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Diamond Valley's nurses farewell a friend

Diamond Valley's Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) has farewelled one its longest serving staff members.

Rose Livy has retired after nearly 20 years with the organisation in Environmental Services. She has spent all that time at RDNS Diamond Valley.

She was farewelled at a special afternoon tea on Friday, 4 July 2008.

Throughout her long career, Rose has helped maintain a clean, healthy and happy environment for RDNS Diamond Valley staff.

Her responsibilities have included cleaning, coordinating client histories and general duties. Rose even took on the task of organising staff tattslooto entries.

Maggie Scott, Client Services Manager at RDNS Diamond Valley, said that whilst most staff at RDNS are district nurses, people like Rose play a major role in supporting staff behind the scenes.

"Rose is a positive, easy going person who has always been available for a chat when staff needed to talk about things, whether it was work-related or more personal. This was great because nurses spend their whole day listening to other people's issues," Ms Scott said.

Rose will move to the country town of Alexandra with her husband to a brand new home they have designed together.

"I've worked with a lot of people during my time at RDNS Diamond Valley. I've made friends, seen people leave to have children and then come back again. I've even shared the odd secret recipe or two!" Rose reminisces.

"I will look back on my time with RDNS with a smile but I am looking forward to enjoying the country life with my husband," she says.

Maggie Scott says staff were saddened to hear of Rose's departure; however they are happy that she will achieve her dream of moving to the country.

"We were all very sad. Staff who have worked with Rose have lost not only a friend, but a member of a big family here at RDNS Diamond Valley. But we are so happy to see Rose achieve what she had been planning for a long time," Ms Scott says.

Nurses from RDNS Diamond Valley delivered 93,569 visits to 1,949 clients last year, accounting for 5.8% of visits made by the organisation.

RDNS has provided home nursing to the people of Melbourne for over 120 years. An independent charity, RDNS operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year, from 20 locations across Greater Melbourne.

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