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WIMMERA HEALTH CARE GROUP GETS FOUR YEARS ACCREDITATION

Wimmera Health Care Group has achieved a Certificate of Accreditation from the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) for the next four years.

Chief executive Chris Scott said that in July this year, the organisation participated in an external survey by ACHS. "This involved four independent surveyors spending three days with us, scrutinising our safety and quality processes. The assessment was an overwhelming success, resulting in Wimmera Health Care Group being granted four years accreditation status" he said.

Mr Scott said that Wimmera Health Care Group comprises of two campuses – the Wimmera Base Hospital and the Dimboola District Hospital.

"Wimmera Base Hospital has been continuously accredited by ACHS since 1975. In 1995, Wimmera Based Hospital joined forces with the Dimboola District Hospital and the organisation was re-named Wimmera Health Care Group."

"Along with the assessment by the ACHS, our Dimboola campus was also assessed by the Aged Care Standards Agency (ACSA) this year. The ACSA assessment that occurred in August was also a success with accreditation being granted for the next two years" he said.

Mr Scott said that he was extremely proud of Wimmera Health Care Group's achievements.

"The accreditation outcomes send a message to the community that Wimmera Health Care Group, its management and staff are committed to excellence in healthcare with a strong and continuing focus on safety, quality and performance. It is a clear demonstration of our mission that we are committed to achieving the best health for all the Wimmera and our vision to be the leader in rural health delivering caring services with respect, reliability and integrity."

“I commend our dedicated staff, not only for their contribution throughout the arduous assessment and evaluation process, but also for their ongoing support and commitment to quality improvement initiatives.”

“Our consumers demand a high standard of healthcare and we are proud that Wimmera Health Care Group has been recognised for meeting their expectations” Mr Scott said.



Wimmera Health Care Group's Executive members and Department Heads look on as Leonie Bartells (left) displays the Dimboola Aged Care Standards Agency Accreditation Certificate and Hayley Roberts and Chris Scott (foreground) show off the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards certificate granting Wimmera Health Care Group four years accreditation status

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