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Bankstown Hospital celebrates International Nurses Day

Bankstown Hospital will celebrate and thank nursing staff for their commitment to patient care and clinical excellence during International Nurses Day celebrations on Monday 12 May.

Bankstown Hospital's Director of Nursing, Carol Farmer, said the celebrations provided an opportunity to reflect on the invaluable contribution that nurses make to the Australian healthcare system.

"Nurses are at the forefront of patient care and treatment, from the moment the patient arrives at the Hospital until well after they are discharged," Ms Farmer said.

"They possess advanced clinical knowledge that is vital for improving the overall health and wellbeing of patients and supporting the healthcare team.

"International Nurses Day provides us with an opportunity to recognise the outstanding contribution that nurses make to healthcare throughout the year.

"It also gives nurses the opportunity to reflect on their achievements and feel proud to contribute to such a highly-valued and noble profession," she said.

As part of the day, Bankstown Sports Club Nursing Scholarships will also be awarded to nurses and midwives at Bankstown Hospital.

The Scholarships, worth a total of \$40,000, promote clinical excellence and allow nurses to complete graduate certificates in specialty areas, begin Masters and Post Graduate degrees or to attend conferences across the country.

Ms Farmer said the Sports Club had donated \$40,000 to the Hospital each year since 2006 for these awards.

"We are extremely grateful for the amazing support we have received from Bankstown Sports Club.

"The Club continues to be a committed supporter of nursing in the region, which is a huge benefit to the Hospital, our patients and to the local community," she said.

Bankstown Hospital has a range of celebrations planned for Monday 12 May, including:

- Amazing Race-style activities
- BBQ lunch for staff
- Award ceremony for Bankstown Sports Club Scholarships, Enid Barker Scholarships, Honour Roll, Annual Nurse and Midwife Achievements Award.
- Lucky door prizes

International Nurses Day is officially held on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale who is recognised as the founder of modern nursing. The theme for this year's event is 'Nurses: A Force for Change – A vital resource for health'.

International Midwives Day is officially celebrated on 5 May and the theme for 2014 is 'Midwives changing the world one family at a time'.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Amazing Race begins at 10am in Hospital foyer.

Nurses Award ceremony begins at 2.30pm

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