

# Nursing and Midwifery Matters

## Recognising the Present and Delivering the Future

International Midwives and Nurses Week Celebrations, 5 - 12 May 2008

International Midwives and Nurses Week celebrations, which commenced with International Midwives Day, 5 May 2008 and culminated on International Nurses Day, 12 May 2008, raised awareness of the pivotal role that nurses and midwives play in the provision of health care.

On International Midwives Day we held the second Nursing and Midwifery Symposium titled:

'EVERYONE LOOKS BUT NOT MANY SEE ... there is more to nursing and midwifery than meets the eye'.

The symposium focused on sharing the collective lessons learnt and knowledge gained from reflection on, and in, practice.

### Launch of *Delivering the Future*

During this week of celebrations, SA Health launched two key strategies:

- > The Nursing and Midwifery Workforce Strategic Plan: *Delivering the Future: building a valued and sustainable nursing and midwifery workforce: 2008 - 2011*
- > The *Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy 2008 - 2011*

The *Delivering the Future* strategy focuses on the nursing and midwifery change agenda. It aims to build a valued and sustainable nursing and midwifery workforce, acknowledging the dynamic and evolving health care environment, and positions our nurses and midwives to respond effectively to ongoing changes. Furthermore, the strategy responds to the challenges facing our public health system to retain, attract and recruit skilled nurses and midwives.

The *Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy 2008 - 2011* focuses on the health needs and interests of Aboriginal people and increasing their participation in South Australia's public sector nursing and midwifery workforce.

The *Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Strategy* is underpinned by SA Health's:

- > commitment to the increased participation of Aboriginal people as students and staff in the full range of SA Health activities
- > contribution to the process of reconciliation by educating the Australian community about the cultures, languages, histories and contemporary experiences of Australia's Aboriginal people
- > values, demonstrated by incorporating an understanding of Aboriginal issues, culture and history into nursing and midwifery employment programs and courses.



Copies of both documents are available at [www.nursingsa.com](http://www.nursingsa.com).



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## The Premier's Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships 2008/2009

SA Health was proud to announce the 2008/2009 recipients of the Premier's Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships. Three overseas scholarships to the value of \$12,000 and two Australasian scholarships to the value of \$5,000 were awarded to:

- > Gain strategies involved in establishing the role of Community Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner (Michelle Biggs - Australasian Scholarship).
- > Investigate best practice in oncology management, particularly cytotoxic use (Andrea Marsh - International Scholarship).
- > Build knowledge of pregnancy-related drug and alcohol issues and identify specific interventions to improve outcomes for both the mother and child (Raya Dubyna - Australasian Scholarship).
- > Observe and consult on potential process of nurse non-medical prescribing for alcohol, tobacco and other drug nurses (Wendy Fraser and Jacky Talmet - International Scholarship).

- > Examine the training of Resuscitation Nurses in Emergency Departments at Level 1 Trauma Facilities (Megan Wake and Carla Zampatti - International Scholarship).



*Premier's Scholarship Recipients*

*back row  
Jacqueline Talmet, Megan Wake, Michelle Biggs, Andrea Marsh and Wendy Fraser*

*front row  
Raya Dubyna, the Hon Mike Rann and Carla Zampatti*

## Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards

At the Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards on 9 May 2008, nurses and midwives were recognised for their excellence in practice and were acknowledged for the significant contribution they make to their professions, their teams and the community through their practice.

Congratulations to the recipients and finalists of the 2008 Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards and Scholarships.

### Award Finalists

#### Education Registered Nurse/Midwife

- > Charlotte De Crespigny  
(Drug and Alcohol Services SA)
- > Sandra Williams  
(Flinders Medical Centre)

#### Future Leader - Registered Nurse/Midwife

- > Cate Swetenham  
(Repatriation General Hospital)
- > Simon Taylor  
(Yorketown Hospital)

#### Leadership - Registered Nurse/Midwife

- > Murray Dalgleish  
(Waikerie Hospital)
- > Margaret Martin  
(Flinders Medical Centre)

#### Metropolitan Clinical Practice - Enrolled Nurse

- > Kelly Francis  
(Lyell McEwin Hospital)

#### Metropolitan Clinical Practice - Registered Nurse/Midwife

- > Sheralee Sandison  
(Repatriation General Hospital)

#### Rural and Remote Clinical Practice - Registered Nurse/Midwife

- > Wendy Dalgleish  
(Waikerie Hospital)
- > Barbara Tyler  
(Port Pirie Regional Health Service)

#### Team Clinical Practice - Registered Nurse/Midwife/Enrolled Nurse

- > Crystal Brook/Port Pirie Midwifery Team  
(Southern Flinders Health)
- > Resuscitation Team  
(Children, Youth and Women's Health Service)

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### Award Recipients

**Education - Registered Nurse/Midwife**  
Georgina Paterson (Women's and Children's Hospital)

**Future Leader - Registered Nurse/Midwife**  
Wendy Scott (Mental Health, Country Health SA)

**Leadership - Registered Nurse/Midwife**  
Lyn Olsen (Port Augusta Hospital)

**Metropolitan Clinical Practice - Enrolled Nurse**  
Helen Stead (SA Prison Health Services)

**Metropolitan Clinical Practice - Registered Nurse/Midwife**  
Sally Hampel (Eastern ACIS)

**Rural and Remote Clinical Practice - Enrolled Nurse**

Lindi Hoskin (Maitland Hospital)

**Rural and Remote Clinical Practice - Registered Nurse/Midwife**

Barbara Tyler (Port Pirie Regional Health Service)

**Team Clinical Practice - Registered Nurse/Midwife/Enrolled Nurse**

Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis Unit Team (The Queen Elizabeth Hospital)



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