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Adjunct Prof Katharine Duffy
Katharine Duffy is the Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services for the Sydney Local Health District and holds a Masters in Health Administration. Originally trained as a renal nurse at Concord Hospital she soon became the Nursing Unit Manager of the Renal Ward and then the Nurse Coordinator of Cardiovascular Services for the former Central Sydney Area Health Service.

In 2000 she was promoted to Operational Nurse Manager, RPA, and was the Director of Nursing and Midwifery at RPA between 2005 and 2011. In 2011 Katharine went on to become the Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services for SLHD and was awarded the title of Adjunct Professor with the University of Sydney.

In 2013 Katharine was seconded to NSW Ministry of Health as Program Director for Whole of Hospital, returning to her substantive position within SLHD in January 2014 as the Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Adjunct Prof Cheyne Calhams
Cheyne Calhams is the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer at Monash Health, Victoria. She recently was Chair for the Ministerial Advisory Council for Nursing and Midwifery in Victoria and is the Victorian Nursing representative on the National Nursing and Midwifery Education Advisory Network.

Cheyne led the development of the Nursing and Midwifery Strategy, including the Nursing and Midwifery Governance framework across Monash Health. She holds a Masters in Management, is a fellow with the Australian College of Nursing and writes a regular column for HIVE magazine.

Prior to joining Monash Health, Cheyne was the Director of Nursing and Midwifery at the Capital and Coast District Health Board, Wellington, New Zealand. She has also been a representative on the National Quality Improvement Committee, the Safe Medicines Management Committee and the National Cardiac Surgery Steering Group that produced a strategy to guide the government’s approach to cardiac surgery in New Zealand.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
Ms Mandy Burgess
Mandy Burgess originally trained in New Zealand and spent the first 10 years working in a variety of acute hospital settings while volunteering with NGO’s. In 1998 she travelled to Manilla and Phnom Penh and worked on community projects and participated in the WHO polio programme in Cambodia. Following evacuation from Cambodia post the Vietnam Cup, she arrived in Australia and joined the RPA Emergency department.

She held the position of Nursing Unit Manager of ED and received a highly commended Baxter Award for her work on improving waiting times in the Emergency Department.

In 2009, Mandy moved to the short stay unit where she was pivotal in the establishment of Hospital in The Home at RPA in 2012 and also across the SLHD. Mandy is currently seconded to the role of EoC Coordinator and enjoys volunteering with St Vincent De Paul’s homeless night patrol programme.