



FAIRFIELD

Nurses win awards for dedication, care

Fairfield Hospital trio recognised on Nurses Day

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NURSES at Fairfield Hospital were honoured on International Nurses Day, but three were singled out for special awards.

Nursing Unit manager for medical assessment Jeeba Sajith, Clinical Midwifery educator Vicki Beckwith and Nursing Unit manager in renal dialysis Binbin Yi received top awards for their dedication.

Ms Sajith, who is also acting in the role of infection control consultant, won the Director of Nursing and Midwifery award for clinical excellence.

Her role is particularly complex because she deals with patients coming from the surgical and emergency wards, all with different illnesses or injuries.

"In the medical assessment ward we have a high turnover of patients," she said. "There are a lot of medical and surgical patients and they keep us busy."

Ms Beckwith won excellence in Midwifery Education

"I'm rather humbled because we all work really hard," she said. "It always feels nice to get some recognition of your hard work."

Her main role is to look after the student midwives in the birthing unit.

"I'm lucky to work at Fair-

field Hospital because I get to see the birthing unit, the post-natal and antenatal wards, the whole spectrum of midwifery."

Ms Yi won the general managers award for outstanding clinical practice.

"My patients have to come

to our unit three times a week for the rest of their lives," she said. "We need to make the patient feel that this is their home.

"This is not only my work but the work of my team."

Director of Nursing and Midwifery Barbara Chapman said she was proud of the achievements of all her staff, but particularly these three.

"Nurses and midwives are educated and dynamic advocates for patient care and really have the ability to make a difference in someone's life," Ms Chapman said.

The celebrations for International Nurses Day were combined with International Day of the Midwife in order to recognise all nurses and midwives at Fairfield Hospital.



Binbin Yi, patient Christiane Berne, Vicki Beckwith and Jeeba Sajith. Picture: Robert Pozo