

## New Division Brings More Health Care Choices

**On 1 July, St John of God Health Care launched its newest division, St John of God Health Choices, to meet the growing need for the provision of health services to people in their own homes and other non-hospital settings.**

Group Chief Executive Officer, Dr Michael Stanford, said the creation of St John of God Health Choices recognised the importance of the healthcare services we currently provide to people within their homes as well as the increasing requirement for out-of-hospital services.

“We identified a community need driven by demographic, social and political change: the increase in the aged population, the growing trend in people living alone, and the desire of health funds and Governments to support people in need of care within their homes as much as possible”, he said.

St John of God Health Choices will deliver a variety of healthcare services, including Hospital in the Home, Post Acute Care and Community Nursing, beyond the “walls” of its existing hospital facilities.

The General Manager of St John of God Health Choices, Steve Hall, said he and his team was committed to making the division a dynamic and growing health care service, operating alongside the group’s hospitals, community hospice, pathology services and wide range of social outreach programs.

The division began operations in Victoria, and will be continuing the excellent range of clinical services currently provided by the Home Services team at St John of God Hospital Geelong, as well as exploring opportunities to grow the service through collaboration with caregivers and the local medical community.

Steve is currently working with Natalie Lambden, the Nurse Manager of Health Choices in Geelong, in order to identify opportunities for the development of the service, and both are committed to continuing to connect with patients in the Greater Geelong area.



L–R Louise Lochhead, Jan Baker, Jan McKenzie and Natalie Lambden—Health choices team Geelong



General Manager of  
St John of God Health Choices  
Stephen Hall

“We are continuing the legacy of the Sisters of St John of God, who also ministered to patients in their homes or miners in their tents on the WA goldfields during a typhoid outbreak in the 1890s, and further building upon our holistic approach to health care by increasing our reach and capacity to enhance people’s lives across physical, mental and spiritual dimensions”, Steve said.

