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HOME NURSES ADD HEALTH OPTION

Parts of rural Victoria and New South Wales will enjoy an increase in available healthcare services from this week as a new home nursing provider opens for business.

In Victoria, Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) will now provide services to residents of Greater Bendigo, Mt Alexander, Macedon Ranges, Ballarat, Moorabool, Greater Geelong, Queenscliff, Albury, Wodonga and Wangaratta.

In New South Wales, RDNS has opened in Baulkham Hills, Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Manly, Mossman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah, Willoughby, Illawarra, Kiama, Shell Harbour, Shoalhaven and Wollongong.

RDNS has been delivering home nursing and healthcare to residents of Melbourne for many years, but has recently expanded into new regions as part of its growth strategy.

Nursing care on offer includes general nursing, aged care, wound care, palliative care, stomal care, diabetes care, continence management and more.

CEO Dan Romanis says that RDNS brings a long history of knowledge, research and expertise and that nurses are looking forward to contributing to new local healthcare environments.

“We are very excited to be able to add another option to the healthcare setting in these areas and that we have an opportunity to work with other local healthcare professionals to help contribute to people’s quality of life,” Mr Romanis said.

“RDNS is about delivering first class nursing care to people in the place that they feel most comfortable, familiar and secure which, in most people’s case, is their home.

“We are greatly looking forward to providing services that will assist people to stay at home longer, remain close to family and friends and reduce the number of visits they need to make to hospital.

“Healthcare today is about providing different options as well as local health professionals, such as nurses, doctors, hospitals and others working together to provide the most effective care to people,” Mr Romanis said.

Referrals to RDNS can be made by general practitioners, hospital staff or even by a family member or friend. People can also refer themselves.

Mr Romanis said that it may take a little time for residents to become familiar with what RDNS offers, but encourages people to call the service at anytime if they feel that RDNS can be of help.

He said that RDNS offers a full assessment service prior to admission and that nurses work closely with a person’s doctor, family and carers.

For general enquiries and referrals, people can call 1300 33 44 55.

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