

LONG SERVING STAFF HONOURED AT REMEMBRANCE DAY

Bethesda Health Care in Claremont recognised their long serving staff members at a special ceremony today as part of their annual Remembrance Foundation Day celebrations.

Twenty-three staff were acknowledged for their length of service to Bethesda Health Care including Susan Cropley, who has worked as a Clinical Nurse, mainly on night duty, for the past 25 years. Susan has been described as a considerate, caring and warm individual whose nursing approach exemplifies what Bethesda stands for – ‘personalised care’.

Remembrance Foundation Day marks the ‘official’ opening of the hospital on the Claremont site in 1944, and encompasses a celebratory lunch, a church service and the length of service awards.

The guest speaker at the ceremony was Jon Bennett who is the Chairperson of Dalkeith Road Church of Christ - the church that provides chaplaincy services to Bethesda Health Care, particularly as part of the palliative care program. Both Jon’s father and grandfather were past board members of Bethesda Health Care with Jon referring to the many changes to the hospital over the years, but confirming that the real essence, its foundation has stayed true.

Also during the ceremony, Clinical Nurse Manager of Bethesda’s Palliative Care Program Glenys Thomas was awarded the *Matron Beryl Hill Exemplary Professional Practice Award*. Under Glenys’s leadership of the palliative care program at Bethesda Health Care, the in-patient program has grown from 9 beds to a busy 23-bed unit, comprising both public and private beds. She has also worked hard to establish a very successful community-based program where a small team of specialist palliative care doctors, nurses and social workers teach staff in nursing homes, prisons and mental health facilities to look after those individuals who are dying. Glenys’s mantra has always been to ensure the care delivered in the palliative care programs is holistic and patient-focused, with an emphasis on recognising the family, the culture and spirituality.

Hospital CEO Ms Yasmin Naglazas said that ‘Bethesda Health Care has provided palliative care for ten years, and under Glenys’ direction we have become renowned for outstanding service provision in this specialty, as an in-patient service and in the community’.



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'Remembrance Foundation Day acknowledges our heritage, Christian beginnings and our ongoing commitment to caring – and it is a perfect opportunity to recognise our long serving staff members'.

Bethesda Health Care is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont which has been providing care and service to the Western Australian community for more than 70 years. The hospital has just completed a \$10 million redevelopment program providing two new operating theatres and upgraded facilities.

Length of Service Awards Recipients:

10 Years:

Amanda Burns	Vanessa Garland	Deiann Hicks
Jason James	Vivienne Keswell	Kerry Lingard
Bernadette Lloyd	Annette Moriarty	Peter McFadzean
Kerry Ogden	Sharon Prince	Rohitha Siriwardena
Jillian Stephens	Susan Suric	Glenys Thomas
Patricia Todd		

15 Years:

Penelope Keys	Anne Reid	Marie Fitzgerald
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20 Years:

Don Kelly	Judith Lunny	Jennifer Kohan
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25 Years:

Susan Cropley		
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