Townsville HHS nurses honoured on International Nurses Day

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The Townsville Hospital and Health Service will honour its nurses and midwives with major awards including Nurse of the Year, Nursing Team of the Year, Midwife of the Year and Rural Nurse of the Year on International Nurses Day, next Monday, 12 May.

International Nurses Day is celebrated across the world and commemorates the birthday of Florence Nightingale, considered the founder of modern nursing.

Townsville HHS acting executive director nursing and midwifery services Marlene Cochrane said the annual nursing awards were a wonderful way of recognising and celebrating the specialised work of nurses and midwives throughout the health service every day.

“Each year we celebrate International Nurses Day and International Day of the Midwife, which is officially on 5 May, as a way of saying ‘thank you’ to our nurses and midwives for their work as health practitioners, educators and mentors,” she said.

“It’s a chance to celebrate not only their commitment to patient care but also their workplace innovation and research efforts,” Ms Cochrane said.

The Townsville HSS nursing awards will recognise the Nursing Team of the Year, Rural Nurse of the Year, Midwife of the Year, Mental Health Nurse of the Year, Rayleen Collingwood Nurse Preceptor Award, Graduate Nurse of the Year and Nurse of the Year.

Ms Cochrane said nurses and midwives played a vital role in the community.

“They play a part in the lives of all of us at one time or another, at times of great joy and also at times of grief and great sadness,” she said.

“I couldn’t be prouder of each and every one of the nurses and midwives who work within the Townsville Hospital and Health Service and I thank them for their outstanding patient care not only on International Nurses Day but every day.”

Media are invited to attend this year’s awards on Monday, May 12, and meet our winners.

Please meet in the hospital foyer at 11am for vision and interview opportunities.

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