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GENEROSITY HELPS HEAL WOUND PAIN

Diamond Valley residents receiving wound treatment from Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) will benefit from new medical technology, thanks to a grant from the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation.

The grant has enabled RDNS' Diamond Valley site to purchase a new doppler machine that will improve the assessment and treatment of chronic leg wounds.

A doppler machine is an ultra-sound device which measures blood flow.

Maggie Scott, Client Services Manager at RDNS Diamond Valley, says the new technology will allow substantial improvements in wound care for local clients of RDNS.

"The portable 'Multi Dopplex II', gives a highly accurate measure of blood flow surrounding a person's wound. Understanding blood flow is crucial for assessing and treating wounds," says Ms Scott.

"If we can accurately diagnose a client's wound from day one, we can plan the most effective treatment from the outset. This increases the chance of a wound healing, often at a much faster rate," Ms Scott continues.

Ms Scott says that without the support of community groups like the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation, RDNS would be less able to provide such treatment.

"As a charity, we rely on donations and community support to deliver certain aspects of our service," Ms Scott says.

"The generosity of the Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation has given our staff the opportunity to work with the latest equipment, but most importantly it has given our clients access to better technology and treatment," says Ms Scott.

Royal District Nursing Service is Victoria's largest home nursing provider, delivering around 1.5 million visits each year.

In the last financial year, RDNS Diamond Valley provided 9,802 hours of care to wound clients across the Banyule, Nillumbik and Whittlesea areas.

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