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OAM awarded to Mrs Deborah Louise Brennan of Wiimali



Medal (OAM) of the order of Australia in the general division. Mrs Brennan received the OAM for service to nursing and to the community of Wiimali. Mrs Brennan has been a Nurse Practitioner since 2002. Between 1986 and

2002 she was a Community Nurse working with rural and remote Aboriginal people. Mrs Brennan has actively advocated for the citizens of Wiimali and has been a member of the Expert Advisory Committee on Age Care since 2005. She has been a member of the Wiimali Aboriginal Health Advisory Committee since 1997, and a representative on the Nursing Home and Hostel Review Committee, Council on the Ageing, 1991.

Mrs Brennan is currently a conjoint Adjunct Senior Lecturer, in the Faculty of Health. Mrs Brennan has been a member of the Organ Donation and Transplant Team since 1995. She is active in promoting organ donation in the community and recently organised an Organ Donation Thanksgiving Service and an Organ Donor morning tea bringing together recipients, patients on transplant waiting lists and organ donor families.

Mrs Brennan was instrumental in the establishment of Wiimali Boutique, selling second-hand clothing with profits being put back into the community. She was also driving force in the establishment of the Wiimali community cinema and the overseeing the delivery of regular movies to the local community. Awards include - Centenary Medal (2001).

Aged Care Provider Enters Receivership

Voluntary administrators have been appointed to aged-care provider Excel Trust. As well as Wiimali Gardens the company owns retirement villages in Queensland, New South Wales and The ACT. Accounting firm Medland Arthur Treble will oversee the administration of Excel Trust. Three of Excel's facilities in Fishwick,

Rockhampton and Albury are already in receivership. Receiver Joel Andrews says there should be no impact on residents from a likely change of owner.

"These facilities would be rated at the better end of the quality continuum in aged care," he said. "I've been contacted by a number of parties already who are interested in acquiring the facilities. I don't think there'll be much trouble in selling the assets."

