

Monday 18 May 2009



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

---

### **WIMMERA HEALTH CARE GROUP HOSTS CAREERS EXPO**

Wimmera Health Care Group has hosted a careers expo for secondary students across the region.

Approximately 40 senior secondary students from schools in Horsham, Dimboola, Murtoa, Hopetoun and Nhill participated in the event on Monday.

Chief occupational therapist Kristen Coats that the aim of the expo was to provide an opportunity for students to learn more about careers in nursing and allied health.

“Students broke into small groups and participated in interactive and informative workshops. We gave them a hands on experience of what it’s like to work in allied health and nursing at Wimmera Health Care Group” she said.

Ms Coats said that students spent time in the podiatry, speech pathology, physiotherapy, social work, nursing and occupational therapy departments. “They did all sorts of things such as monitoring of vital signs, assessment and treatment of balance disorders, use of assistive communication aids and wheelchair use” she said.

Ms Coats said that feedback from the day had been very positive and that they were planning to offer the program again next year.

“We hope that students went away with a better understanding of the careers available at Wimmera Health Care Group. We would like to see them come back and work for us one day” she said.

**MEDIA CONTACTS:** Sue Frankham  
Community and Private Patient Liaison Officer  
Ph. 5381 9309

Kristen Coats  
Chief Occupational Therapist  
Ph. 5381 9275