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Greetings to all our Nurses, Carers and all the different support teams on this very important day of recognition.

Whilst International Nurses day traditionally highlights the important contribution of our Registered and Enrolled Nurses across the globe, at Maroba we want to raise a shout to all members of our Health care and Ancillary teams who support our residents day in day out in all kinds of ways.

What we have all seen throughout this Global Health Crisis is that Team work is the answer to many of the challenges we all faced.

We acknowledge the heavy toll that all the restrictions and additional load has placed on every role and especially those on the front line in our Covid positive wing.

In an interview I did recently I shared my thoughts on the Pandemic and our team , so I will share those thoughts with you too….

“If you want a career in the health system, this pandemic is a once in a generation opportunity. You will be able to put on your CV that you served on the front line during a global pandemic. This is the time to really learn, to reach for your resilience, to be nimble - and be the difference. It could shape the rest of your career”.

While the impact of COVID-19 has been hard felt across Australia’s aged care sector, Maroba Aged Care CEO, Viv Allanson, is enthusiastic about her team and their purpose.

“The people around me are made of gold,” she said.

“They have continued to be the joy in the lives of many despite a pretty grim situation.”

*The International Council of Nurses (ICN) has announced the new theme for International Nurses Day (IND) 2022:* ***Nurses: A Voice to Lead*** *– Invest in nursing and respect rights to secure global health, focusing on the need to protect, support and invest in the nursing profession to strengthen health systems around the world.*

Each year, while the  ICN leads the celebrations on International Nurses Day, held on 12 May, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth, it is up to us as individuals and as an organisation to mark this special occasion. We can do that in many ways, but most of all I would encourage you to take some time to reflect on the difference that you personally make to not only those in your care but to families and your colleagues.

Believe me, as I have been assisting in different areas of Maroba during this Pandemic I see very clearly the difference you all make at so many levels and to so many people. Never underestimate the power of a smile, yes even a masked smile can be seen by our very perceptive residents. That smile can lift the mood, bring Hope and Joy to the one who receives it. The struggles for all of us have been magnified over and over these past 2 years and don’t seem like letting up any time soon, so we get to choose how we respond. What I have witnessed is a remarkable resilience and willingness to push through so that you can show up for that next shift or that doubler that you keep being asked to do ! You all keep showing us what you are made off and I salute you for it .

You are my masked heroes, you are the real difference makers in this Pandemic, you are the carriers of hope and help at hand.

I say Thank You to each and every one of our Maroba Family for staying the course and being the difference for our residents and each other.

Yours sincerely,



Viv Allanson
CEO