

## Ministerial visit

Health Minister, the Hon Jill Hennessy MP and Melton MP Don Nardella visited Djerriwarrh Health Services in early July to meet and talk with staff and patients at Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospital.

The Minister acknowledged maternity services staff and the wider Djerriwarrh workforce for continued dedication and commitment to the hospital, the service and their communities.

Staff had the opportunity to engage with the Minister and to showcase change and progress at Djerriwarrh.



Director of Nursing, Djerriwarrh Health Services, Amanda Edwards, Minister for Health, Jill Hennessy, Chief Executive, Djerriwarrh Health Services, Andrew Freeman and Member for Melton, Don Nardella MP pictured at Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospital



Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospital



### ABOUT DJERRIWARRH HEALTH SERVICES

Djerriwarrh Health Services (DjHS) serves the rapidly expanding population areas of Melton and Moorabool Shires.

#### BACCHUS MARSH AND MELTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL

A 42-bed acute hospital which includes 11 maternity beds, a wide range of theatre procedures, outpatient care and community health. Grant Lodge is a 30-bed residential aged care facility adjacent to the hospital

Tel: 03 5367 2000

#### MELTON HEALTH

Ambulatory care for Day Medical, Adult Health, Women and Children's Health and Dental Services

Tel: 03 9747 7600

#### BACCHUS MARSH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Allied health, counselling, community nursing and palliative care

Tel: 03 5367 4599

#### MELTON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Allied health and counselling services

Tel: 03 8746 1100

#### CAROLINE SPRINGS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

General community health programs

Tel: 03 9361 9300

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Distributed to Bacchus Marsh and Melton communities to explain how Djerriwarrh Health Services is changing.

## Dr John Ballard

Administrator, Djerriwarrh Health Services



**Change and improvement continues at Djerriwarrh Health Services. The trust and support of the communities of Melton, Bacchus Marsh and Caroline Springs is critical to the continued evolution of Djerriwarrh, as we invest and recruit to ensure we have a service that can meet the immediate and future care needs of a rapidly growing and diversifying population.**

This newsletter profiles Djerriwarrh's new Director of Nursing, another important senior clinical appointment at Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospital.

The changes that have been implemented, combined with further capital investment across Djerriwarrh ensure the Service has a strong future.

## Andrew Freeman

Chief Executive Officer, Djerriwarrh Health Services



**We've had a busy winter at Djerriwarrh Health Services. Since our last newsletter in April, Health Minister, the Hon Jill Hennessy MP and Melton MP Don Nardella visited, along with newly-appointed Department of Health and Human Services Chief Medical**

**Officer, Andrew Wilson. We've also appointed a new Director of Nursing, Amanda Edwards.**

I'm pleased the Minister took the opportunity to meet face-to-face with staff, to answer questions and acknowledge their hard work to implement such profound change at Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospital in less than 12 months, all the while continuing to support the broader activity of the Health Service.

In other news, our on-site ANZAC memorial has been restored, the Health Promotions Team has commissioned a new community recipe book, and we've established a pop-up services hub - Linking Melton South - offering local residents information and referral to community support services.

I also want to acknowledge the continued dedication of our staff and volunteers and thank the communities of Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Caroline Springs for their continued support.

## Sharing food and stories



Djerriwarrh Health Services staff members Wendy Cuttler, Lay Yean Woo and Sabiha Fatima pictured cooking up a storm at Caroline Springs Community Health Centre

### Calling all Melton and Moorabool residents with a food story to tell!

Djerriwarrh Health Services' Health Promotion Team is after your favourite recipes and the stories behind them for a new recipe book showcasing food, families and heritage in Bacchus Marsh and Melton.

Food Story – Food with a story to tell, is an initiative to celebrate diversity, share stories and – best of all – enjoy creativity and culture through food.

For further information about Food Story, or to submit recipes, visit [facebook.com/healthpromotionatdjhs](https://facebook.com/healthpromotionatdjhs), contact Ben Taylor on 9361 9300 or email Ben at [benjamint@djhs.org.au](mailto:benjamint@djhs.org.au)

**Recipe submissions close 31 August.**



Share your unique family recipe or food story for inclusion in a specially commissioned Djerriwarrh Health Services recipe book celebrating multiculturalism

## Amanda Edwards DoN



Amanda Edwards has been appointed Djerriwarrh Health Services' Director of Nursing (DoN) and will oversee clinical care at Melton Regional Hospital and Bacchus Marsh Hospital.

Ms Edwards is a registered nurse and midwife with 26 years of experience, and joins the services' leadership team with a vision to make Djerriwarrh known for excellence in patient care.

Amanda's background is in emergency nursing, and she has been a nurse executive in metropolitan and regional Victoria, with Western Health, Kilmore and District Hospital, and most recently as Executive Director of Nursing at Castlemaine Health.

The Director of Nursing role includes oversight of in-patient clinical care, looking after urgent care patients and services such as chemotherapy and dialysis.

## ANZAC memorial restored

Bacchus Marsh RSL, Bacchus Marsh Lions Club and Bacchus Marsh Legacy have combined to restore the ANZAC memorial in the hospital grounds.

The memorial has been in place since 1965, and is cherished by staff, patients and community alike.

The restoration included a revamp and replacement of the ANZAC plaque and tree guard around the Lone Pine tree, which was missing three of its sides.

