

Media statement

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Recognising special day for nurses

On behalf of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, I commend Australia's 321,995 enrolled nurses, registered nurses and nurse practitioners for their invaluable contribution to the health and well being of the Australian community.

We join the rest of the world to commemorate the [International Nurses Day](#) on Monday 12 May 2014 in the theme: *Nurses: A force for change – a vital resource for health.*

The International Nurses Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate nurses, who form the largest group of health professionals providing direct care to the community. Nurses make a difference. They have a great task to improve the health of the population in an environment where their work with a diverse range of clients can be challenging.

The National Board has funded a number of projects that address aspects of nursing regulation including:

- *Enrolled nurse standards for practice*
- *Registered nurse standards for practice, and*
- *Nurse practitioner standards for practice.*

We know that an educated nursing workforce and good work environment results in high quality care and improved outcomes. The National Board supports this by making sure that only nurses who are suitably trained and qualified to practice in a competent and ethical manner are registered.

We stay committed to supporting nurses to practise to their full scope and to provide safe health care for the Australian community.

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