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Florist honoured by Ambulance

The Chief Executive of the Ambulance Service Mr Greg Rochford, will today unveil a dedication plaque in a purpose built garden at Wollongong Ambulance Station to honour former Wollongong florist Isabell McAndrew.

Mrs McAndrew died in 1946 and left the bulk of her estate to her adopted daughter Florence with the provision that after the death of Florence the balance of the estate was to be distributed equally between Wollongong Hospital and Wollongong District Ambulance. Florence passed away in 2001 and the Public Trustee dispersed her estate as set out in the will.

Mr Rochford said, "The Ambulance Service wanted to ensure that the significance of Mrs McAndrew's generosity was recognised by Ambulance and the community, and her memory honoured in an appropriate way for years to come. The garden will be maintained by Wollongong ambulance officers".

A steering committee was set up to ensure that expenditure was in line with Ambulance Service protocol and the needs of the community addressed.

Expenditure

- Refurbishment of Wollongong ambulance station, including medical equipment and training facilities for staff.
- Life saving medical equipment for the Wollongong rescue helicopter at Albion Park.
- Medical libraries established at Wollongong and surrounding sector stations.
- Rainwater tanks for Wollongong, Bulli and Bomaderry stations for car washing, to maintain required hygiene.

Mr Rochford concluded "Mrs McAndrew would be well pleased to see that her community had gained so much from her generous bequest".



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