



Sunraysia Community Health Services INC.

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NEW FACILITY NOW OPEN



A message to our community...

from the CEO, Craig Stanbridge,

Sunraysia Community Health Services commenced operations in August 1976, as the Merbein Community Health Centre.

That start was a result of some proactive and strategic thinking by concerned community members who believed that they would benefit from their health care being delivered locally. And, to this day, SCHS has continued to grow to meet those community expectations and needs.

Since June 2000, the service has more than tripled in size – from a revenue budget of \$3.1m to almost \$10m in recurrent funding. And, at the same time, the range of programs and services delivered has diversified to meet a wide range of community needs.

SCHS is a major employer, with more than 150 staff employed in 2010. And, we continue to work hard to encourage our youth to take up a career in health by extensively

supporting work experience placements, and placements for students undertaking formal studies.

When the old Mildura Base Hospital was being decommissioned, staff and board members worked closely with the then Department of Human Services (in 1999 and 2000) to ensure that part of the old hospital site was earmarked for community health services. As a result, the foremost four acres of land on the corner of 13th Street and Deakin Avenue was set aside for the future development of SCHS.

We are proud to announce that with funding from the Department of Health for Stage 1 of this project, we have now opened our new facility on this site. There was significant commitment and progress over the past four years in seeking capital funding for Stage 1 with service plans, feasibility studies, master plans and business cases all being

developed in that time frame. These were done in conjunction with the then Department of Human Services.

SCHS is now keenly pursuing support for the planning and associated processes for Stage 2. This will take us further into the future, by building on our successes of the past. This ongoing growth provides exciting times for SCHS. In particular our new SCHS Public Dental Clinic that is poised to become a teaching campus for dental students in conjunction with La Trobe University.

To enable SCHS to have grown into what it is today, special thanks must be extended to those community-minded members who pursued their vision, and passion, to establish a local community health service in the first place.

And, as we continue to build on that legacy, mention must be made of the various and valuable ongoing contributions of the service's present staff, volunteers and board members. They all play a role in making SCHS a strong, vibrant organisation, and a leader in health service delivery. Services available at our new facility on the corner of Thirteenth Street and Deakin Avenue include:

- Community Dental Program
- Drug Treatment Services
- Chronic Disease Management
- Health Promotion
- Worker Health Checks

A list of all services provided at all sites is available on our website at: www.schs.com.au



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