

Grampians Health

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CRGs providing a community voice to Grampians Health

Grampians Health Community Reference Groups (CRGs) have been established across the Grampians region to provide an ongoing, formal channel of communication between the health service and the community.

The four groups, based at Edenhope, Horsham/Dimboola, Stawell and Ballarat, will represent community interests and advocate for their local communities in their role to continually inform Grampians Health of consumer needs and feedback.

The formation of the CRGs was a commitment made as part of creating Grampians Health, to ensure that local communities continue to have an active voice in their local health service.

They have hit the ground running in being actively involved in the strategic and clinical services planning consultation that has been taking place.

The CRGs report into the Grampians Health Board via a Community Advisory Committee comprising CRG chairs and Grampians Health Board members.

While many of the CRG positions have already been filled, there are still places available in all groups. Anyone with a genuine interest in their local health service is encouraged to consider joining - for further information on joining a Community Reference Group contact info@gh.org.au

Oncology unit expands with technology investment

Grampians Health's Stawell campus has reopened its Day Oncology program with improved system technology for prescribing and monitoring treatment for those attending.

Following significant effort by local teams in Horsham and Stawell, and strong support by Grampians Health's Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre (BRICC) the unit reopened earlier in March, with Grampians Health committed to ensuring local patients have access to oncology services.

Grampians Health has invested significantly in bringing the state-of-the-art oncology treatment technology, ARIA, to Stawell and Horsham. This computer system is designed to streamline cancer treatment and to improve patient safety and care. ARIA has already been used successfully in Ballarat.

The Grampians Health oncology e-prescribe project is a collaboration between Grampians Health's Ballarat, Horsham and Stawell campuses. It is aimed at improving the behind-the-scenes systems required to administer oncology treatments in the Grampians region. The project is being led by newly appointed manager Carmel O'Kane.



Oncology centre team with patient:

(From left to right) Shannon O'Keeffe; Casey Medlyn; Kenneth Flintoft (local patient); Beth King and Darielle Gilbert

Celebrating Harmony Week

Grampians Health recently celebrated Harmony Week and the cultural diversity of our health service.

Harmony Week, which ran from 21-27 March, is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. While visiting Edenhope during the week, Interim Chief People Officer, Claire Woods spoke about the importance of Harmony Week: "It doesn't matter where you come from, what your background is, there is a place here at Grampians Health where you belong."

"This week is also about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone – this extends beyond our staff to the patients and clients we treat and the communities we serve."

[Read more about Grampians Health Harmony Week celebrations.](#)



*Claire Woods, Joseph Bermudo, Andrew Saunders and Kathryn Pomeroy placing a drawing pin on the map
Katrina Tanalgo celebrating Harmony Week in Edenhope. displaying places of origin of staff members in Horsham.*



Nelwaine Melchor brought a Filipino dish along to the shared lunch in Edenhope.

Ridhima Tandon and Heny Enriquez shared a Filipino dessert with Edenhope staff members.

Joseph Bermudo and Katrina Tanalgo from Edenhope dressed in Filipino traditional costume – Barong Tagalog (male), Baro't Saya or Filipiniana dress (female).

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