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Update from Julia Creek MPHS

The team would like to thank the community for the support during the temporary downgrade of the facility. We have received 8 written compliments for the month of January and appreciate community members taking the time to write to us. We have left feedback forms throughout the local shops, if you have any concerns and or compliments, please fill out and bring back to the hospital and leave it in our feedback box at the front of the foyer or alternatively email to NWHHSCLO@health.qld.gov.au

We are currently working on recruitment for Registered Nurses, Clinical Nurse and Enrolled Nurse positions. The impact on the shortage of nurses and medical officers is felt throughout Australia and Globally. A recent report by the International Council of Nurses reported, "*The world is facing a global shortage of nearly six million nurses*", highlighting the demand and shortages as a result of COVID-19. We are still aiming for the temporary downgrade to be lifted by the end of March.

Currently there are two workforce strategies for sustainability of nurses in our district:

1. NWHHS participate in the SWIM program which is run by Clinical Excellence, city nurses can come, and experience rural and remote nursing as a 3-month program. There is opportunity for nurses to extend and or transfer.
2. NWHHS Rural and Remote Pool which Julia Creek MPHS will participate in. The program is designed for permanent nurses of NWHHS to rotate to all remote facilities, giving nurses the opportunity to grow their skills and offer a range of experiences. The pool will enable facilities to maintain staffing levels and give access to highly trained rural generalist nurses.

Opening Hours are Monday to Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm.

A nurse is oncall 24/7, please call 47464000 or press the red doorbell in the front foyer of the faciliaty outside opening hours.