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ACT Community Nurse of the Year 2011

ACT Health Director-General Dr Peggy Brown today congratulated Fran Morson who was named Community Nurse of the Year 2011 at the Community Nursing and Midwifery Symposium held on Wednesday, 19 October.

"This is the ninth year that the Symposium has been held to showcase innovation and resourcefulness in community nursing and midwifery," Dr Brown said.

"Fran Morson is a Clinical Nurse Consultant in the field of continence and bowel management in Health Directorate's Community Care Program.

"Fran is a great resource for all nurses in the program who is called on for advice and support, and who troubleshoots and problem solves complex issues.

"Fran is recognised as a leader in her field and has been acknowledged by the Prostate Cancer Support Group for her contribution to improving education, support and care for people awaiting surgery.

"I would also like to congratulate each and every one of the finalists," the Director-General said.

The Community Nurse of the Year award winner was chosen from a group of nine finalists, each nominated by their colleagues in recognition of their leadership, excellence, creativity, initiative and professionalism. They are Cathy Hermes, Leah Martin, Chris Hyland, Rosie Riley, Maree Brown, Heather Cutler, Therese Nash and Judy Barnes.

Along with her certificate, Fran was presented with a Florence Nightingale Teddy Bear – a fund raising initiative of the International Council of Nurses' Girl Child Education Fund, which provides for the primary and secondary schooling of orphaned daughters of nurses in developing countries.

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