

New radiographers recruited in Roma

Roma Hospital welcomes two new radiographers

X-rays and other medical imaging is now more accessible at the Roma Hospital with the appointment of two full time radiographers.

Earlier this year Judy Kilvert accepted the position of the senior radiographer and Jacqui Hemmings as the junior radiographer as part of her two year rural placement.

Ms Kilvert, who had been a locum in the area since 2005 and a Queensland Health employee for 35 years, jumped at the opportunity to work in the South West Health Service District in the hope of encouraging the licensed operators in the area.

"It is a wonderful place to live and it is encouraging to see so many licensed operators being accredited around the district," Ms Kilvert said. "We are lucky to have each other as it means I can get to travel around the district to offer much needed support and on-going education to the licensed operators in health facilities where there isn't a radiographer."

Roma Hospital's Director Medical Services Athol Mackay said it had been two years since a permanent radiographer had been at Roma.

"We have always had good people relieving but this meant we were still short on radiographers at the weekend," Dr Mackay said.

"Now we have two permanent radiographers it means there is always a radiographer at the hospital and one that can offer support to our licensed operators across the district."

Ms Kilvert said the licensed operators were health staff who had undergone a week's training for a license in taking X-rays of the chest and other extremities.

"We have permanent radiographers at Roma and relieving ones at St George and Charleville so other centres rely on the license operators," she said.



ABOVE: Jacqui Hemmings and Judy Kilvert.