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ANGELS APPLAUDED ON WORLD KIDNEY DAY

Mary Allen has been honoured as a recipient of Kidney Health Australia's Operation Angel Awards Program, announced today to mark World Kidney Day, 2012.

Ms Anne Wilson, CEO of Kidney Health Australia said: "Operation Angel is a National Awards Program recognising the unsung heroes of the kidney sector – the carers, the patients, doctors and nurses who work tirelessly to support those with kidney disease and to increase awareness of the need to reduce the burden of kidney disease."

One in 9 Australians over the age of 25 or 1.7 million Australians has chronic kidney disease. More than 50 Australians die each day with kidney-related disease. This is why the work carried out by hundreds of people daily in hospitals and kidney clinics across the country is so important.

According to the latest figures from the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry, there are currently 10,603 Australians on dialysis who benefit from the care and support our unsung heroes so willingly provide.

Mary has been serving as the Nursing Unit Manager of Tamworth's Renal Unit for approximately 15 years. Her outstanding qualities are reflected in the dialysis unit itself, which emphasises professional expertise, dedication, warmth, empathy and genuine care which is often under great duress with limited space, staff shortages, floods and challenging medical complexities.

Mary places the needs of her patients above else, while managing to skilfully juggle the personal demands of patients and staff alike. She is a compassionate and talented nurse, teacher and manager and her patients and staff is fortunate to have her working alongside and for them.

Kidney Health Australia is proud to honour Mary for her outstanding service in spreading awareness of kidney disease.

For more information on kidneys visit: www.kidney.org.au.

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