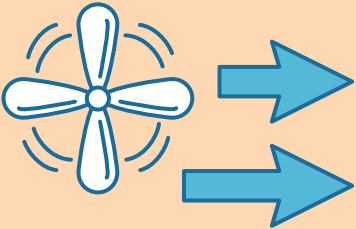


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WHAT A TEAM: ERH's rehab ward has received two state awards.

ERH dedicated to our best outcomes

By Charmayne Allison

ECHUCA Regional Health's rehabilitation ward has poured heart and soul into providing first-class treatment to the twin towns.

And finally, it's been recognised for it.

The hospital was awarded Best Outcomes in Reconditioning Rehabilitation and Best Outcomes in Ortho Replacements Rehabilitation at the Victorian Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre (AROC) annual workshop recently.

ERH rehab outcomes were

casemix adjusted and measured against participating facilities in the state.

And came out on top in the two categories.

"It's great to know no matter where you live, you can still get excellent care," nurse manager of ERH's inpatient rehab unit Leona Smith said.

"This is an amazing achievement for our team and shows the dedication from staff providing services in the rehab ward.

"There were very few awards given out, but we got two, which is so exciting and a

huge achievement for Echuca Regional Health.

"A few people said they may come out and visit to see what we're doing."

Leona said the team at ERH had been working hard to constantly improve care.

"Throughout the past few years we've been looking at all our cases, receiving feedback from AROC on where we sit in the state and the country and working really hard to get the best outcomes for our patients," she said.

"And this has been reflected in our results which is wonderful."

There's a hole in NSW bucket

THE Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) says it is extremely concerned the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement has resulted in less water available to NSW Murray.

President Jeremy Morton said it was intolerable the current water sharing framework resulted in NSW share of water in the Murray system being reduced by 40,000ML.

"In its simplest terms South Australia's bucket of water has been full since April, the Victorian bucket continues to fill while the NSW bucket has a hole in it," he said.

"The RGA is convinced that a myriad of small and not so small changes to rules and codifying of water sharing arrangements is significantly

impacting the share of the water resource allocated to NSW."

Mr Morton said the RGA wanted the Murray Darling Basin Ministerial Council (MinCo) to acknowledge the impacts and for conversation to start about how the water resources could be shared more equitably.

"This conversation will be a difficult one and and a good starting point is for MinCo to acknowledge that concessions have been made over many decades by NSW which have led to this intolerable situation," he said.

"We ask that MinCo commit to renegotiating provisions of the Murray-Darling Basin Agreement to address the inequity of the current water sharing arrangements."