



9 December 2015

Djerriwarrh Health Services holds Annual General Meeting 2015

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of Djerriwarrh Health Services was held on Wednesday 9 December 2015, at the Bacchus Marsh Hall and Supper Room.

Dr John Ballard, Administrator of Djerriwarrh Health Services, chaired the Annual General Meeting as the sole member of the board. Under the terms of the Health Services Act 1998 (Sec 61), the administrator is taken to constitute the board instead of the members.

Chief Executive of Djerriwarrh Health Services, Andrew Freeman, also attended and answered questions from the community at the meeting along with Deputy Secretary of the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, Frances Diver.

In accordance with all relevant Victorian legislation and statutory disclosure requirements, the 2014-15 Annual Report of Djerriwarrh Health Services was formally presented to the meeting. Prepared by the previous board and executive management team, the *2014-15 Djerriwarrh Health Services Annual Report* covers the period 30 June 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Dr John Ballard said his appointment in late October 2015 by Victorian Health Minister Jill Hennessy, provided certainty and continuity for the health service, as it worked to improve the standards of care, safety and systems of clinical governance.

“The cornerstone of any health service is strong and focused leadership,” Dr Ballard said.

“We now have new leadership, enhanced clinical governance, additional support and training for staff, and new resources and equipment.

“For the community, we can give assurance of a safe, secure and fully-functioning maternity service, with the substantial support of the Royal Women’s Hospital and Western Health, now and into the future.

“I understand Djerriwarrh Health Services has had its challenges but I am committed to working with its dedicated staff to rebuild the trust and confidence of the local community.”

Dr Ballard also recognised the work of staff and the 250 registered volunteers who support Djerriwarrh Health Services including; the Ladies Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels, Grant Lodge, Hospital Kiosk, Palliative Care, Home Visiting, Consumer Transport and Melton Health.

“Our staff and volunteers represent everything that is good about this community health service and reaffirms the importance of the work ahead of us,” Dr Ballard said.

To access the *2014-15 Djerriwarrh Health Services Annual Report*, Financial Statements and the 2014-15 Quality of Care report, visit www.djhs.org.au.

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