

MEET THE REDHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



REDHS Board of Management, Back row (from left): Graeme Hodgens, Keith Oberin, Tim Fulton, Carol McKinstry, Ben Maw. Front row (from left): Alan Darbyshire, Kate Lee, Michelle O'Sullivan

Tim Fulton

Position: President

Tim has been a member of REDHS Board for 6 years, previously as Treasurer for four years and has been in his current role of President for two years. Tim works as Financial Accountant at Kagome and has held various roles in finance and business. Tim lives in Echuca with his wife and two young daughters and enjoys keeping fit through swimming and Crossfit. He believes the lifestyle a country town offers is great for families.

Benjamin Maw

Position: Vice President

Ben has been a REDHS Board member for four years. He lives in Bendigo and grew up in the Mallee. Ben is a Registered Nurse and has held various roles in community health, theatre and residential aged care. He is currently the Regional Business Manager for Benetas. Ben's

clinical background has been of great benefit to REDHS and he has contributed extensively on issues including service improvement and new service opportunities. Ben loves good coffee, golf and study.

Alan Darbyshire

Position: Treasurer

Alan has had two stints on the REDHS Board – previously from 1985 for ten years and rejoined the Board 3 years ago. Alan's professional background as an Accountant has served the board well and he brings a wealth of financial expertise. Alan says being a member of the REDHS Board has also helped him to grow professionally as well as making great friendships. Alan is a Rochester local and loves everything about his home town. He and his wife Heather enjoy spending time with their 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 labradors. Alan also plays lawn bowls and enjoys walking to keep fit.

Keith Oberin

Position: General Member

Keith has been a REDHS Board member for over 7 years and filled various roles including President. Keith says a highlight for him was being President when REDHS was awarded Rural Health Service of the year in 2013. Keith was raised in Rochester and has worked in diverse fields including education, tourism and more recently was the acting CEO at Campaspe Shire. Keith and his wife Leanne live at Barnadown and enjoy farming, fishing, cooking, reading, photography and music.

Graeme Hodgens

Position: General Member

Graeme has been on the REDHS Board for 4 years and is a wonderful advocate for

community health. During his many years on the REDHS Board, Graeme has gained a great understanding of the complexity of public health services. Graeme is the Principal at Rochester Primary School and lives in Echuca. He loves the climate of Northern Victoria and has a passion for fishing, Aussie Rules and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren.

Carol McKinstry

Position: General Member

Carol joined the Board in July 2014 and is a registered Occupational Therapist. Carol brings a wealth of experience to our Board having previously worked in the areas of patient safety and quality improvement. Carol lives and works in Bendigo and her and her husband enjoy a rural lifestyle while still having access to great services.

Michelle O'Sullivan

Position: General Member

Michelle joined the Board in July 2014 and works as a solicitor at O'Sullivan Johnson lawyers in Bendigo. Originally a Rochester resident, Michelle now resides in Bendigo with her husband and beloved Labrador Bailey. Michelle enjoys sport, food and shopping.

Kate Lee

Position: General Member

Kate has been a member of the REDHS Board since 2011 and says she has learned so much about public health since joining. Kate has lived all her life in Rochester and works at Murray Goulburn Co-Op as Administration Coordinator. Kate loves living in Rochester and being part of a rural community. Kate and her husband enjoy playing various sports including tennis, netball and water skiing during the summer.

ICE ADVICE LINE LAUNCHED

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has launched a new help line for Ice users and their families. The Help Line – 1800 ICE ADVICE (1800 423 238) will direct users and families to the treatment and support services they need. The service is a free call from landlines and coincides with the launch of the new www.ice.vic.gov.au website.

STAFF PROFILE



This month's staff profile features Enrolled Nurse Sisky Morris. Sisky has worked with REDHS for approximately 32 years and has held various positions in Acute and Aged Care. Sisky says she feels so fortunate that after such a long time, she still loves working at REDHS and having such a rewarding job. She particularly enjoys the contact she has with the community and feels as if she has made a great difference in the lives of many local people. "I feel like I am the lucky one, being allowed into the lives of the patients I care for and helping their families through challenging times... what a privilege". Sisky and her husband, taxi driver Wayne, live in Rochester and have four children and 8 grandchildren