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Nurses take control

CAREERS in the health-care industry are many and varied, and demand is expected to increase.

Choosing nursing as a career offers opportunities far beyond the traditional Florence Nightingale model.

Hands-on clinical practice is the perfect grounding for graduate nurses and with that experience comes choice.

Nurses can teach, mentor, conduct research or work in a specialty field, either in Australia or overseas, and are guaranteed to never be out of work unless they choose to be.

Choosing to work with a nursing agency rather than having one employment facility has become a popular option among nurses.

It is primarily because nurses get to choose where and when they work. It allows them to manage their own roster and attend special school days, weekend

sporting commitments or best friends' birthdays.

The increased popularity is one of the reasons that NASANSB, the Nursing Agency of South Australia (NASA) and the Nurses Specialising Bureau (NSB), is the largest and most popular nursing agency in South Australia.

It provides nursing and care-support staff across all healthcare services in metropolitan Adelaide and rural settings.

As a part of the Healthcare Australia group, it has affiliated agencies in every state and many staff take advantage of the opportunity to travel and work across Australia – now easier than ever thanks to the newly introduced national registration.

Staff in all areas of health care can be provided, from specialties such as ICU, midwifery, mental health and paediatric to the general adult acute, rehabilitation, disability and aged care sectors.

NASANSB in Adelaide has a registered training organisation, NursEd, that delivers the Certificate III in aged care qualification and the diploma of nursing (enrolled nursing) courses.

A range of in-service and upskilling workshops are provided for all staff to maintain annual competencies and professional portfolios. This year a variety of online training modules has been developed to provide even easier access to education.

NASANSB believes it is a partner in the health community and has become an active supporter of the Little Heroes Foundation, running campaigns to raise much-needed funds that are returned to the healthcare sector.

It also is proud of partnerships with others in the healthcare industry, such as Minda Incorporated and Disability SA.

For more information visit the website nasansb.com.au



NASANSB general manager Richard Wirth donates to Little Heroes Foundation director Chris McDermott