8 May 2013

A day to say – thank you

Celebrating excellence, dedication and having fun will be on the cards to mark International Nurses’ and Midwives’ Day celebrations across Sydney Local Health District on Friday, 10 May 2013.

The day will feature awards, bed-making races and staff barbecues to say thank you to those at the heart of the health system.

The Acting Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services at Sydney Local Health District, Kerry Russell, said nurses and midwives played an essential role in the delivery of health care around the clock for patients.

“We are so proud of our nurses and midwives and the fantastic job they do every day,” Associate Professor Russell said.

“International Nurses and Midwives Day is the perfect opportunity to show our appreciation for their commitment, passion and hard work.”

Nursing and midwifery is the largest of all the health professions, with nurses and midwives representing about 40 per cent of the District’s workforce.

“Whether in hospital operating theatres, wards, community centres or even in the home, the community can count on our nurses and midwives to deliver the very best of health care in a compassionate and supportive way,” Associate Professor Russell said.

“The District will also present awards to staff at each facility or service to recognise outstanding achievement in the care of our patients.

“Importantly, the day is also chance for nursing and midwifery staff to have fun, and celebrate together their shared commitment to their profession,” she said.

International Nurses Day is held each year to mark the birthday of Florence Nightingale (May 12), the founder of modern nursing, who advised on the training of Australian nurses.

For more information, or to attend any events below, please contact Caline Haddad from Sydney Local Health District on 9515 9606 or caline.haddad@sswhs.nsw.gov.au
Media and photo opportunities, Friday 10 May

Concord Repatriation General Hospital

10:30am – 11:30am Centaur Service in the 113th AGH Memorial Chapel
Nurses will join a service to commemorate the sinking of the hospital ship
Centaur during WWII.

12:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch for nursing staff, entertainment on The Green – music from the NSW
Ambulance Band, an appearance by Rhodes Fire Brigade and NSW Police
car display.

12:30pm – 1:00pm Teams battle it out for the bed-making trophy with special guest former
National Rugby League player Garry Jack.

2:30pm – 3:30pm Award and scholarship presentation and cutting of the International Nurses’
Day cake at the Medical Education Centre.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

11:30am – 2:00pm Barbecue lunch on Gloucester House lawn, entertainment from the
Australian Army Band.

2:30pm – 4:00pm Nursing and Midwifery Award Ceremony in the Kerry Packer Education
Centre Auditorium.

Canterbury Hospital

7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast for night duty nursing and midwifery staff.

12:30pm – 2:30pm Barbecue lunch.

12:45pm – 1:00pm The Canterbury Cup bed-making race heats and final.

1:15pm – 1:45pm Scholarship and awards for excellence in nursing and midwifery at
Canterbury Hospital’s cafeteria.

Balmain Hospital

10:30pm – 2:30pm Barbecue lunch, games, competitions and peer nominated awards.

Concord Centre for Mental Health

11:30am – 1:30pm Barbecue lunch at the Riverside Café.

Community Health

12:30pm – 2:30pm Barbecue lunch at each facility including Redfern, Marrickville and
Croydon.