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## **NURSING BOOST FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS**

Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) officially opened its newly developed Care and Assessment Centre at its Rosebud site on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Martin Dixon MP, Member for Nepean and Shadow Minister for Education, cut the ribbon in front of a group of delighted guests which included clients of and donors to RDNS.

The facility offers RDNS clients the option of receiving nursing care in a clinic environment at a scheduled appointment time, rather than solely receiving their care at home.

Main services offered by the Care and Assessment Centre include wound care, continence management and stomal therapy.

“RDNS is so integral and so important, especially in this community. The organisation has shown a lot of foresight by adding this facility to the services already on offer,” Mr Dixon told guests before declaring the centre officially open.

RDNS CEO Dan Romanis told guests that the Care and Assessment Centre is an important step in adapting services to cater for the needs of RDNS clients.

“This facility provides our clients with more choice regarding when and where they receive their nursing care,” Mr Romanis said.

“Clients are cared for in a dedicated environment with specialist equipment at hand, as well as having access to nursing specialists,” he said.

Mr Romanis said the Care and Assessment Centre will also enhance partnerships with health professionals who refer to RDNS by offering them more options regarding their own clients’ care.

The Care and Assessment Centre has recently undergone a significant redevelopment, allowing for a greater number of people to be cared for and a broader range of available services.

The development was funded by the Department of Human Services and various trusts.

In the last financial year, nurses from RDNS Rosebud provided 74,583 visits to 2,021 residents.

RDNS is Victoria’s largest home nursing provider, delivering around 1.5 million visits each year.

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