

## **Farewell for Dr William (Bill) Stone**

After more than 10 years with Latrobe Regional Hospital, Dr William (Bill) Stone, Director of Rehabilitation Services was farewelled at an afternoon tea on 26 March.

Dr Stone first came to Latrobe Regional Hospital in December 1996 as a Consultant Physician where he initially covered and worked for Dr David Ogilvy.

In 1999, Dr Stone was credentialed as a visiting Rehabilitationalist.

In 2000 Dr Stone took on a more permanent role and by October that year was offered the role of Directory of Clinical Services – Rehabilitation.

Before coming to Latrobe Regional Hospital Dr Stone worked in private practice, managed a rehabilitation unit in Tasmania and worked for the Transport Accident Commission.

He was also the Occupational Rehabilitation Officer for BHP.

Dr Stone developed the prosthetic service at Latrobe Regional Hospital and assisted in shaping the service to what it is today.

Dr Stone has been very proactive in recruiting additional medical support to the rehabilitation program.

He never missed an opportunity to recruit someone who looked or sounded slightly interested in Latrobe Regional Hospital.

Dr Stone has a love and passion for the Gippsland region having been a student at Mirboo North Secondary School.

He now lives in Carnegie and is planning to spend his retirement refurbishing his home.

He has however maintained his ties with Gippsland with his farm at Jindivick.

Dr Stone's outstanding leadership in the development of effective rehabilitation, staff training, role modelling, education and performance as a team player leaves Latrobe Regional Hospital and other health facilities in the region, far more able to meet the rehabilitation needs of the people of Gippsland.

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Dr William (Bill) Stone and his wife Anne