

# Chief nurse wins award



ROBYNNE Cooke can add another achievement to her many at Northern Health.

The Northern Health executive director, medical and continuing care and chief nursing officer has won the Deakin University Health Super 2010 Leadership in Nursing and Midwifery Award.

Her 10-point nursing plan covering operational and educational aspects of nursing was recognised and implemented at Northern Health.

She said the award recognised not only nursing's importance as a profession, but the importance of nursing leadership.

"I am honoured to accept this award so that I can continue to influence the development of nursing in our healthcare system and also continue the building of the foundations for the next generation of nurses," she said. "I have escalated nursing

to the decision-making level and ensured nurses are represented from an executive perspective... I understand how significant this is to creating positive change."

Northern Health chief executive Greg Pullen said Ms Cooke's achievement showed her commitment to improving nursing for nurses and patients. "It has been wonderful to see the positive impact Robynne has made on nursing at Northern Health through her innovation," he said.

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