

# Make a difference

## Join Swan Hill District Health

Respect – Professionalism – Care – Commitment – Collaboration



**Swan Hill  
District Health**  
*my hospital*

# About the Swan Hill Region

**Swan Hill District Health** offers a unique setting for a District Health Service. Sitting on the banks of the Murray River, we employ approximately 450 staff and service a community of around 30,000 people.

We are 2 hours from Bendigo, 3 hours from Mildura and 3.5 hours from Melbourne by car. We also have a convenient train service to Melbourne that runs twice a day. The challenge is to service our community with the highest quality health care, sometimes without "around the corner" back up.



## History:

Founded by a group of concerned squatters of the district in the 1860's Swan Hill District Health has today become a symbol of the hopes and strivings, the courage and generosity of the community it has served for more than a century and a half. Beset with difficulties from the outset, the hospital has managed to overcome financial and staffing problems with the help of the surrounding community.

## Our District:

Traditionally focused on primary production and supplying the needs of people and businesses in the area, Swan Hill has broadened its activities in commerce, manufacturing and tourism. The city today combines the relaxed lifestyle and community spirit of traditional rural life, with the facilities and conveniences of a much larger urban centre.

Education is one of the Swan Hill community's highest priorities. All the region's schools have a strong link to their communities and a firm commitment to the welfare of their students. Facilities include pre-schools, primary schools, secondary colleges, a school for handicapped children and tertiary and further education.

Full medical services are available locally including dentists, pharmacies, allied health professionals and veterinary surgeons. Medical specialists also visit the region regularly.

The Swan Hill Region offers a wide range of sporting clubs and facilities including;

Football	Badminton	Netball
Cricket	Tennis	Motor Sports
Yacht Club	Soccer	Golf
Athletics	Swimming	Croquet
Dance	Water Skiing	Hockey

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**Our Vision:** Swan Hill District Health will provide appropriate services in the right setting by dedicated people with and for our community

**Our Values:**

<i>Respect...</i>	this means that you interact with others as you would expect them to interact with you
<i>Professionalism...</i>	this means we deliver services with integrity, honesty and competence
<i>Care...</i>	this means that we provide a standard of service and support which we would expect for ourselves
<i>Commitment...</i>	this means that we are dedicated to the promotion and success of the organization
<i>Collaboration...</i>	this means working together in a positive, supportive manner



## Our Services

**Emergency Department** – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with 14,000 presentations a year from major trauma through high risk illness to the more mundane, but never a dull moment. Employing HMO's and a dedicated team of health professionals, we also utilise the services of our local GP medical group.

There are **thirty five beds** in the Acute Ward, ten beds in the Day Procedure Unit, eight beds in the Midwifery Unit, six in the Renal Dialysis and one Palliative Care bed.

**Two operating theatres** with VMO's covering Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Cardiology, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Oncology, Ophthalmic Surgery, Geriatric Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Urology, as well as our own Surgeons from local practices covering 2,500 procedures a year. Two surgical residents visit from a major Melbourne Hospital on a three monthly rotation system.

**Aged Care** facilities including the 52 bed unit at Swan Hill and 30 beds in nearby Nyah.

**Chemotherapy** and **Renal Dialysis** with a six chair service means less stress and distance for the patients.

**Primary Care** covers a full range of Physiotherapy, Speech therapy, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry and health promotion services. New 4 Chair Dental Service currently being established.

**Pathology and Radiology** including 16 slice CT scan and fluoroscopy provide leading edge diagnostic tools.

Last, but by no means least is: Aboriginal Liaison Service, Adult Day Services, Breast Care Nurse, Care Co-ordination, Community Health Nursing, Community Rehabilitation Services, Counselling Services, Dental Services, District Nursing, Domiciliary Midwifery Services, Haemodialysis, Health Clinics, Hospital Admission Risk Program, Hospital in the Home, Meals on Wheels, Palliative Care, Pharmacy, Preparation for Childbirth, Stomal Therapy, Transitional Care, Victorian Aides and Equipment, VAEP – Program for Disabled People.

## Benefits of Working at SHDH

- Salary Packaging is available to reduce the income tax payable by reducing the gross taxable income.
- Area housing tax savings and Accommodation and Meal Entertainment tax savings are also available.
- A flexible workplace, allowing for an ideal work/life balance.
- A professional, committed workforce and highly supportive community.
- Variety in work and a sense of achievement.
- Competitive Remuneration based on skills, knowledge and experience.

## Websites of Interest

Swan Hill Website:	<a href="http://www.swanhillonline.com">www.swanhillonline.com</a>
Rural Workforce Agency, Victoria:	<a href="http://www.rwav.com.au">www.rwav.com.au</a>
Australian Medical Association:	<a href="http://www.ama.com.au">www.ama.com.au</a>
Department of Immigration and Citizenship:	<a href="http://www.immi.gov.au">www.immi.gov.au</a>

## How to contact us

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