

11 May 2010

Immediate release

NEW SENIOR TEAM FOR HOME NURSES

A new senior management team has been finalised at the Melbourne-based Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS), as the organisation pursues a growth and diversification strategy.

Building on the back of RDNS' expansion into regional Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and New Zealand, the new team consists of six Executive General Managers (EGM) dedicated to navigating the organisation into new business territories.

Together with Chief Executive Officer Dan Romanis, who has been at the helm of RDNS since 1994, the new Senior Executive Team consists of:

- Dr Georgia Hinton – EGM, New Ventures
- Rosemary Hogan – EGM, Service Delivery
- Kris Hume – EGM, New South Wales
- Anushiya Ponniah – EGM, RDNS New Zealand
- Vicki Sutton – EGM, Corporate Services
- Stelvio Vido – EGM, Projects and Business Development

CEO Dan Romanis says that the new appointments will enable the organisation to pursue a growth and diversification agenda with confidence and the assurance that the organisation will be able to meet its current service demands as well as those to come.

"We have taken considerable time to ensure that we have assembled a team that is well suited to addressing the needs of a rapidly evolving changed health services agenda which RDNS must effectively address," Mr Romanis says.

"We have a senior management team that brings an enormous strength and the right mix of skills and abilities to allow RDNS to grow into new markets while at the same time enabling us to continue to effectively deliver our core business," he says.

As a major provider of home nursing services, with a strong focus on clinical quality, RDNS cares for almost 10,000 people in Australia and New Zealand at any given point in time.

Recent expansion into Tasmania, New South Wales and regional Victoria has seen RDNS expand its service provision, having recently won a number of new tenders in New South Wales and Victoria to provide nursing and personal care. In New Zealand the organisation's initial focus has been on the provision of a new model of restorative personal care.

"We are balancing this accelerated period of growth and diversification with the crafting of structures and processes to ensure our quality, efficiency, sustainability and on-going viability in all of our areas of current and future operation," Mr Romanis says.

"As always our primary focus is on ensuring that those in our care receive the best possible care we can provide."

"The establishment of this new team ensures that all aspects of our business will work together productively to ensure that new growth compliments our current service offerings," he says.

--- ENDS ---

Media contact: Dan Romanis – (03) 9536 5285 or 0419 512 190