Two Sunshine Coast doctors awarded Australia Day Achievement Awards

Two Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service employees were today acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to healthcare in the region.

Chief Executive Kevin Hegarty presented Australia Day Achievement Awards to Dr Peter Hollett and Dr Andrew Langley today at a special ceremony in Nambour.

Mr Hegarty said the awards were reserved for the highest level of recognition for staff and the event provided an opportunity for the health service to acknowledge these individuals for their outstanding performance.

“Dr Hollett and Dr Langley are highly regarded amongst their respective peers and the recognition for their professionalism, competency and leadership abilities is well deserved,” Mr Hegarty said.

“Dr Hollett, a respected and dedicated Renal physician in both public and private practice, has been an innovator, teacher, researcher and more recently successful manager and leader.

“He is now head of the largest Service Group in this Health Service - the Medical Services Group. Over the last six years he has led the group’s growth in the services provided, patients seen, new departments created and the increase in staffing required.

“At the same time Dr Hollett has continued his clinical duties and been heavily involved in the various time-consuming processes of design selection and service re-design for the new Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital.

“Dr Hollett has a clear ethical vision and strong values. His advocacy for patients, ensuring they are always considered first, remains central to his decision making.

“He is honest, kind and fair - but not afraid to make tough decisions when necessary. His resilience and consistency are supported by his considered assessment, insight and keen sense of humour.”
Dr Andrew Langley is Director of the Sunshine Coast Public Health Unit. He commenced his career in the Queensland Government in 1979 and with Health in 2000.

Mr Hegarty said Dr Langley’s contributions at both state and national level as editor/author of documents on environmental health risk assessment and communicable diseases prevention and control is significant.

“For example, Dr Langley has written national guidelines for vaccine storage, Staying Health program, preventing infectious diseases in early childhood and assessment of clusters of non-communicable diseases.

“He has also been actively involved in the production of a series of national guidelines on topics including Hendra Virus, Legionella and Measles.”

Dr Langley is co-chair of the recently established Communicable Diseases Clinical Network in Queensland which engages clinicians and consumers in decision making about communicable disease control priorities, clinical practice improvement and quality and safety enhancements.

“Dr Langley is a professional role model and leader, who has always contributed more than required in every facet of his role with the Health Service.

“He is the ultimate quiet achiever and a very worthy recipient of the Australia Day Achievement Medallion.”

Mr Hegarty said the Health Service was indeed very fortunate to have two such accomplished clinician-leaders contributing to the health care of our patients and broader community.

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