

## From Rowena's desk - 30 May 2019

Between 27 May and 3 June each year, we celebrate National Reconciliation Week.

This week marks two major moments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: **1)** the 1967 referendum that brought Indigenous Australians into the Commonwealth, and **2)** the Mabo decision that led to native title land rights.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements - and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Ballan District Health & Care is committed to developing relationships of trust and respect with the Indigenous communities that we serve, and we aim to develop an understanding of awareness of culture throughout our health service.

As I meet more and more people here at BDHC, I'm reminded of the importance of shared histories and achievements. There is much pride in this organisation and the role BDHC plays to benefit the Ballan community.

On Tuesday, we celebrated another great team achievement; the successful accreditation of our GP Practice. Thank you to all who contributed to this outstanding outcome! It was great to see our ICARE values in action. Keep it up!

Lastly, next week is the start of Souper Tuesdays at our Op Shop. What a great idea for hot lunch and bringing the community together on these cold days. I hope to see you over there!

Until next time,

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