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Ballarat Health Services
Putting your health first

What our Re-Entries thought!

"With mixed feelings we stepped into the ERC of the Base Hospital ready for to unravel us from out nutshells to shape us and tune us to be part of the Australian health care system.

How did you like the classes? Yes, they were brilliant!!! We could fill our quenching desire to learn. Thank you all for taking pains to give us all an enormous amount of information all well set and precise, ready to be engulfed by the curious hearts.

The assignments were really challenging. How can I go any further without thanking Gemma - our librarian. Confused we were, amused she was! What topics, what journals, where to hunt for the information?? There was Gemma with her beautiful smile and warmth ready to help us all with many extra hours. Words are not enough to express our gratitude.

We thank the health care team as a whole, there was not a single person who didn't stop to say a 'hello' to us in the clinical area. We enjoyed working with you and will definitely remember you all. Thanks for making this day come true for all of us. We now enter a new phase in our life and career when the expectation on us will be higher- we promise to do full justice the faith entrusted in us."

Our final task-the official graduation photo!

Div. 1 Re-Entry Nurses Graduate

After 11 weeks of intensive study and training, 25 nurses from Australia and overseas graduated. The purpose of the re-entry program is to equip nurses who have qualified overseas or who have not nursed in Australia for over 10 years to allow them to register as Div.1 Nurses. The course is run in conjunction with the University of Ballarat and is conducted at BHS by the Centre for Nursing and Health Education. The program was unique this year with increased collaboration between health services. Students were placed at BHS, SJOG and Stawell Regional Hospital. The course has come a long way in 5 years.

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Special points of interest:

- BHS joins research study.
- News from abroad.
- What's happening in education.
- CNHE staff complete wound care course.
- SmartLift & Fire Updates this month.

BHS joins research project

Ballarat Health Services Emergency Department will be participating in a multidisciplinary research project. This will examine mechanical ventilation practices in Emergency Departments within Australia. It is envisaged that this will allow emergency nurses to obtain a national perspective on mechanical ventilation practices within Australian Emergency Departments.

The project involves a survey that will collect data on all patients admitted to Emergency receiving mechanical ventilation for two-months. Patients receiving mechanical ventilation (invasive and non-invasive) will have data collected on ventilator settings, demographic information and duration of Emergency stay. In addition, data on who manages ventilation in Emergency will be collected.

This research is being coordinated by University of Melbourne & RMIT University with the BHS contact person CNHE's Wendy Porteous.

Did you know?

The CNHE receives funding from the Department of Human Services (DHS) each year to provide continuing nurse education to Nurses in the Grampians region. This funding is broken into three programs; Professional Development Program (PDP), which covers mandatory requirements such as Smart Lift, Emergency Preparedness etc; Continuing Nurse Education (CNE), which is conducted at BHS only; and the Highway model, which is conducted at multiple Health Services in the Grampians region. The CNE and Highway programs focus on those areas that nursing staff and managers within the region identify as topics that they would like more education on. As a Registered Nurse in the Grampians region, you are able to attend any of these sessions at either no cost, or a nominal fee, courtesy of the DHS funding and commitment that BHS have to assisting the professional development of their nursing staff.

We are currently planning for the next financial year's program. If you have any suggestions for topics or comments to make about the current CNE program please contact Fiona O'Toole CNE Professional Development on ext. 94490 or fionao@bhs.org.au

CNHE Calendar of Events

2nd & 10th May 2007
Fetal Surveillance – 2 part program

4th May 2007
Preceptorship

10th May 2007
Pain Management Workshop

17th May 2007
Clinical Skills Workshop

Continuing Education Workshops & Programs

25th May
Foundations of Adult Ventilation -

1st June
Non Invasive Ventilation & CPAP -

12th June 2007
Making Student Appraisals Easy

13th June 2007
Managing Behaviour & Psychological Management of Clients in the Clinical Setting

Contact **Shayne Davis** on ext. 94038 for bookings or email cnheadministration@bhs.org.au

Post Graduate Nursing Graduation

On 15th March 2007 nurses from a number of courses run at BHS graduated. The graduation ceremony was held at the Education Resource Centre and was well attended by graduates, family, friends and colleagues within the health service.

The Graduate Nurse Program, Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Perioperative, Critical Care, Emergency & Paediatrics) and Administration of Medication Endorsement for Division 2 Registered Nurses are conducted by staff from the Centre of Nursing & Health Education and in conjunction with tertiary institutions throughout the state.

Guest speaker was Ballarat CFA Regional Manager Phillip Beasley who spoke on the importance of critical decision making, an issue which affects nurses on a daily basis.

We wish all our graduates well as they continue their nursing careers.

CFA Regional Manager Phillip Beasley

International Study Program

The following is an excerpt from a report by Sun Village Japan after spending 3 weeks at BHS.

What first impressed me was the way people in Australia welcome people. I felt that this attitude towards people, to equally treat people is naturally common in the daily lives of Australians.

I was very impressed by the way the BHS system works when I asked a question about the organisation of Ballarat Health Services. In Japan, there have been many cases in which patients do not know where to go after treatment. I felt that the BHS system makes patients rest assured by guiding patients where to go next without them feeling anxious. I was very impressed by the system in which the medical and the welfare fields are smoothly linked.

I am determined not to waste anything I have learnt. To begin with, I will start treating people equally.

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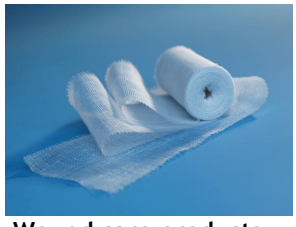
What's happening with Wounds?

Clinical Nurse Educators Ricky Relouw and Belinda Davie recently completed a nine week wound management course at Monash University, Victorian College of Pharmacy, Parkville.

The aim of the course was to apply knowledge and be able to problem solve in the workplace. This will aid the facilitation of education in wound management throughout the organisation.

The course covered eleven major themes and offered a holistic approach to wound care. The themes included wound healing physiology, factors influencing healing, wound tissue assessment, wound care products, pressure ulcers, lower leg ulcers and principles of compression therapy, the high risk foot, partial thickness burns, skin grafts and alternative therapies.



Wound care products

Professional Development Program

May 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Fire & Safety 1400-1500 hrs ERC Base	2 SmartLift Update 1400-1500 hrs Geoffrey Cutter Centre	3 Nurses Forum 1400-1500 hrs ERC Base	4
7 New Staff Induction 0830-1215 hrs ERC Base Nursing Orientation 1300-1630 ERC Base	8 Nursing Orientation 1000-1630 hrs ERC Base SmartLift Update 1400-1500 hrs ERC Base	9 Fire & Safety 1400-1500 hrs ERC Base SmartLift Update 1415-1500 hrs QE-ERC SmartLift Update 2100-2200 hrs ERC-Base	10 Medication Update 1400-1500 hrs ERC Base	11 PCA Update 1400-1500 hrs ERC Base
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- Fire and Safety Updates—May 1, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- SmartLift Updates— May 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 28, 29 and 30.
- Pain Medication Updates— May 11, 14, 21 and 31.
- Medication Updates—10 and 28 May.