Sunshine CoastHospital and Health ServiceMedia statement

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Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health staff recognised with Australia Day Achievement Awards

Four Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) employees were acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to healthcare in the region.

Chief Executive, Kevin Hegarty, presented Australia Day Achievement Awards to Associate Professor Ted Weaver, Dr Ian Mottarelly, John Pearson and Sharon Barry at a ceremony held on Friday 22 January 2016.

Mr Hegarty said our award recipients are well respected by their peers in the health service and the recognition for their professionalism, competency and leadership abilities is well deserved.

“Associate Professor Edward (Ted) Weaver was appointed as the inaugural Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Nambour General Hospital in 1987. Ted has a distinguished career of service to women’s health locally and at a national level, through his contribution to the Royal Australasian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He is also acknowledged as a leading medical educator.

Ted empowers a culture of collaboration and inclusiveness. This, combined with the involvement of the medical and midwife team, sees women of the Sunshine Coast community receiving some of the best care outcomes amongst the Women’s Health care Australasia benchmarking cohort (which benchmarks approx., 60% of all public births in Australia).

Dr Ian Mottarelly, Senior Medical Officer, Emergency Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Gympie Hospital, is a highly experienced and respected rural generalist in Emergency Medicine and Obstetrics. Ian has supported the professional development of colleagues as well as the education and training of junior medical officers.

Commencing with the SCHHS in 2009, Ian has a strong commitment to professional development and service improvement, which he has demonstrated and reinforced in his role at Gympie Hospital. Ian has worked for Queensland Health since 1978, in both clinical and leadership roles.

John Pearson, Psychologist, Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS), through his collaborative leadership has developed a team of committed clinicians.
"During his tenure he has consistently demonstrated ‘thinking outside of the square’ when developing new programs, such as the SCKOPING program which cares for the needs of children with parents with mental illness and the SCEDLING program, which provides mental health services in schools.

John’s experience has seen the CYMHS establish a positive and functional work environment, attractive to mental health clinicians seeking employment opportunities. John makes himself available to coach and offer advice for members of his team.

Sharon Barry, Program Manager, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, has been integral to building a strong workforce that identifies with the community’s needs and ensuring the service is shaped around meeting those needs.

“Sharon is a positive mentor and role model. Through her leadership she has developed and maintained an effective and successful team, which has gained the trust, engagement and achieving better health outcomes for members of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Mr Hegarty said the Health Service was very fortunate to have such talented and committed staff who are responsive to meeting the challenges of providing safe, high quality care to our patients and broader community.

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