

MEDIA RELEASE



New Board of Management President at Northeast Health Wangaratta

Wednesday 29th November 2006

This month Northeast Health Wangaratta announced its new Board of Management office bearers with the terms commencing from 1st November 2006.

The Board consists of suitably qualified and experienced members of our local community who have pledged their commitment to contribute to the governance of a complex health organisation and are dedicated to fulfilling Northeast Health Wangaratta's Purpose of 'Meeting the Healthcare Needs of our Community'.

The Board of Management is responsible to the Victorian Minister for Health, the Hon Bronwyn Pike MP, for setting the strategic direction of the health service within the framework of Government policy and good clinical governance. The Board is accountable for ensuring that Northeast Health Wangaratta meets the community's needs, provides a high quality of care and service delivery, and meets financial and non-financial performance targets.

At the first meeting of the Board of Management after the Annual General Meeting on 1st November, the Board announced the new office bearers for the 2006/07 term:

- Mr Allan Wills – President
- Ms Chris Cunningham – Vice President

The Board also welcomed a new member:

- Ms Michelle Smith-Tamaray

The continuing Board Members are:

- Mr Stephen Oxley
- Mr David Lawson
- Mr Geoff Dinning
- Ms Lorna Williamson
- Ms Janeen Milne

During his President's Report at the organisation's Annual General Meeting, out-going President Mr Geoff Dinning declared, "as an organisation we continue to grow and develop as the delivery of health services in rural communities become more challenging in light of the resources available and the increasing health needs of an ageing community".

On commencing his three year term, new Board President Mr Allan Wills stated that "Northeast Health Wangaratta Board of Management is committed to the development of the organisation's strategic plan and looks forward to working collaboratively with individuals, the community, other service providers and funding bodies to consolidate medical services and referral patterns within the Hume sub-region".

*For further information, please contact Tanya Tatulaschwili, Community Relations Manager, Northeast Health Wangaratta,
P: (03) 5722 0448 F: (03) 5722 0109 M: 0407 79 1119 E: tanya.tatulaschwili@nhw.hume.org.au*