

# ***The Willochra Home***

**Report from the Chair  
of the Board of Management  
to Synod  
for the year 2010.**

As my first 12 months in the Chair at The Willochra Home , I'm pleased to report to all ,that the home in Crystal Brook is a welcoming sight as you enter our town . We should be proud of the way the home is presented to the people of our community and this is due to the dedicated Residential Care manager , Assistant Residential Care Manager, Highly trained staff and volunteers. After many years of change and expansion its now time to settle and enjoy the surroundings for the residents and staff.

The Willochra Home has had a full occupancy rate for the last twelve months and at present has a healthy waiting list.

We welcome our new Registrar Alan Jamieson to the team, his wealth of knowledge and ease of communication has made it an easy transition for Allan on our Board of Management.

- I'm pleased to report on another rewarding year as part of administration of The Willochra Home.

- As previous year, all government requirements to ensure continued funding were met.
- Regular book keeping is being done onsite three days a fortnight, much easier to check invoices and keep a close eye on costs, and two senior staff are been trained to do the pays.
- Wages changed to Federal Modern Awards and National employment standards.
- Code of practice of work hours life style, ties in with Fair Work Act.
- A Spot visit was held on the 8 Sept accreditation found our provision to meet standards.
- With the home having all beds occupied and a waiting list our financial position is kept well in hand.
- Employs a Registered Nurse two days a fortnight to keep in touch with the residents.
- [www.willochrahome](http://www.willochrahome) our web site is up to date.
- At Governance Level
- All board members have done training out of Tool Box.
- Allan has done Responsible office training.
- The Board meetings are held the third Tuesday in each month except January, this enable us to keep up to date on the Homes progress and also look to the future planning of the home.

- All new board members have a buddy and given a tour of home and shown fire plan.
- The Diocesan Council keeps a watchful eye on the work of the Board and continues to provide a loan facility that ensures cash flow to meet financial needs.
- Training of Staff . We have an Age Care Channel, so most training can be done on site. Kitchen Supervisor is undertaking Front Line Management Course. Maintenance Officer has done OH &S Rep 2.

The Friends of Willochra continually have a great input into our home with fundraising and support the Board when they run their annual dinner.

Care and ancillary support staff, together with volunteers play a huge roll in the smooth running of the home, all coordinated through management and senior supervisory staff.

We sincerely thank all those who donate and volunteer their time, and to all staff and management in making The Willochra Home a safe friendly home for our residents and the community.

*Julie . C . Price*

Chair – Board of Management