

Media statement

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Promoting the importance of human relationships

Each year, **World Social Work Day** is celebrated on the third Tuesday of March, this year falling on **19 March**.

World Social Work Day is an opportunity for Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) to celebrate and recognise social workers as champions for social justice, self-determination and human rights, locally and globally.

The theme for World Social Work Day 2019 is **Promoting the importance of human relationships**.

Social workers provide key supports to address the inequities of the world's most vulnerable individuals, families and communities. They work in a wide range of areas, including mental health, family violence, child abuse, aged care, disability, housing, drug and alcohol, and in doing so, advocate for a fairer society. Social workers in Australia and the world over, make a positive difference.

Chantal Fichera, Senior Social Worker SCHHS, said that being able to work with people to help them develop the skills and strategies to address challenges, as well as enhance their overall wellbeing, is tremendously rewarding.

"In my five years as a Social Worker, I've worked in both acute and community settings. I've seen people at the extremes of grief and loss.

"I am fascinated and inspired by people, their capacity for coping, resourcefulness and resilience in times of hardship," she said.

On **Tues 19 March 10am-11am**, the SCHHS Social Work team will be available near the main entrance of Sunshine Coast University Hospital to talk about their role and how they encourage human relationships.

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

Chantel Fichera, Senior Social Worker will be available for interviews and photos.

Date: Tues 19 March
Venue: Meet at SCUH main reception
Time: 11am

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