



Media Statement

Wednesday 25 January, 2017

The Warrigal Board and staff are shocked and extremely saddened about today's tragic accident involving one of our buses that was taking our Club Connect customers on a social activity day trip. Warrigal operates many services including residential aged care, retirement and community in-home services. Club Connect is a social and activities club for older people living in their own homes in the community. Our greatest priority at this time is to support those involved in the accident and their families. Eleven customers and staff including our volunteer bus driver were on board the bus that was involved in the collision today.

We have been providing support for those involved and their families, and will continue to support staff, volunteers and our customers through these difficult days ahead.

We will be issuing further statements as more information comes to light, but out of privacy and respect for everyone affected by today's traumatic accident we will wait until information has been released by the appropriate emergency services.

If anyone affected by this tragedy need support or further information please contact our Club Connect Coordinator on 1800 947 744.

Out of respect to those involved today, Warrigal will no longer be hosting the Illawarra Australia Day Community Walk. The walk will still go ahead however and will be run by the Aquathon organisers to raise much needed funds for Anglicare.

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Editor: Please note Warrigal Care has changed its name to **Warrigal** and needs to be referred to at all times as **Warrigal** not Warrigal Care.