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Queanbeyan Hospital staff member nominated for NSW Midwife of the Year

Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) has today congratulated Queanbeyan midwife, Jenny Flaherty, who is among 30 finalists nominated for the 10th annual NSW Health Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards.

Jenny was nominated in the Midwife of the Year category, one of eight categories which recognise nurses and midwives who have made a difference in clinical practice, management and leadership.

NSW Health Secretary Susan Pearce extended her congratulations to this year's finalists.

"These awards showcase the exceptional work nurses and midwives are doing in our hospitals each and every day. I want to acknowledge the finalists for their outstanding work and thank all our staff members who continue to deliver high quality care during these challenging times," Ms Pearce said.

"These awards began in 2013 during my time as Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer and I'm very pleased to now see them entering their 10th year."

Jenny Flaherty is the Midwifery Unit Manager (MUM) of the Maternity Ward at Queanbeyan Hospital.

Jenny has worked as a midwife with SNSWLHD for 33 years, and her commitment to improving practice in Queanbeyan and other maternity services across the district has earned her the respect of both colleagues and the women and families in her care.

Finalists and winners will be celebrated at the Awards ceremony, which will be livestreamed on November 24, 2022 from 2pm.

The NSW Government has announced a record 10,148 full-time equivalent staff will be recruited to hospitals and health services across NSW over four years, in the nation's largest-ever health workforce boost, as part of the NSW Government's 2022-23 Budget.

The additional staff will include nurses and midwives, doctors, paramedics, pathologists and scientific staff, pharmacists and allied health professionals, as well as support and ancillary staff who ensure the continued operations of NSW hospitals and the wider public health system.

More information on the 2022 Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards is available [here](#).