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Miles Hospital welcomes new Director of Nursing

MILES Hospital's Aschleigh Perring is looking forward to further developing community relationships after he was officially appointed to the Director of Nursing (DON) and Facility Manager position earlier this month.

Mr Perring had been acting in the role since March, and previously held the Nurse Unit Manager position for the hospital's aged-care facility, Milton House.

"My first posting was at the Logan Hospital in the emergency department," Mr Perring said.

"That experience made me realise that I belonged in rural and remote nursing practice."

Mr Perring hopes to further build upon the hospital's good team work and community reputation.

"I love being part of the great team in Miles," he said. "As a director of nursing in a rural area, everyday is literally a different experience. It's a real juggling act to keep the facility operating effectively as well as manage staff members in a clinical setting.

"It's also rewarding to see graduate nurses come through the hospital and see them develop broad skills across a wide range of clinical settings like acute care, community health, allied health and aged-care."

Mr Perring also enjoys providing care that focuses on the patient's needs and wants.

"It's about delivering services that are structured and tailored to our community and being able to respond quickly to those needs," Mr Perring said.

"For example we have implemented a few small changes at Milton House that have meant the world to the residents. Things like the reintroduction of real butter instead of margarine, 'endless cups of coffee' for visitors and letting the resident sleep in. I love being a part of an environment that can respond quickly and it's exciting to create a model of care that suits our patients and residents."

Mr Perring took over the position from Anita Bolton who moved to Warwick to take up the DON position at the local hospital earlier this year.

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