

Media Release

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Medal Win for Mount Magnet Nurse

Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS) nurse Angela van Kints has been recognised for her passion for and commitment to healthcare by receiving a WA Nurses Service Medal.

The Mount Magnet-based nurse is also soon to receive recognition for 10 years' work as a volunteer ambulance officer.

Ms van Kints received the WA Nurses Service Medal as part of an inaugural presentation that recognises the work of leading Western Australian nurses.

Medals for Nurses coordinator Paul Walling paid tribute to Ms van Kints' work.

"Our aim is to recognise, celebrate and say thank you to those who make a difference, who give their best and who serve others," Mr Walling said.

"It's with great pleasure that we recognise the commitment and service of Angela van Kints to the Western Australian community."

Ms van Kints has worked as a nurse in WA for 12 years, with experience in general nursing, midwifery, intensive care and remote healthcare. For the past six years she has worked in Mount Magnet as GRAMS' Murchison Outreach Program's clinical nurse manager.

In addition, she has volunteered as an ambulance officer in Carnarvon and Mount Magnet for 12 years.

Ms van Kints said she was particularly passionate about Aboriginal health and healthcare in remote areas.

"When I moved from Geraldton to Carnarvon I was exposed to remote healthcare for short stints at Burringurrah Community and it just fascinated me," Ms van Kints said.

So fascinated was Ms van Kints that she studied a Masters in Remote Health and a Masters in Remote Health Management.

She then leapt at the opportunity to work in Mount Magnet, where she has developed great relationships with her patients.

"I love the variety of the work here," she said. "I love the rapport I've developed with the Aboriginal clientele. You share the highs and lows of the community and it is an honour that they trust you. After you've been here a while, you feel like you belong."

Ms van Kints said much of her work in Mount Magnet was directed at treating chronic disease, to prevent such conditions worsening into acute health care problems.

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