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Learn more about proposed new health service for the Grampians at online hub

The boards of Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital, Stawell Regional Health, Wimmera Health Care Group and Ballarat Health Services have launched a new online hub for the community to have further say in the future of healthcare in the region.

careforourregion.com.au will share vital information about how the proposed entity can deliver better healthcare, enhanced services and advance careers, closer to home.

The website will also support further engagement with staff and the community, above and beyond extensive consultation already undertaken in each local area.

This will include ongoing dialogue with staff, one-on-one discussions with key organisations and representative groups, and regular and direct communications to keep the community informed.

Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital, Stawell Regional Health, Wimmera Health Care Group and Ballarat Health Services currently service the healthcare needs of more than 250,000 Victorians. Between them, they employ more than 6,304 people at 21 campuses and sites.

The aim of the proposed new health entity is to provide communities with safe, sustainable, healthcare tailored to their changing workforce and community needs, for the long term.

To find out more about the proposed health entity and to have your say and ask questions, visit careforourregion.com.au.

Quotes attributable to board chairs

Philip Sabien, Chair of Edenhope District and Memorial Hospital

“The new Care For Our Region website provides a central hub for our community to get accurate, up-to-date information about the proposal.”

“We hope this will give our communities a greater understanding of where we have come from, the need for this change and the benefits of the proposal.”

Rhian Jones, Chair of Stawell Regional Hospital

“We are committed to engaging with our community to ensure they have all the facts about why we have proposed to come together formally under a new entity.”

“We have the community’s best interest at heart and this proposal will ensure we can provide better services, closer to home.”

Marie Aitken, Chair of Wimmera Health Care Group

“The Care For Our Region website outlines the community engagement already undertaken, while also giving everyone another opportunity to have their say.”

“We are eager to learn about the gaps in our services and how we might improve to deliver better services for all.”

Natalie Reiter, Chair of Ballarat Health Services

“We are working together to provide better care for the entire Grampians region. It’s important that everyone has their say on the future of healthcare in our communities.”

“We want to hear from patients, residents, staff and communities, to develop this exciting and much needed plan for the future.”

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