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DEMAND ON THE RISE AS RDNS GROWS

Figures released in the 2010 Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) Annual Report show that demand continues to rise for home nursing and healthcare.

The report shows that in the 2009-10 financial year, the organisation made 1,818,305 client visits.*

CEO Dan Romanis says that growth was mainly the result of increasing demand across Melbourne, as well as the expansion of RDNS into new areas.

“In 2010, we remained as committed as we have ever been to the work that is done - and will continue to be done - throughout Greater Melbourne each day, where the majority of our services are provided.

“We also embarked upon our most important and accelerated period of growth and diversification, continuing our work in Tasmania and establishing services in parts of regional Victoria and New South Wales,” Mr Romanis says.

Other major figures released in the 2010 Annual Report show that:

- 34,907 clients received care from RDNS
- RDNS staff provided 697,363 hours of care to clients
- RDNS clients originated from 154 countries
- Public hospitals accounted for most referrals – 38.1%, followed by general practitioners at 9%
- RDNS New Zealand made 71,027 visits to 1,067 clients.

The report confirms that healthcare delivered in people's homes continues to play a critical role in the healthcare landscape.

“RDNS services promote independence and choice for clients and are integral to reducing demand in our public hospitals,” Mr Romanis said.

“We will continue to meet the needs of clients and referrers for quality care, delivering responsive, progressive, flexible and efficient services.

“As the push towards self-management and care provided outside of hospital settings continues, the care we deliver becomes even more important,” Mr Romanis says.

The RDNS 2010 Annual Report can be accessed on-line at:
http://www.rdns.com.au/media_and_resources/publications/Pages/Annual_Reports.aspx

* ‘Visits’ include face-to-face contacts with clients and ‘client-related contacts’ (activities undertaken on behalf of clients).
Comprises operations in Australia and New Zealand.

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