Celebrating...



# Aged Care Employee Day

7<sup>th</sup> August *Thanks for caring*

**Aged Care Employee Day (ACED) is a national day of significance celebrating the more than 370,000 aged and community care staff who provide support to over 1.5 million older and ageing Australians.**

Although ACED is officially celebrated on August 7, we believe our outstanding team deserve this special recognition for the entire month!

Our dedicated community care workers are truly unsung heroes. They come to work each day not seeking gratitude but aiming to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Throughout August, we invite you to join us in honouring the people who support you and other ageing members of our community. We welcome your compliments, your stories, and your feedback!

**Call, email, message us or scan the QR code below – we would love to share your ‘Thanks for Caring’ message!**



## Compliments you've shared...

**“Ronnie** does an excellent job and intuitively understands my needs and preferences.”

**“Tayla and Rebekah** go out of their way to help. There's no two ways about it - they are remarkable!”

**“Emma's** proactive care without needing instructions significantly eases the stress for the rest of my family!”

**“Mathews** is very kind, caring and easy to get along with.”



**Scan the QR Code or visit [www.catholiccarecq.com/aced24](http://www.catholiccarecq.com/aced24) to share your #ThanksforCaring note!**



## The CEO's Corner

### Welcome to the August issue of Chat.

I am so pleased to see the phenomenal response to our call for expressions of interest in establishing our aged care consumer advisory body. Thank you to everyone who has registered, our team will be in contact with you soon.

In keeping with the good news, I am also happy to share that we are in the process of purchasing a brand new range of CatholicCare motor vehicles to add to our existing fleet. We have been hard at work over the last few months testing different car makes and models, and reviewing feedback about what you and our workers need to comfortably get you from A to B. I look forward to sharing more about this exciting development with you soon.

It is great that we are continuing to see excellent growth in our workforce and a strong trend of workers choosing to stay in the community care sector. We make it a priority to be a top-tier employer here at CatholicCare as we know that our incredible workers are the backbone of everything we do. **We now have more than 400 staff members across our entire service region**, and we look forward to providing you with enhanced care and consistency in the future.

Speaking of care and consistency, **it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge Aged Care Employee Day**. Please join me in thanking our amazing aged care teams for all of the wonderful work they do. I encourage you to consider taking some time to submit a special #ThanksforCaring message as part of the celebrations.

Until next time,

**Robert Sims**  
CatholicCare  
Chief Executive Officer



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- A dedicated Case Manager
- Choice and flexibility



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CatholicCare counsellors are highly trained and well equipped to listen, support, and help you address the often complex issues associated with life.

### Our counsellors can assist with issues including:

- Loneliness and social isolation
- Personal development
- Grief and loss
- Stress management
- Conflict resolution
- Separation or divorce
- Stepfamily adjustments
- Parenting
- Other concerns negatively affecting your life or relationships

Counselling offers a **safe space** to express thoughts, be heard, and explore new perspectives in a positive way.

**For many, counselling is a way of simply sharing their story with someone who can really listen.**



## Get started

**For more information or to access CatholicCare's Counselling services:**



Phone:  
**1300 523 985**



Book counselling online:  
[counselling.catholiccarecq.com](http://counselling.catholiccarecq.com)



## RECIPE



# Rachael's Chopped Guacamole

**Why not 'avo' go at making this simple but delicious chopped guacamole recipe!**

### Ingredients...

- 2 ripe avocados
- 8 cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1/2 bunch fresh coriander (leaves)
- 1/2 red onion, roughly chopped
- 1 red chilli, (deseeded and roughly chopped)
- Sea salt
- Pepper
- Juice of one lime

### Just FIVE simple steps...

- 1. Place** avocados, tomatoes, coriander, onion, chilli on a large chopping board.
- 2. Chop** ingredients with a sharp cook's knife.
- 3. Add** lime juice, salt and pepper and combine well.
- 4. Serve** in a bowl. It's delicious with carrot, celery sticks, crackers or pita bread!
- 5. Note:** For something special, sprinkle some crumbled feta over the top of the guacamole.

**CatholicCare offers individual consultations with our qualified nutritionist, Rachael, to help you improve your overall health and wellbeing.**

**Contact us today**  
*to get started!*



## WONDERWORD

# Picnic Time

**Lay down your blanket and find all the goodies you need for the perfect picnic in this month's wonderword!**

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GHERKINS  
PEPPER  
LETTUCE  
CUSHION

BUNS  
DRINK  
PLATES  
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TEA  
BASKET

NAPKINS  
SNACKS  
SWEETS  
SALT  
SUGAR  
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