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St George Hospital enrolled nurse scoops the Ron Flockton Memorial Award

In the lead up to the 2012 Enrolled Nurse Professional Association (ENPA) National Conference, a St George Hospital day surgery unit enrolled nurse has been awarded the prestigious Ron Flockton Memorial Award for her exemplary nursing skills.

Pamela O'Farrell, who has worked at St George Hospital as an enrolled nurse for eight years, said she was humbled by the recognition.

"I work with a highly skilled team of nurses and doctors in the day surgery unit who are passionate about providing the best of care, putting our patients at the centre of everything we do." Ms O'Farrell said.

"To have my work recognised by my peers and by EPNA is extremely rewarding, I'm certainly proud and honoured to receive this award," she said.

Vicki Manning, Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services, St George Hospital said Pamela O'Farrell epitomises what enrolled nursing is about.

"Pamela works in the very busy day surgery unit that admits around 7,000 patients for surgery each year, and is a valuable part of the nursing team," Ms Manning said.

"She can work with up to 25 patients each day; delivering their post operative care, and assisting with the discharge and follow-up appointments – always in a highly skilled and professional manner.

"As anyone who has spent time working in the profession would know, nursing is more than just a job. It is a calling that requires an enormous amount of skill, dedication and caring – and Pamela certainly has these attributes," she said.

Ron Flockton undertook his enrolled nurse training after caring for his wife who died of cancer. He was very active in the promotion of enrolled nursing and continued to encourage and support others in their nursing career.

He died in 2010 from melanoma. The Ron Flockton Memorial Award was established in memory of his dedication and passion to his profession.

Pamela O'Farrell will receive the Ron Flockton Memorial Award at the ENPA Conference, to be held in Sydney on 20 and 21 September, 2012.

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