

Media statement

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Celebrating a force for change this International Nurses Day

Dedicated nursing staff of the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service will celebrate International Nurses Day on Monday 13 May with a forum at Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

International Nurses Day (IND) is celebrated around the world every 12 May, the birth date of Florence Nightingale who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing.

The theme of this year's IND is "A Voice to Lead. Health for All."

Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery Suzanne Metcalf said nurses were essential in transforming health care and maintaining the health of our community.

"International Nurses Day was the day was a great opportunity to acknowledge the skill and passion of our nurses who go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure access to health care is available to all in our community," she said.

"Nurses and midwives are the single largest group of health professionals and our health system relies on their professionalism and innovation. The contribution they make every day is invaluable.

"The decisions they make many times a day in everyday practice make a huge difference to our patients," Ms Metcalf said.

One nurse who will be celebrating the challenges and rewards of a nursing career is Dr Annette Woodhouse. Dr Woodhouse is the Nursing Director for our Mental Health and Addiction Services.

"What I love about nursing is you never know what's going to happen each day. I also think it's a really great privilege to be caring for people who are really unwell. The satisfaction I get from my job is that people do get well and they can return to their life."

Photo opportunities for International Nurses Day activity on Monday, 13 May 2019

Auditorium, Sunshine Coast University Hospital

1.15pm-2.30pm
Oration.

Annual International Nursing and Midwifery Celebration and

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