



Tasmania's chief nurse Fiona Stoker, artist Bruno Barcodi, Northern Midlands Mayor Kim Polley, Heritage Highway Tourism Regional Association chairman Len Langan and Dr Marita Bardenhagen.

Feature pays tribute to bush nurses

A TRIBUTE to bush nurses who worked in and around Avoca, Rossarden, Stories Creek and the Fingal Valley was unveiled last week to mark International Nurses Day.

These nurses often dealt singlehandedly with medical emergencies, sickness and child birth in often harsh and trying conditions.

The event, at Avoca's Boucher Park, started with guest speaker Dr Maria Bardenhagen telling the rich story of Tasmania's bush nurses.

Tasmania's chief nurse Fiona Stoker unveiled the feature, which was created by artist Bruno Barcodi.

The interpretive feature recognises the invaluable service that the bush nurses provided in the region up until 1973.

The feature includes snippets of information on two local nurses, midwife Maria Raake and Sister Greta Llewellyn.

It also describes the ideal bush nurse as someone who is able to rely on her own re-

sources, ride a horse and drive a buggy.

They also have the physical strength to remain on duty for long hours, be well trained and endowed with missionary spirit.

Dr Bardenhagen is the creator of a travelling exhibition of Bush Nursing in Tasmania 1910 to 1957, which is on display at the Avoca Post Office for several weeks.

Entry to the exhibition is free.

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