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COMMUNITY URGED TO CELEBRATE CONTRIBUTION OF NURSES

Local State MPs have encouraged the people of Pine Rivers and Kallangur electorates to recognise the crucial role nurses play this Saturday on International Nurses Day.

Mr Trevor Ruthenberg said the day is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.

"Nurses regularly appear at the top of surveys of the most trusted and dedicated workers in the community, and with good reason," Mr Ruthenberg said.

"There are more than 60,000 nurses and midwives working all over Queensland, including about 33,000 with Queensland Health."

Mr Seath Holswich added, "Every day across Queensland, our nurses and midwives do an amazing job, caring for a population of 4.53 million spread across an area of almost two million square kilometres."

"They are the mainstay of our large city hospitals, small rural hospitals and community health centres providing in-patient and outreach services."

"For so many people who come into contact with the health system, nurses are the first line of calm reassurance and high quality treatment."

"They provide the complete range of care, and the standard of that care in Queensland is world class."

"International Nurses Day is an opportunity for the community to say thank you."

Each and every day in public hospitals across Queensland, our nurses and midwives are involved in the delivery of 120 babies.

Every day, our nurses and midwives provide expert care to for more than 8,500 people admitted to hospital and more than 30,000 outpatients.

Nurses also provide clinical advice to 760 callers each day through the 13HEALTH phone line (13 432 584).

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