



CasConnect

Rural Health Bank Pilot Project

Grampians Region



The Rural Health Bank Pilot project is a Department of Human Services initiative, supported by The Nurse Policy Branch, Services & Workforce Planning Branch, Rural and Regional Services Branch, and is being managed by Stawell Regional Health.

The Rural Health Bank model is a centralised casual bank service, which is designed to coordinate the placement and professional development of nurses and allied health staff who provide

relief services in the Grampians region of Victoria. The pilot will start by focusing on nurses and will expand into allied health.

The pilot aims to:

- Promote and support the mobilisation of relief staff
- Increase the availability of relief staff
- Provide a staff relief service that is more efficient, sustainable and cost effective when compared to existing staff

relief systems

- Reduce clinical risks and other risks typically associated with the recruitment and placement of relief staff
- Improve the working lives and employment choices for relief staff
- Reduce the workload of senior staff who coordinate the recruitment and placement of relief personnel

Since first implementing the CasConnect system and processes at Stawell Regional Health, CasConnect has been regularly bringing on additional health services within the Grampians Region.

For Bank members who are interested in working as a casual for more than one health service, and/or in a variety of departments, it is easy on CasConnect, as it is all processed through a centralised system.

Health Services that are currently signed with CasConnect:

- Dunmunkle Health Service (Rupanyup, Minyip, Murtoa)
- East Wimmera Health Service (St Arnaud, Donald, Birchip, Wycheproof, Charlton)
- Wimmera Health Care Group (Horsham & Dimboola)
- Stawell Regional Health
- Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital
- East Grampians Health Service (Ararat, Willaura)

- Beaufort and Skipton Health Service (Beaufort campus only)

Health Services that are joining in early 2009 include:

- West Wimmera Health Service (Nhill, Jeparit, Kaniva, Rainbow, Gorokey, Natimuk)
- Rural Northwest Health (Warracknabeal, Hopetoun, Beulah)

Links to the website of each of these health services are available on our website at

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