

## From Rowena's desk - 7 June 2019

This week I continued to meet as many team and community members as possible. How fantastic to see the streetscape coloured with the amazing WinterKnits! I especially love the great work of our memory support residents on the field of poppies at the front of the Hospital. A big thank you goes to Colleen and our residents for their contribution to WinterKnits.

Speaking of great work, I had the pleasure of speaking with our Hospital Auxiliary yesterday. We all know the fantastic contribution they make to our Ballan District Health & Care. Their Mothers' Day High Tea event made an impressive \$1,674 profit. I know you will all support their next event, Blumes Fashion on Tuesday 18 June at the CFA rooms (10.30am start).

You are probably aware of the high demand on the General Practice at the moment (and over the last few weeks). Thank you to our wonderful GPs - Rakhi, Min, Simone, Faro, TJ, Afshan... who I had the pleasure of meeting this week.

Thanks also to all the practice staff who have addressed the needs of our patients and at all times ensuring patient safety and well being. This speaks highly of our Integrity value.

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In recruitment news, I'm so pleased we have recruited a new Practice Manger - Adnan Hafeez - who will start in his new role next week. I've asked Shawn and Adnan to make GP recruitment the number one priority.

As Sue mentioned in her email today, the current staff flu vaccination rate is at 95% which is fantastic. Please make sure you see Sue if you have been vaccinated elsewhere - and continue to encourage your friends, family and neighbours to have their flu vaccination.

I have continued to meet with the Department of Health and Human Services - these meetings have been very positive. We continue our deep dive review of every department and all facilities at BDHC. For example, some of you may have noticed the person undertaking the structural review last week. We hope to have more advice on this soon.

As we head into a long weekend, I encourage those of you not working to rest and stay safe. For those working across the long weekend, thank you!

Until next time,

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