

# What's Happening at Your Health Service

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY 2010

Each year on the 12th May (Florence Nightingale's birthday) celebrations occur for International Nurses Day. Florence Nightingale is considered the founder of 'modern' nursing through her achievements in structured programs in delivering bedside care, maintaining cleaning standards and in the education of nurses in health care. While Florence is better known for her work during the Crimean War circa 1854, and the later establishment of St Thomas' Hospital, London, her political lobbying to improve standards of cleaning and nurse education was also significant and effective. Such was the high regard for Florence that in 1868 Colonial Secretary Henry Parkes sought out nurses trained by Florence herself, to travel to Australia to "reform nursing practices in the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary". Florence Nightingale still serves as a model for nurses today. With vision, values and voice, nurses care for all people, leading societies around the world toward better health.

REDHS staff celebrated International Nurses Day with a BBQ lunch to show appreciation for the contributions made locally by our Nurses.



*Nursing Home staff Rhyanna Trist, Anne Chirside, Glenys Lampard and Alan Read celebrate International Nurses Day.*

### TIME TRAVEL

Opening our time capsules from 1952 and 1976 is still creating great interest with visitors to REDHS. Collection is underway for our new time capsule which will be featured at the Opening Ceremony on the 18th June 2010.

A full day of activities for young and old is being planned for the day, commencing at 9.00 am. Further details will be made available in our full page CVN feature in two weeks time.

