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WIMMERA HEALTH CARE GROUP CELEBRATES PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES

Wimmera Health Care Group has celebrated International Day of People with a Disability (IDPwD) with a display in the hospital foyer. The display included stories about local people with a disability who are contributing to our society as active, positive role models.

Chief executive Chris Scott said that IDPwD provided the perfect opportunity for Wimmera Health Care Group to raise awareness and celebrate people of all abilities in the local community.

“Our staff were on hand to provide details about some of the services we have available and complimentary tea and coffee was served to visitors.”

“As a disability friendly organisation, we are very committed to ensuring that our services are accessible to everyone in the community” he said.

Mr Scott said that Wimmera Health Care Group runs a range of programs for people with disability. An example is the cognitive impairment identifier that has been introduced across the organisation to alert staff to patients with memory and thinking difficulties. The Wimmera Health Care Group is also a key member in a partnership developing an innovative project, Acutely Aware, which seeks to address issues for people with a disability in acute care facilities.

“We work in close partnership with Dorothy McLaren, the local Rural Access Worker, to determine ways we can improve our services. We are currently developing a disability action plan that will be implemented across the entire organisation” Mr Scott said.

On 3 December every year, IDPwD is celebrated world-wide to recognise the achievements and contributions of people with disability.



Dorothy McLaren (Rural Access Worker) with Tracey Daffey (WHCG Care Continuum Co-ordinator) promote International Day of People with a Disability at Wimmera Health Care Group

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