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Recognising Tasmanian Nurses this International Nurses Day

Doorstop:

When: 2pm TODAY, Thursday 12 May 2022

Where: Outside the main entrance of the Launceston General Hospital

Who: ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary Emily Shepherd and LGH Nurse

Each year on May 12, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Tasmanian Branch (ANMF) celebrates the work of our incredibly committed nurses on International Nurses Day (IND). Today not only marks the day that Florence Nightingale, nursing pioneer and fearless leader, was born, it is also the day to acknowledge and thank all nurses for their outstanding and tireless contribution to their profession and the wider Tasmanian community.

“Nurses are continually cited as one of the most respected professions in Australia. They provide health care to all in our community across all sectors. While there are many challenges faced by nursing, midwifery and care staff in the current health care environment, nurses continue to lead the way in ensuring every patient receives the highest quality of care possible,” said ANMF Tasmanian Branch Secretary Emily Shepherd.

It is the perfect opportunity to encourage the community to think about how nurses have helped them through the COVID-19 pandemic. Nursing staff have played and continue to play a huge role in keeping them and their loved ones safe.

It also highlights the critical need for valuing the amazing work that nurses do and how vital they are across all sectors in the Tasmanian health context. On International Nurses Day the ANMF is calling on State and Federal politicians to take action to support the nursing workforce both now and for the future and rather than offer words of thanks on

International Nurses Day, take decisive action to recruit, retain and recognise nurses across all sectors for their tireless hard work and dedication to their professions, their communities and their patients, clients and residents.

The ANMF will be handing out chocolates at nurses' workplaces across the state today to thank our nursing members for their tireless and incredibly valued work.

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