



**Ms Margaret Bennett, OAM**

## Current role

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Chief Executive, Southern NSW Local Health District

March 2020 - current

Joining Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD) in March 2020, Margaret had previously held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Northeast Health Wangaratta in Victoria for ten years. Margaret's broad clinical background as a nurse and a midwife included experience in remote, rural, and regional environments. Subsequent senior executive appointments in health and hospital services have included appointments in NSW, Victoria, and Western Australia. She has a proven track record as an experienced, capable, highly visible, and successful health leader.

SNSWLHD encompasses seven local government areas (LGAs) in one of Australia's most geographically diverse natural environments, spanning the tablelands to the ACT, the Snowy Mountains, and the far south coast to the Victorian border. It encompasses the Upper Lachlan, Goulburn Mulwaree, Yass Valley, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley and Snowy Monaro LGAs, and incorporates the traditional lands of five Aboriginal nations of the Gundungurra, Ngunnawal, Ngambri, Ngarigo and Yuin peoples.

Our healthcare facilities are divided into two geographic networks across 15 sites enabling people in each region to receive the right care at the right time and in the right place. SNSWLHD has 12 public inpatient facilities including nine hospitals and three multipurpose services (MPS). Our MPS combine a range of health and aged care services. Each MPS is tailored to meet the community's unique clinical needs. Hospitals with higher level services are strategically connected to smaller facilities providing emergency and basic care. SNSWLHD partners with ACT Health and major Sydney hospitals for those who require high-level specialist care.

## Recent experience

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Chief Executive Officer, Northeast Health Wangaratta Victoria

May 2010 – March 2020

General Manager, Coffs Clarence Network North Coast Area Health Service NSW

June 2005 – April 2010

General Manager, Coffs Harbour Health Campus

February 2004 – June 2005

General Manager/ Operations Manager, Armadale Health Service/ South Metropolitan Health Service, Perth WA	June 2002 – February 2004
Operations Manager, Armadale Health Service, South Metropolitan Health Service, Perth WA	June 1999 – June 2004
Executive Manager/ Director of Nursing, Northam Regional Health/Avon Health Service, WA	June 1996 – May 1999
Health Service Manager/ Director of Nursing, York Health Service, WA	1986 - 1996

### Education and qualifications

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1990: Graduate Diploma Business Administration (Management) Edith Cowan University	1990
1981: Post Graduate Certificate Cardio Thoracic/Coronary Care (St Vincent's, Melbourne)	1981
1979: Registered Midwife (Mercy Maternity Hospital, Melbourne)	1979
1977: Registered Nurse (St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne)	1977

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