

## MEDIA ALERT

### Anglican Care's everyday heroes acknowledged

Anglican Care has been further recognised as the region's leading Aged Care provider at the Hunter Aged Care Achievement Awards in Newcastle last night.

Long-serving staff members, Anne McQueen and Gary Biggs were awarded Trainee of the Year and Care Staff of the Year (Residential Aged Care) respectively.

"I am so thrilled to have received the award as it represents and reflects the initiatives of all of Anglican Care's lifestyle staff and their commitment to providing the very best programs available to our residents," said Mr Biggs.

"The introduction of music via my Wandering Minstrel program brings much joy and happiness to our residents, particularly those suffering from a dementia related illness," he said.

Awarded two accolades in as many months, Anne McQueen said: "The Anglican Care trophy cabinet is filling fast. This is the fourth award the organisation has received in 2011. I was so excited to accept this award last night as a personal and professional accomplishment."

CEO Anne Maree Hodgson, said the recent list of awards afforded to Anglican Care's staff and programs highlights the time, commitment and dedication her staff deliver without hesitation, and something all organisations should encourage as leaders in their field.

"It is humbling, encouraging and so rewarding for not only Anne and Gary, but Anglican Care as a leading Aged Care provider in the Hunter to accept these awards. Our teams across eight residential facilities, together with our community based programs deliver superior service and care to our residents, and last night was a testament to their work," said Ms Hodgson.

