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The unsung Florence Nightingales of the bush – remembered on International Nurses Day

On International Nurses Day, it’s apt to remember our modern day Florence Nightingales of the bush.

For the past 12 years Emma Gordon has run the tiny Wallumbilla Community Clinic which is a major hub for the town, Yuleba and Jackson and surrounding district of 1200 people.

Residents at a Wallumbilla community forum praised Emma for constantly going over and beyond her duties to provide locals with an excellent service.

Apart from the big welcoming smile and friendly chat with patients, Emma’s professionalism and commitment was described as second to none.

Community Advisory Network chair Bec Beisell says the genuine care and level of expertise provided by Emma and support staff was greatly valued by the community.

Emma said today she loved her work and helping the local community.

She’s been in nursing for 20 years, having started her career at Longreach in 1996.

The clinic is run out of the recently refurbished former midwifery hospital built 90 years ago.

Wallumbilla is 40 kilometres east of Roma.

**Picture:** Emma Gordon’s big welcome to the Wallumbilla Health Clinic.

**Picture:** Emma (right) and Wallumbilla Community Advisory Network chair Bec Beisell.

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