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## The Friendlies recognises staff in third annual awards evening

**IGNITE THE FIRE** was the theme of the third annual Friendly Society Awards Evening, at which 25 staff and doctors were recognised with special awards for their contribution to the hospital.

On Friday night, March 18, staff were also recognised for their years of service from 10 years to 25 years, with 28 staff receiving service medals.

Five nursing graduates from 2015 and retirees were also mentioned on the night.

One of Australia's most successful Paralympians Karni Liddell spoke on the evening, in a truly inspiring talk about reaching goals no matter what obstacles may stand in your way.

For the third annual awards night, the focus was on igniting the flame within the Friendlies organisation and sparking enthusiasm within all Friendlies staff.

CEO Alan Cooper said it was important to take the time to acknowledge the changes and hard work that had been put into The Friendlies during 2015, and to recognise the organisation's highest achievers.

"This year, we had a record 116 people nominated across the 22 categories, which in itself is a testament to how hard our staff work to achieve the great outcomes we are constantly striving for," Mr Cooper said.

"It was my pleasure to be there to present these awards to our staff and to personally thank them for the extra effort they put in to making The Friendlies not only a leader in healthcare and caring for those in our community, but also a wonderful place to work.

"It was also wonderful to see so many staff on the night who were there to support their colleagues that had been nominated. The attendee's enthusiasm for the award winners also highlighted the supportive team environment that helps to make The Friendlies the exceptional organisation that it is."

**For a full list of award winners, visit [thefriendlies.org.au/news](http://thefriendlies.org.au/news)**



Paralympians Karni Liddell



## Spoil Mum this Mother's Day

Gift Guide Inside!





# The Friendlies welcomes second obstetric service.

A NEW PRIVATE OBSTETRICIAN has begun practicing from The Friendlies.

Dr Julienne Wickham first opened her private practice, The Women's Place, at The Friendlies a year ago, specialising in Gynaecology and Fertility Services, after working as a gynaecologist and obstetrician for the past decade in Bundaberg and Brisbane.

As The Women's Place celebrates its first birthday, Dr Wickham is expanding her services to include the full range of pregnancy care including:

- Preconception • Counselling
- Early pregnancy complications (miscarriage, abnormal screening tests)
- Antenatal care • Birthing
- Postnatal services.

The Women's Place will mark the occasion of its first birthday in more than one way.

"Our First baby was due early April and was eagerly anticipated," Dr Wickham said.

"working in Women's health has provided me with the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people in our community.

"To be able to provide continuity of care throughout a

pregnancy and help in the creation of new families is a special pleasure.

The Women's Place is found within FSPH Consulting Suites on Level 2 of The Friendlies Medical Suites on Crofton Street.

**Appointments are accepted with a Specialist or GP referral. For more information phone 4331 1066 or visit [www.thewomensplace.com.au](http://www.thewomensplace.com.au)**

*Dr Wickham joins Dr Andreas Laut as the only two private obstetricians in Bundaberg, both consulting from The Friendlies.*



## Celebrate Mother's Day at Foundation High Tea Event

GRAB A GROUP OF FRIENDS or someone you want to share a morning with and join us for A Mother's Day High Tea, with all funds raised going to The Friendlies Foundation.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include a decadent high tea, raffles and entertainment.

The event will be held on the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 7, with doors opening at 9am for a 9.30am start.

**Phone Fiona on 4331 1024 to book your seat.**

*The Friendlies Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Friendly Society Private Hospital and is currently raising funds for expansion to services in oncology and cardiology.*



## Hospital opens doors to students for Youth Month

GROUPS OF SCHOOL STUDENTS and their teachers will be touring the Friendly Society Private Hospital as a part of Youth Month.

The Friendlies has partnered with Bundaberg Regional Council and the Regional Youth Hub to provide an opportunity for students to see what career options are available to them in the health industry, which is much more than doctors and nurses.

Employing more than 400 staff, The Friendly Society Private Hospital is one of Bundaberg's largest employers.

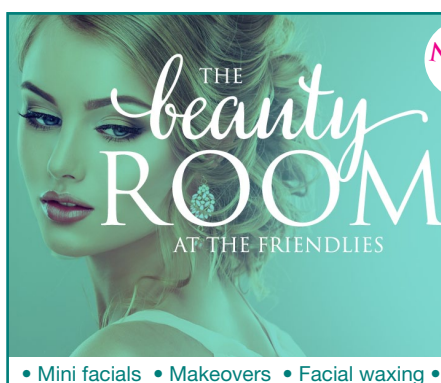
While nursing, allied health and support staff make up a large proportion of the hospital's workforce, The Friendlies also has staff in information technology, business development, marketing and public relations, human resources, finance, catering, purchasing and administration.

Business Development Manager Stuart Bonnett said the tours were a good way to show students the variety of options a career in health could provide.

**"We believe it is important to give students, parents and teachers the opportunity to get an overview of a hospital to see exactly what is involved, career opportunities, expectations of employers and a snapshot of the different roles involved in making a healthcare organisation of this size function efficiently," Mr Bonnett said.**

"By doing this we are showing young people in our region the career opportunities available within healthcare and within their local community."

The Friendlies will be holding the student tours twice a week for the month of April and will also welcome eight students across five departments for work experience one day a week until August.



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