



ROYAL BRISBANE HOSPITALS NURSES' ASSOCIATION INC.

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## Welcome to our April Newsletter 2024

Welcome to our April newsletter. I hope you all got through the hottest summer I can remember and are enjoying autumn. This will be my last newsletter as the time has come to make way for younger committee members.

Please consider coming on to the committee and help to keep our special and unique association viable. The friendships we made during our training days are very special and this is one way to keep in touch. You can nominate for a position by completing the form attached to this newsletter.

Cheers and thanks for your support.

*Jeanette*

### **Membership Report**

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

We wish to welcome to the Association the following RBH Graduate:

***(Marilyn) Judith Eddy (nee Dillon) 1969-1972***

Judith is well known having worked in the gynaecological units at RBWH for many years and only recently retired.

Whilst it is great to welcome new members, we're still wanting more Graduates and current and ex-workers at RBH, RBWH and RCH to join us. Please encourage your colleagues and former colleagues to consider becoming members. A gentle reminder to those whose membership was due to be renewed in 2023. A final reminder will be sent soon if you are in this group.

**Please also consider nominating as a Committee Member before our AGM in May.** Several of our long serving members will be vacating their positions to allow for members with new ideas and enthusiasm. The Nomination Form is attached and needs to be submitted by Friday 10 May 2024. Your Association, including the Museum of Nursing History, is only as good as its members and the Management Committee who represents you.

**VALE:**

***(Danielle) Noela Logan.***

We were saddened to be notified recently of the untimely passing of Noela on 6 April 2024. Noela graduated at RBH in 1971 and was a well-known clinician in the Casualty/Emergency Department at RBWH. Over 150 testimonies to Noela's unique role and contribution in Cas supporting and mentoring students and others were written on the Facebook page "Nurses who studied at the RBWH". Noela was held in high esteem as an excellent Emergency nurse by all who worked with her. "A great lady and exceptional straight-shooting nurse". We extend our sympathy to Noela's daughter Rebecca and her friends.

***Bronte Thompson.***

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bronte Thompson who was a loyal member of the Association for many years. Bronte died peacefully on April 17th and her memorial service will be on Tuesday 23rd April. She graduated in 1956.

*Lorraine*

***President's Report***

Hello to members & friends. It's AGM time again! This year is flying by with scary speed, but I'm sure I said the same last year too! Our Association numbers need a good boost so could you please gather your friends & past colleagues and join us on May 25th for our 2024 AGM.

This year, I have decided to change direction & relinquish the position of President. There have been many challenges to navigate - as in 2014 when the Hospital gave us 4 weeks' notice that the Museum of Nursing History was to move from the Lady Lamington to our present (much smaller) site - and we were in the early stages of organising the centenary of Anzac display. The Committee members put their skates on, working 7 days a week, but the move went smoothly & our Anzac project "The Brisbane Hospital and The Great War" was a huge success.

Governor General at the time, Sir Peter Cosgrove, who officially opened the display, was profoundly moved by our presentation. There were few dry eyes when His Excellency spoke about the power of the voice of an Australian nurse in a red cape soothing the soul of a severely wounded soldier in foreign lands.

My 4 years training changed my life beyond belief – life-long friends and opportunities I could never have dreamed of in 1964. It is time now to pass the baton.

Our guest speaker this year at our AGM is Natasha Keir – a Nurse Practitioner in Breast Oncology. It will be very interesting to hear how breast care is delivered to women in isolated places in Queensland. We have included Natasha's profile below for information. I'll look forward to catching up in May - thank you for being such a wonderful group - Nurses forever! Let's get together & have lots of laughs! Very best wishes.

*Cluny*

## **Museum Report**

***“A museum is a building or institution that cares for and displays a collection of artefacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance. Many public museums make these items available for public viewing through exhibits that may be permanent or temporary. The largest museums are in major cities throughout the world, while thousands of local museums exist in smaller cities, towns, and rural areas.***

***Museums have varying aims, ranging from the conservation and documentation of their collection, serving researchers and specialists to catering to the public. The goal of serving researchers is not only scientific but intended to serve the general public.”***

When the Museum of Nursing History was moved from its original site in 2014 from Lady Lamington Nurses Home to Building 19, there was a great reduction in size not only for displaying the collection, but there was also no storage and work area, kitchen and office to list those areas available.

All these were available in the 400 square meters of floor space at Lady Lamington. Building 19 has only 90 square meters of floor space the most of which is taken up by the display cases and other selected memorabilia. Every effort has been made to provide displays to stimulate public interest. This goal has certainly been achieved as all visitors to the museum sign a Visitors Book which contains very positive comments about their visit.

The big positive about Building 19 is that it has Air conditioning which in our climate is essential conservation wise. Not all objects require air conditioning but it certainly a must for the collection of paper products, archives, and books; photos and textiles, mainly uniforms. Another positive is Security; the Hospital Security keeps an eye on the building which is fitted with alarms. The Engineering Department has fitted extra lighting to the building and recently the Lock Smith has changed the locks. There is also a Security Keypad at the door. A security gate has been fitted to the entrance of the veranda.

***As safety of the collection is well established it is essential that we work on documentation and conservation of the collection.***

***I again request interest of the members to volunteer to attend working bees at the museum in the coming months to assist to update the inventory of the retrieved collection which is in storage on the veranda of the museum.***



The Museum of Nursing History is located in Building 19 RBWH Campus.



Early Photo of building 19 in the foreground and building 20 the behind with the two structures on the roof.

This was an easy walk up to the wards. Unfortunately, one must climb a lot of steps to get to the steps of the museum itself.

***Please contact me if you are available to assist in our Museum Working Bees. There will be a working bee on May 11th at 10am. Further dates will be notified.***

*Joy*

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## ***Profile of our AGM Guest Speaker***

### ***Ms Natasha Keir – Nurse Practitioner Breast Oncology***



In 2020, just as Australia was thrust into its first lockdown, Natasha Keir was endorsed as Queensland's first Nurse Practitioner specialising in breast oncology.

With over 30 years of nursing experience her tireless dedication to improve the care of patients with breast disease culminated in the opening of the first nurse practitioner led clinic at St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital. Fast forward to 2024 and Natasha has become the first Nurse Practitioner employed by Genesis Cancer Care who has developed a Breast Cancer Wellness Clinic, to assist patients with their overall health and wellbeing as they transition out of acute treatment into longer term survivorship.

We are looking forward to hearing all about Natasha's work during our AGM.



*This lovely photo of the Lady Lamington Building was taken during a recent visit of nurses to the Museum and Hospital Campus.*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
RBH NURSES' ASSOCIATION**

# Annual General Meeting and Lunch

Saturday 25th May, 2024

10am - 3pm (registration from 9.30am)

AGM 10.00am - 12.30pm

Lunch from 12.30pm

Cost: \$52 includes 2 Course Lunch.

Cold drinks can be purchased on the day.

*Guest Speaker: Ms Natasha Keir Nurse Practitioner*

*Board Room, Second Floor  
Kedron-Wavell Services Club  
21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside*

***RSVP for Catering Purposes by 20th May***

[To purchase tickets to this event on Eventbrite,  
please click here.](#)

**All Enquiries re this event to:**

Jeanette Wiley on 07 3278 4140

***Please also contact Jeanette to confirm any special dietary requirements.***



# The Royal Brisbane Hospitals Nurses Association Inc.

## **Nomination form for Position on the Management Committee**

**2024**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print name)

**agree to nominate for the following position:**

(Tick **ONE**, use a separate form for each position in multiple nominations)

- Management Committee Member
- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary

I affirm that I am a current financial member of The Royal Brisbane Hospitals Nurses Association Inc.

**Signature of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**My nomination is supported by two current financial members of the Royal Brisbane Hospitals Nurses Association Inc.**

1. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND TO: The Secretary, The Royal Brisbane Hospitals Nurses Association Inc,**

**RBWH P.O. Box 63, Herston 4029**

**OR SCAN COMPLETED FORM & EMAIL TO: [rbhnursesassn@gmail.com](mailto:rbhnursesassn@gmail.com)**

**[NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY 4 PM FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024](#)**