

REDHS – LOCALS SUPPORTING LOCALS

Rochester and Elmore District Health Service provides a growing number of services to Rochester and surrounding areas however it is also a major contributor to the local economy. Adding to the injection of wages into our communities, REDHS also supports local businesses and has many contracts and arrangements with various trades, services and suppliers.

Did you know:

- REDHS has a total of 249 employees including permanent, part time and casual staff.
- 82% of REDHS' budget is allocated to salaries and wages;
- REDHS pays approximately \$9.5 million per year in salaries with 40% of staff members residing in Rochester, ultimately benefiting the local economy;
- Last financial year, REDHS spent approximately \$230,000 in the local community on services and supplies for the health service.

REDHS continues to seek ways to support local business and our community.



Procurement team member Mandy Dockery, accepting a delivery from local suppliers.

EDUCATING FUTURE HEALTH CARE WORKERS



Acute Services Manager Meredith Hodder with students

REDHS is proud to be part of the Loddon Mallee Clinical Placement Network which collaborates with universities and TAFE colleges to provide placement opportunities for clinical students to consolidate the theory and skills that they have learned through formal training.

Since January 2015, REDHS has hosted a total of 62 undergraduate students in the fields of nursing, podiatry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, dietetics and paramedicine. REDHS also employs two trainees who complete a Certificate IV in the areas of administration and allied health and has hosted five work experience students this year, allowing

the students to gain insight into various occupations and departments within a health service.

REDHS is a proud participant in the Northern Rivers Graduate Nurse Program which is a collaborative initiative between REDHS, Echuca Regional Health, Boort District Health and Cohuna Hospital. The graduate program provides a supported environment to assist graduate Registered Nurses with the transition from student to practicing professional. The program also provides an opportunity for one graduate nurse to work with REDHS and Strathfieldsaye Family Medical Practice.

REDHS encourages their staff to up skill wherever possible and is currently supporting staff members employed as Personal Care Attendants to complete study which will see them qualify as Enrolled Nurses and likewise there are some Enrolled Nurses who are studying to become Registered Nurses.

REDHS provides study leave for staff who are enrolled in further study and is passionate about assisting employees on their chosen career paths. As well as mandatory training and refreshers for clinical staff, REDHS encourages and supports extra training for interested staff in areas of basic life support, pressure injury prevention, wound management and medication management to name a few.

REDHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An invitation is extended to all life governors, contributors and the general public to attend the Annual General Meeting of Rochester and Elmore District Health Service on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 5.30pm in the REDHS Function room (enter via Pascoe Street). The meeting will feature an opening

performance by the award winning REDHS Sing Out Loud Choir and guest speak Sam Brennan, former Rochester Secondary College student currently working in the Mental Health Sector. By Order of the Board of Management, Anne McEvoy, Chief Executive Officer.