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## **Northeast Health Wangaratta Announces New CEO**

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Northeast Health Wangaratta Board of Management President Mr Geoff Dinning is today delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Lis Wilson as the organisation's new Chief Executive Officer, effective from the end of August 2006.

Mr Dinning said "The Board undertook a rigorous interview process after receiving a strong field of applicants and are very positive we have selected the right person to lead the organisation. This is an exciting time for the health service with a new 62 bed aged care facility in the advanced stages of planning, the progression of the joint services integration project with other local community service providers including the Rural City of Wangaratta and Ovens & King community Health Services".

"The role of the CEO is to report to the Board of Management and advise on strategy as well as being responsible for all other operational matters. The CEO will work with a highly motivated Executive team, and excellent clinical and support staff and Visiting Medical Officers" Mr Dinning explained.

"The Board is confident that under Lis' leadership, NHW will continue to thrive as a highly regarded health care organisation in rural and regional Victoria".

Ms Wilson is the current Director of Commercial Operations and Deputy CEO at NHW, appointed in 2002, and was previously employed at the Wangaratta District Base Hospital from 1992 to 1997. Educated in New Zealand, Lis obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Auckland before emigrating to Australia. Prior to joining the public health industry, Lis held a number of positions in private enterprise including publicly listed corporations and professional accounting practice.

Mr McGregor resigned his position after 5 years to take up a hospital CEO role in Kuwait that offers the opportunity of building and managing 2 new hospitals in the private sector. He will work for a diversified Kuwaiti company that has health services and other business interests in the region. An Australian Executive team has been recruited to manage the hospital and home care sector and Peter's role will be Group CEO of hospitals which will be an expanding role as more hospitals come on stream.

Mr McGregor said "I have enjoyed my role at Wangaratta which has seen the consolidation of the organisation as the major health provider in North Eastern Victoria. The organisation is fully accredited, and offers ever increasing numbers of health services to the community with an emphasis on safety and quality. The organisation has been successfully re-positioned over the past 5 years as an integrated health service rather than being thought of only as hospital. This has been a concerted effort from a dedicated team which has included the Board of Management, the Executive team, the Staff, the Visiting Medical Officers and the Regional Office of the Department of Human Services".

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