



Kyabram & District Health Services

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Kyabram a leader in Chronic Disease Management

A Collaborative quality improvement project being undertaken by Kyabram & District Health Services was nominated to represent the Loddon Mallee region as one of 49 projects across the State being showcased at an event to be held at the Department of Health in Melbourne during October.

Di Roberts, Chronic Disease Management Coordinator said the project was aimed at improving communication between health services and general practitioners in their provision of care for people with chronic health conditions.

Due to be completed in October the project's achievements to date have included improved service co-ordination taking a client centred approach, implementing policies and procedures to support that, as well as implementing formal and timely general practice feedback from allied health and specialist nursing services. "We are excited by the prospect of further developing this work with our local General Practice clinics to include electronic transmission of data in the future," said Ms Roberts.

"The project has been rolled out with the support of the Campaspe Primary Care Partnership and the Goulburn Valley Division of General Practice, and the Community Health staff at KDHS," said Ms Roberts.

Ms Roberts described being selected for the showcasing event as "a very positive outcome and is a win-win for clients, GPs, and KDHS Community Health Services"

"Hopefully, by also putting KDHS on the Department of Health's radar, in future we will be considered as serious contenders for future funding opportunities to improve health outcomes for our community," Ms Roberts said.

Funding for the project was announced nine months ago when KDHS was successful in an application for an \$18,000 grant.