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New Developments at WHISE

The Council of Women's Health in the South East (WHISE) has appointed Eva Orr as the Interim Chief Executive Officer and a new business development consultant role has been created to expand opportunities for WHISE, with the previous Chief Executive Officer, Tricia Elliott, being appointed to this position. Tricia has been at WHISE for three years and her contribution during this period has been enormous, with new programmes and partnerships being developed.

The Chair of Council, Gail Quilliam, said :

“We are very pleased that Eva has accepted the position of Interim CEO as she comes with a wealth of experience in the social welfare sector, bringing with her a wide range of skills and knowledge and a long term interest in women’s health. Eva will have full responsibility for the day to day operations of WHISE from 1 March 2010 and will work closely with Tricia to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements.”

“Tricia, in the new consultant role, will focus on income generation, developing opportunities for partnerships and collaboration with other organisations, and increasing support for women’s services generally. These two appointments are interim and will be reviewed at the end of June 2010.”

“The Council believe that Eva and Tricia will work well together to take WHISE into the future which will provide improved opportunities for all women in the South East.”

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WHISE: Strength in Dignity, Choice, Diversity and Justice

Women's Health in the South East is a not for profit, community based women's health service, working with individual women, communities and services in the south-eastern metropolitan region of Melbourne. We encourage women to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing, and work to overcome disadvantage, inequality and lack of access to services. Our services include: health promotion and information; assistance and referral; service provider education; self help support groups; secondary school programs; programs for newly arrived women and families; policy analysis and advocacy.

Our services are free and accessible to all women in our region via our phone: (03) 9794 8677.

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