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Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service welcomes new doctor

THE unpredictability of rural medicine is what keeps Dr Thushara Gallage living and working in regional areas.

Dr Gallage started at the Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service (MPHS) earlier this year, having worked in Clermont and Toowoomba.

He works alongside Millmerran’s Medical Superintendent Dr Andrew Reedy and Director of Nursing/Facility Manager Catherine Frame across a variety of medical areas.

“The role is to provide the community with all aspects of health care including preventative, curative, inpatient care, outpatient management and aged-care,” Dr Gallage said.

“It is a multi-skilled job. I enjoy working in rural areas because my skills are challenged.

“You can’t predict who is going to walk through the door at a rural hospital. You have to draw on the skills you already have, or brush up on the ones you don’t, to give patients the medical help they need.”

Dr Gallage spends his days attending to patients and residents at the MPHS, as well as seeing patients at the town’s medical centre.

He arrived in Millmerran in early February with his wife and two children, one of whom attends the local primary school.

“I enjoy living and working in Millmerran,” he said.

“People living in small town should have access to quality public health care, and I am glad to be part of a team that does that in Millmerran.”

Caption: Dr Thushara Gallage has been welcomed to the Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service.

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