



30th June 2005

Professor Glyn Davis
Vice Chancellor
The University of Melbourne

Dear Professor Davis

**Re: Proposal to establish Chair of Psychiatry –
Rural Health, Ballarat**

At its meeting on 23rd June 2005 the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences approved on behalf of Faculty a proposal for the Chair of Psychiatry – Rural Health, which will be based in Ballarat.

We would appreciate this item being submitted to the Planning and Budget Committee for approval. The relevant position description is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

R. Frampton
For/
Richard Frampton
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cc Ms Jan Mariani, Secretary, Planning & Budget Committee

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Professor James Angus
Dean
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Dear James,

Re: Creation of a Chair of Psychiatry at Ballarat.

The School of Rural Health, with the support of the Department of Psychiatry would like to combine with Ballarat Health Services to jointly appoint a Professor of Psychiatry to be based in Ballarat. This position would be funded 50% by Ballarat Health Services and 50% by the University of Melbourne. The appointment of the Chair of Psychiatry would support the delivery of teaching of psychiatry to the School of Rural Health students, and provide academic leadership in research and education in the School of Rural Health at Ballarat.

Ballarat Health Services wish to progress this appointment because they see a need for academic leadership in postgraduate training and research, within their Mental Health Services. It is not planned that the appointee would be Clinical Director of Mental Health Services, but that the principle role of the appointee will be in research and training. This mix of responsibilities fits well with those of the academic role in the University and together would produce a strong academic presence in the Mental Health Services in Ballarat.

Ballarat Health Services has, and will remain, an important teaching facility for the University of Melbourne for both Rural Clinical School students and students on rotation from other clinical schools in Melbourne. At present Ballarat Health Services also provides teaching of Psychiatry to Monash students. Creation of this position is a means to lock Ballarat Health Services into the University of Melbourne to give priority to our students.

To summarise, the creation of this position would create academic leadership, research and education in Psychiatry in Ballarat, and further develop the important links with Ballarat Health Services, while maintaining it as a teaching facility for the University of Melbourne.

Funding for this position will be from recurrent Commonwealth funding of the Rural Clinical School Program.

I recommend we proceed with the creation and appointment of this Chair.

Yours sincerely

Prof. Dawn DeWitt
Head/Clinical Dean
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