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Chief Executive Officer, Djerriwarrh Health Services



The commencement of the upgrade of the maternity department at our Hospital, and the continued roll out of capital investment in Djerriwarrh Health Services, is fundamental to its continued transformation.

The investment by the State Government - combined with a generous donation from the Ladies Auxiliary - will allow us to significantly upgrade maternity services on-site and expand our level of patient care to better serve our local communities.

With accreditation recently secured from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) against the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards, I would like to acknowledge all the hard work our staff and volunteers have carried out to achieve this, and thank them for their ongoing commitment.

Speaking of incredible commitment, I want to congratulate the 10 award winners recently honoured at our annual volunteer awards. In particular, I wish to thank Pamela Broad and Heather Linsdell of the Ladies Auxiliary each for an extraordinary 55 years of continuous and dedicated service to our health service. Your lifetime of dedication to Djerriwarrh is incredible and I thank you for all your work over the years.

On behalf of everyone at Djerriwarrh, I want to express our deep appreciation of the work our volunteers carry out on a daily basis. Without this support, our Health Service could not continue to grow and improve.

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ABOUT DJERRIWARRH HEALTH SERVICES

Djerriwarrh Health Services (DjHS) serve 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

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Distributed to Bacchus Marsh and Melton communities to provide an update on developments at Djerriwarrh Health Services.

Dr John Ballard

Administrator, Djerriwarrh Health Services



Djerriwarrh Health Services' program of change gained further momentum in April with the commencement of an extensive \$2.5 million refurbishment of the maternity department at Bacchus Marsh & Melton Regional Hospital.

The upgrade will better equip and prepare the Service to meet the immediate and future care needs of the Bacchus Marsh and Melton communities. The ongoing refurbishment along with our recent accreditation from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) is tangible evidence of the ongoing improvements across the Health Service.

I wish to take this opportunity to warmly congratulate all of the Djerriwarrh Health Services volunteers, some of whom were recently presented with milestone length of service awards at a special ceremony at the Bacchus Marsh Golf Club. Your dedication and commitment to our health service and community is remarkable, and deeply appreciated.

Dr John Ballard

Administrator, Djerriwarrh Health Services

Capital investment update

An extensive \$2.5m renovation of the entire maternity department at Bacchus Marsh & Melton Regional Hospital officially commenced in late April.

The refurbishment project – part of a \$10.6 million capital investment program in Djerriwarrh Health Services announced by Minister for Health Jill Hennessy in late 2016 – will boost the number of post-delivery beds in the maternity unit from 11 to 15, and prepare the health service to cater for up to 1,200 births per annum in the future.

The redevelopment project will also include the upgrading of existing nurse workstations and delivery suites, as well as the addition of a new, three-bay nursery to the maternity department.

The refurbishment of the maternity department at Bacchus Marsh & Melton Regional Hospital will occur in two stages and is expected to be completed by March 2018. Patient and visitor access to the front entrance of the hospital will be unchanged and the maternity department will remain fully operational throughout the upgrade works.

In other news, planning for the new \$9 million theatre redevelopment at Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospital is also now well underway with Aurecon recently appointed Project Manager and Silver Thomas Hanley appointed as architects for the project.

The construction of the \$21 million Melton Health and Community Services complex is also progressing well with pilings and concrete slab pouring now complete on-site. The new site is expected to open to the public in April 2018.



Front entrance to Bacchus Marsh and Melton Regional Hospital, pictured under reconstruction as part of Maternity Department upgrade works.

Accreditation by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards

In late March 2017, the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) undertook a periodic review of Djerriwarrh Health Services (DjHS) against the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.

At this review, surveyors assessed Djerriwarrh against National Standards 1–3 as well as outstanding recommendations from previous surveys. In a pleasing outcome, Djerriwarrh Health Services has been awarded ongoing accreditation and all outstanding recommendations have been implemented. This is an excellent Outcome for the Health Service and recognition for the ongoing hard work carried out by our staff and volunteers.

Djerriwarrh Health Services' Annual Volunteer Awards

To celebrate National Volunteers Week 2017 (8–14 May), Djerriwarrh Health Services presented a total of 10 volunteers with milestone length of service awards – collectively totalling almost 300 years – at a special luncheon ceremony at the Bacchus Marsh Golf Club on Friday, 19 May.

The annual volunteer awards officially recognise members of the community that have provided volunteer services to Djerriwarrh Health Services for milestone periods of time ranging from 10–55 years.

There are 11 main volunteer areas within Djerriwarrh Health Services which include; Hospital Auxiliary, Aboriginal Community Groups, Consumer Representatives, Friendly Visiting, Hospital Kiosk, Consumer Transport, Meals on Wheels, Melton Health, Grant Lodge, The family violence prevention program/ women's program and Palliative Care.

Djerriwarrh Health Services currently has 237 volunteers in active service.



A selection of award recipients pictured with Djerriwarrh Health Services chief executive, Andrew Freeman.