

Don Garlick

Don Garlick is the Manager: Emergency Management for Ballarat Health Services and the Manager of the Ballarat Base Hospital Helicopter Landing Site. In this role Don is responsible for the planning, training, response and recovery emergency management arrangements for Ballarat Health Services; a large regional, multi-campus health service with over 4000 employees and over 500 patient/resident beds. He was the inaugural Chair of the Victorian Health Emergency Managers Network, founded and Chairs the Grampians Region Health Emergency Management Network and has been involved in a number of DHHS working parties and projects related to health based emergency management.



Don has been a practicing critical care nurse since 1991 at the Austin & Ballarat Base Hospital ICU and since 2001 has worked in the Ballarat Base Hospital Emergency Department as an ANUM and now a part time CNS. He is a CENA fellow in recognition of his work in emergency management and represents Victoria CENA at the Field Emergency Medical Officer Program committee.

Don has a Masters of Emergency Management (Distinction) from Charles Sturt University, the Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management), a Graduate Diploma Critical Care, an Advanced Diploma of Business Management, and Certificate IVs in Training & Assessment, Frontline Management, Project Management and Fire Technology.

Don has also been a volunteer firefighter for 28 years. He is a Lieutenant and past Secretary of Wendouree Fire Brigade and is a past member of Mooroolbark, Lilydale, Sale and Montrose Fire Brigades. He has served as a firefighter and Crew Leader at multiple significant incidents including Ash Wednesday 1983, Ethanol tanker fire 1993, NSW deployment 1994, Christies Cool Store fire 1997, Black Saturday 2009, NSW deployment 2013, Wallan/Riddles Creek fires 2014, SA Deployment 2015 and the Mount Bolton fire 2015. He is a Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria State Councillor for District 15 and a volunteer training officer. For his service Don has been awarded the National Emergency Medal (2009 Victorian Bushfires), the National Medal & 1st Clasp and the 25 year CFA Service award. In 2013 he was the Wendouree Fire Brigade's Firefighter of the Year.