

Malnutrition Week ANZ is a annual campaign that spotlights the shocking rates of malnutrition in Australia and New Zealand. It affects more than 1 in 3 hospital patients and nearly half of residents in aged care. By taking part in Malnutrition Week ANZ, you can improve the quality of life of the people you're caring for.

The theme of 2021's Malnutrition Week ANZ campaign is: **Malnutrition is everybody's business.** Food service staff, doctors, nurses, dietitians, families and even patients themselves all have a part to play.

Being malnourished means an individual is more likely to:

- Stay in hospital longer
- Have reduced immunity
- Lose muscle mass and physical capacity
- Develop complications such as pressure injuries/ulcers and infection
- Have poor wound healing
- Experience falls that result in fractures
- Experience mental illness and self-neglect

Yes, YOU can help beat malnutrition.

