



Rochester and Elmore District Health Service

## Media Release

12 June 2020

# New Director of Clinical Services

REDHS is delighted to introduce Dorothy Stone, who joined the team as Director of Clinical Services on 9 June.

CEO, Karen Laing, was thrilled with the interest in the role when it was advertised. The position was highly contested, with some very high calibre applicants from near and far applying, but we really could not go past such local talent. Dorothy was most recently working at Kyabram District Health Service where she has held various roles including Director of Clinical Services, Manager Primary Health, and Manager Aged Care Services.

Dorothy has extensive experience: particularly, but not exclusively, in Aged Care, and holds qualifications including Masters Health Science - Aged Services, Dementia Care, Aged Care Assessor, Workplace Health and Safety and Mental Health Nursing. As if that wasn't enough; she is currently undertaking a second Masters of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner.

Dorothy will be a real asset to our Executive and to the REDHS team, and she joins us at a very exciting time. Her experience and expertise in Aged Care will be invaluable as we commence work on a major refurbishment in our Aged Care facility and a refresh of the model of care for our Aged Care residents.

A lot of work and consultation with residents, families and our staff has informed the final plans for a \$2.6 million refurbishment, which will see significant expansion of the residents' dining room to include an enclosed sunroom and an outside dining area. We are also separating six double rooms into single bedrooms each with their own ensuite, replacing of an aging heating system and developing a dementia sensory garden as part of our already beautiful gardens. Plans and drawings will be on display for the community to view very soon – so watch this space.

**Karen Laing**

**Chief Executive Officer**