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Latrobe Regional Hospital celebrates smokefree environment

Tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death in the world. It is the only legal consumer product that kills one third to one half of those who use it as intended by its manufacturers, with its victims dying on average 15 years prematurely.

Latrobe Regional Hospital received endorsement from Quit Victoria when it introduced a completely smokefree environment on 1 July 2007.

Latrobe Regional Hospital has provided assistance to a number of other organisations and health services to enable them to become totally smokefree and since 1 July 2007 a significant number have introduced a smokefree environment and many others are in the planning stages.

Limiting exposure to second-hand smoke assists in reducing a wide variety of adverse health effects. There is substantial scientific evidence that second-hand smoke is a serious health threat. Non-smokers who breathe second-hand smoke suffer many of the diseases of active smoking.

Evidence shows that hospitals play an important role in helping patients as well as staff to quit and in making sure they offer the safest and healthiest environment possible.

Latrobe Regional Hospital is proud to be leading the way in providing a totally smokefree environment which benefits patients, visitors and staff.

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