

# Fremantle Hospital and Health Service



*Beth Pilling, Anne Judge, Coral Sweeting, Judy Dowling.*



## Flower girls cut their last stems

Beth Pilling and Coral Sweeting have been the angels of fragrance and colour on Ward V5 since 1990.

The volunteer flower girls (and former Fremantle Hospital nurses) have spent many years arranging flowers for patients on the ward.

They recently retired from their voluntary role as the flower girls and were special guests at an afternoon tea held in their honour.

Both Beth and Coral trained at Fremantle Hospital. In 1982 Coral came back to Fremantle as a Registered Nurse working alongside her colleague and then Charge Nurse Beth.

After a nursing restructure in 1987 the girls became Clinical

Nurses on the ward. Beth then became the Community Nurse until she and Coral both retired in 1989.

Beth and Coral started doing the flowers in 1990 for V5, V6, and F6. They stopped doing F6 about two years ago.

Taking up the reigns are Enrolled Nurses Flo Vella and Margie French who are excited to be taking on the important role.

Flo has been working at Fremantle mainly in V Block since 1978 and Margie since 1980. The girls still work on the ward.

"The roles that Beth and Coral took on as Flower Girls is extremely important to both patients and staff," Clinical Nurse Manager Anne Judge said.

"It helps add quality and



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provide holistic care to patients brightening up the environment.

"Their happy and cheerful disposition helps patients feel that small things like maintaining their flowers are important to them.

"Beth and Coral also did much more than the flowers. They would make the beds, tidy up the wards, talk to the patients.

"Flo and Margie are keen to take on this role that Beth and Coral have set up as they have been able to see and experience the effect these ladies have had on both the patients and staff morale."



*Flo Vella, Coral Sweeting, Margie French and Beth Pilling.*

