



INTERNATIONAL PARAMEDICS DAY
AUSTRALASIA JULY 8 #servingourcommunities

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Australasian paramedics celebrated in the launch of International Paramedics Day

Friday, July 8, 2022, marks the inaugural International Paramedics Day that celebrates the work undertaken by paramedics and first responders around the world.

As proud event partners, the Australasian College of Paramedicine, the Council of Ambulance Authorities and Te Kaunihera Manapou Paramedic Council will be highlighting the breadth of paramedic practice throughout Australasia, where paramedics are operating in a wide variety of roles, working in a range of different healthcare settings, and helping to improve health outcomes for all people in the region.

Our regional theme for this year's event is "Serving communities throughout Australasia", in which the focus is on recognising and celebrating the many extraordinary ways paramedics are supporting healthcare in their communities.

Australasian College of Paramedicine Chief Executive Officer John Bruning said the day was an opportunity to showcase the many dimensions of paramedic practice in the region, where paramedics are working in their communities in a range of different capacities.

"Since the introduction of paramedic registration in Australia in 2018 and last year in Aotearoa New Zealand, paramedics are increasingly working across different healthcare settings, not just jurisdictional ambulance services. It's evolved into a multifaceted, multi-skilled profession staffed by highly educated paramedics who attend to a variety of patient presentations in broader domains of practice such as aged care facilities, GP and health clinics, hospitals, urgent care centres, industrial sites, and in other key primary health care settings.

"This day allows us to show the public the vital role paramedics are playing in supporting our region's health sector and celebrate their amazing work and their unwavering commitment to the communities they serve throughout Australasia."

To mark this event, we're calling all paramedics to send us photos with quotes and videos of the work they are doing, which will be rolled out throughout the day on July 8, and afterwards will be compiled into an enduring video capturing the many ways in which paramedics in Australasia are serving their communities.

For more information and to download resources, visit our event website at: www.ipdaustralasia.org

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