

What's the RNS Big Wrap ... and why do we race hospital beds?

Four years ago RNS came up with the Big Wrap, meaning a "Big Thank You" to all nurses, midwives & carers. International Midwives & Nurses' Week is in May each year and so we created our own celebration of nursing to coincide with that. The Big Wrap started with wrapping big iconic symbols in bandages & messages of thanks - the Big Pineapple, the Ettamogah Pub to name a few.

At the same time the first Golden Bed Pan Bed Races were run. CQUniversity Australia donated the Golden Bed Pan Bed Trophy which is passed from winner to winner each year. A fun, new theme is conceived each year; the nursing community comes together for some friendly competition, prizes and celebration.

In 2009 the Golden Bed Pan Bed Races had evolved into an event that the media, the national nursing community and our own communities now know about. It is quite a spectacle to watch!

In 2009 we stopped wrapping big stationary objects and took our Big Wrap message on the road. The Big Wrap Van, decked out in bandages and big messages of "thanks"; driven by Sue & Tom Dunlop, the owners of RNS, went on a road trip and visited our client base from Rockhampton to Brisbane; Toowoomba to Noosa; 100 facilities visited; 4000 small gifts to nurses delivered.

We thank the sponsors who have come on board this year. Your support of this community event resounds time and again in the photos and through the stories told once the event is over yet again for another year.