

Grampians Health

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Dale Fraser appointed Grampians Health CEO

Interim Chief Executive Officer of Grampians Health Dale Fraser has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Bill Brown, Board Chair of Grampians Health, said the appointment was a positive step forward for Grampians Health.

“The Grampians Health board has gone through an open and robust market process to find the best person for this position,” Mr Brown said. “We are thrilled that Dale has accepted the role. With this appointment we will really start to see Grampians Health come into its own, with a strong lead and clear direction.”

Mr Fraser said he was proud to take on this role, and would draw on his experience as Chief Executive Officer at Goulburn Valley Health and Ballarat Health Services, as well as his connections across the Grampians region to lead the new service.

“Bringing together four already well respected health services into one is a huge task,” Mr Fraser said. “We have learnt so much in our first three months of operation, and are already seeing the strengths and opportunities of shared resources and working together.

“Our next steps for moving Grampians Health forward include understanding how we can improve the health system and deliver more services closer to home, particularly in Edenhope, Stawell, Horsham and Dimboola. This will reduce the number of people travelling for care and ensure patients can remain close to their support networks and their own familiar environment.

“Along with this is our priority to establish professional development opportunities and enhanced career development for our staff across all our Grampians Health sites,” he said.



Grampians Health Board Chair Bill Brown congratulates Dale Fraser on his appointment as CEO.

Community consultation survey now open

A key piece of work currently being undertaken by Grampians Health is the development of the strategic plan and clinical services plan – two important pieces of work to set the future direction for Grampians Health.

Your feedback on this will help guide the development of these documents, and as such Grampians Health is inviting community members to take part in its online strategic plan survey.

Your input will also form a valuable part of the branding process currently underway.

The survey is open until **11.59pm Sunday 6 March**. Survey responses are confidential and anonymous.

Further consultation will take place over the coming months for clinical services planning.

Your voice matters – now's the time to share your views. To take part in the survey visit grampianshealth.org.au/consultation

Enrolled nurse trainee program - open for applicants

Following the success of the enrolled nurse trainee program offered in Ballarat, Grampians Health is now rolling out the program at our Stawell, Edenhope, Horsham and Dimboola sites.

It's a life changing opportunity for approximately 20 enthusiastic, passionate and motivated individuals to start a career in Nursing through this innovative program which sees participants getting paid while gaining their qualification. The program will commence prior to 31 March 2022 and complete around April 2024.

The successful applicants will be enrolled in a Diploma of Nursing through Federation TAFE and on completion of this program will be a qualified Enrolled Nurse.

[Applications are currently open](#) and close Wednesday 23 February.

Violet Feduniw was one of the successful applicants for the Ballarat program - [read about her story here.](#)



Violet Feduniw is enjoying her role as EN trainee at Ballarat

Our staff

Dual role for Robyn Salt

Robyn Salt, Primary Health Manager for Edenhope has taken up the additional role of acting director of Primary Services for Horsham and Dimboola - a great example of the benefits of coming together as Grampians Health. This provides the opportunity for Grampians Health to look at how we can share expertise and resources across the western sector of our health service, providing a more coordinated approach to healthcare.



Grampians Health Lead Executive Officer for Horsham and Dimboola Catherine Morley welcomes Robyn Salt to her role

Australia Day award for Helen Kennedy



Helen Kennedy accepts her award

Congratulations to Helen Kennedy, Infection Control Manager at Stawell, who was awarded the Stawell, South and Central Wards Local Hero award on Australia Day this year.

Helen, a long-term resident of Stawell, was nominated for the award due to her outstanding service to the Stawell and district community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Helen has spent endless hours setting up, designing programs and guiding the local vaccination clinics. As the clinical lead for COVID-19 in Stawell, Helen provided a wonderful example in the dedicated manner she embraced her more than demanding role, at the same time continuing her commitments to her family and community.

Ballarat service awards

Last week we celebrated the dedication and contribution of five staff at our Ballarat campus with Service Awards. Recipients included:

- Marina Besenghi – 45 years
- Carol Seiler – 40 years
- Vicki Thomas – 40 years
- Mary Clifton – 35 years
- Julie Moten – 35 years

Marina, Mary and Julie all work together at the Ballarat Maternity Outpatients Clinic, and Vicki and Carol are Nurse Unit Manager and Associate Nurse Unit Manager, respectively, at Base Hospital's 4North ward.

Congratulations to Marina, Carol, Vicki, Mary and Julie, and thank you for your continued hard work and dedication!



Ben Kelly, Leanne Shea, Steve Medwell, Carol Seiler (40 years), Vicki Thomas (40 years) and Dale Fraser

Carol Seiler (40 years) and Vicki Thomas (40 years)

Marina Besenghi (45 years), Mary Clifton (35 years) and Julie Moten (35 years – attended virtually)

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