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Community contributes to impressive Brookvale Community Health Centre photographic collection

Staff from the Brookvale Community Health Centre hosted a function to thank a group of photographers for their outstanding contributions to the centre.

More than 20 community based health services are now operating from the recently opened purpose-built centre, including child and family health, BreastScreen NSW, and the Northern Sydney Home Nursing Service.

NSW Health staff and the broader community were invited to submit photos of the Northern Beaches and its community for the centre's permanent photographic collection.

More than 100 photographic works were selected and are now on display throughout the new five-storey \$50 million centre.

A group of 28 photographers contributed images and Northern Beaches Health Service spokesperson Heather Gough thanked the group for creating such a beautiful collection of works.

"We have some talented photographers on the Northern Beaches and it's lovely that they have helped create a very positive and uplifting environment throughout the community health centre.

"The photographic works are giving so much pleasure to our clients and staff and will continue to do so for many years to come.

"The Brookvale Community Health Centre is a big, new building, and it's certainly been enhanced by the unique photographic works," Ms Gough said.

The photographers welcomed the chance to see their works on display within the centre.

"For many of the photographers it was the first time their works had been displayed as part of a public exhibition, and it was a great thrill to see their images professionally framed and in a large public space," Ms Gough said.

One of those photographers was Valerie Charter from Killarney Heights.

"I couldn't wait to see my photos displayed within the new centre. There are some amazing works and I think it's wonderful that these images will really encourage people who come to this centre, especially those who may not be well," Ms Charter said.

Terri Cracknell, whose unique works combine photography and graphics, has several works displayed within the early childhood health section of the centre.

Terri writes and illustrates children's books, such as *Goats in Boats*, and was excited to see her works on display.

“I was so pleased to see my artworks selected for an area which will see lots of young families and children. I hope they enjoy them.”

Some of the photos on display were taken by Diabetes Educator Catherine Fuller, who works in the new centre.

“The feedback from clients and staff since the centre’s opening has been very positive, so it’s been great to be part of this photographic initiative.

“It really gives this centre a great feel,” Ms Fuller said.

As part of the photography project, two workshops were held by multi award winning photographer Steve Turner.

Steve is an internationally acclaimed photographer with dozens of national and international awards to his name. He is best known for his spectacular seascapes. Steve’s work has been coveted by U2, with the band buying six of his fine art seascapes.

Steve donated several images to the Brookvale Community Health Centre.