



HUMANS OF THE ROYAL

Barbara Smithson

Barbara Smithson has been responsible for the Hospital Gardens since 2004, and in particular, the rejuvenation of the main entrance and walkway.

In her words the reason the gardens are so important is because "firstly, we are the biggest hospital in the Southern Hemisphere and we should display ourselves and be proud of who we are and secondly, our patients, visitors and staff should have gardens to reflect and relax".

Barbara's commitment to the Hospital runs deep, as she has personally donated plants and other items to the garden, and she has worked for Queensland Health, in various capacities, for over 38 years.

Barbara has a Horticultural (Parks and Garden) Certificate II and has received several awards for her work and service.

She is also a dedicated volunteer worker having given service at St John's Ambulance, Yeronga and Mitchelton Scouts and the RCH Foundation. She has also helped the RBWH fund raise and spent many hours producing craft works.



Patients use the garden while recuperating, resting or waiting and Barbara often receives comments from them about the garden which makes her day.

For patients and staff to have an area to sit outside the hospital that has well maintained gardens is important and a key element in the Hospital's external presentation to the community.

If you see Barbara working hard in the garden, don't hesitate to give her a wave and friendly smile – you can be sure she will return it !



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