



# Media release

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### **International Nurses Day**

Atwell resident and Royal Perth Hospital nurse Dene Olive has called for more males to consider nursing as a career in recognition of International Nurses Day on May 12.

At RPH there are 190 males out of 2031 nurses, however this does not phase Dene who has worked his way up the nursing ladder in a short space of time.

After completing his nursing degree, Dene started at RPH in 2000 and in his first year he received the 'Graduate Nurse of the Year' award.

After working in several areas around the hospital Dene ended up on the surgical ward, which he found particularly rewarding.

"The best part about working on the surgical ward is the fact that the patients come in with a problem, they then have surgery and the problem is almost always fixed," Dene said.

Dene then travelled overseas for a few years and said it was incredibly easy to get a job as a nurse anywhere in the world.

In February this year Dene returned to RPH as Acting Area Manager for Surgical Division and is hoping to obtain the Clinical Nurse position in General Surgery which he used to act in before his travels.

"As a Clinical Nurse I co-ordinate shifts and doctor's rounds, educate graduate nurses, allocate nurses to patients and liaise with all the allied health professionals.

Dene continues to further educate himself and recently completed a wound management course and has attended several professional development courses offered by the Hospital.

“Nursing isn’t just for females, it is a physically and mentally challenging job and I would recommend it to any male.

“It is such a rewarding job and I get a lot of personal satisfaction out of making a difference in people’s lives.”

All RPH nurses will receive muffins on Friday May 12 at Royal Perth Hospital to celebrate International Nurses Day and there will be a nursing display on the Wellington Street overpass.