ALICE PROVES ATTRACTIVE TO NURSES

Alice Springs has proven again to be an attractive option for graduate nurses who are among the 21 nurses to go through orientation at the hospital this week.

Minister for Health Dr Peter Toyne welcomed the nurses to the orientation week, saying they’ll be a valuable addition to the nationally accredited hospital.

“The nurses will join a great team at Alice Springs hospital and I’m especially encouraged by the seven graduates who have chosen Alice Springs Hospital to further their skills.

“It’s particularly good to see two locals in the intake, 28 year old Mulu Gebremariam, and 44 year old Margaret Fullerton.

“Both are graduates of the Centre for Remote Health which continues to produce top class nurses for the Territory health system.

“The Nurse Graduate Program is a really important part of the Territory’s comprehensive recruiting campaign and it’s great to see it paying dividends.

“The Martin Labor Government has put an extra $154 million into health and we now have more than 100 extra nurses.

“Nurses and aspiring nurses and health practitioners in the Northern Territory have been given more than $236,000 in grants to further their professional training over the past 12 months.

“The grants help our nurses to improve their qualifications and also ease the financial burden on people studying to be nurses.

“This Government is committed to encouraging all our staff to acquire the knowledge and skills they need.”

The Northern Territory also offers competitive salaries and conditions under the Northern Territory Public Sector Nurses 2003–2006 Certified Agreement.

“Building Healthier Communities has provided the 5 year framework to build a better system and recruiting more than 100 more nurses is vital to turning that into reality.”

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