

Friday, 12 May 2017

NURSES ACROSS SYDNEY'S EASTERN SUBURBS HONOURED FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

In recognition of International Nurses Day- Friday, 12 May- nurses at the Randwick Hospitals Campus (Campus) and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) Mental Health are being honoured for their outstanding contribution to health care.

More than 1600 nurses work across the Randwick Campus - the largest public hospital campus in the southern hemisphere - which includes Prince of Wales Hospital, Royal Hospital for Women and three SESLHD mental health units.

This year, SESLHD sites on the Campus also received an intake of more than 69 new graduate or transition nurses.

Ms Kim Olesen, Director of Nursing and Midwifery, SESLHD, said she was honoured to have such an amazing and inspiring team of nurses.

“While International Nurses Day comes only once a year, I believe we should honour and celebrate the dedicated work of our nurses every day,” Ms Olesen said.

“The Randwick Hospitals Campus are world class teaching facilities, staffed by teams of nurses whose skills are second to none.

“Nurses are fundamental to the successful daily function of hospitals, and play a vital role in providing quality healthcare to our community; and I am encouraged at the continually strong intake of nurses we receive each year.”

International Nurses Day is celebrated on 12 May each year to mark the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, who is widely considered the founder of modern nursing.

The day is celebrated globally to remember the valuable contributions nurses make to society. This year's theme for International Nurses Day is, *'Nurses: A Voice to Lead, Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals'*.

Celebrations across the Campus include a Campus-wide Nursing Research and Practice Development Symposium, information talks, morning and afternoon teas, barbeques, breakfasts for night duty staff, evening functions and annual nurse of the year awards and nursing scholarships.

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