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## Local Health Service Celebrates National Skills week with Exciting Careers Event

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Over the past fortnight, Australians have proudly watched as our young athletes showcased their exceptional talent at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, bringing home medals and breaking records. Their achievements remind us of the remarkable things we can accomplish when we set our sights on our goals. This week, at the Beaufort and Skipton Health Service we are shifting our focus to another vital arena: career opportunities within the health services sector.

As we enter National Skills Week 2024 (19 to 25 August 2024), Beaufort and Skipton Health Service is thrilled to promote the diverse career pathways available in health services. Recognised as the 2023 Victorian and Australian Training Awards, Gold Recipient of the Small Employer of the Year, we are committed not to rest on our laurels, but rather to elevate our efforts in highlighting the wide variety of professions that contribute to our community's health and wellbeing.

While many may think of nursing as the primary career in health services, the reality is that the field encompasses a wide range of roles, including apprenticeships and traineeships in areas such as hotel services, community health, administration, procurement, human resources and finance. The coming week is an incredible opportunity to showcase the talents and skills that are essential to the functioning of our Health Service, and we want our local communities to know that there are fantastic opportunities for career development right here.

To inspire the next generation of health professionals, we are hosting a National Skills Week 2024 careers event for students from local secondary schools on Wednesday, 21 August 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, at the Beaufort Hospital Campus. This event will provide students with valuable insights into launching an exciting career in health services, complete with a delicious BBQ lunch to fuel their enthusiasm.

As the CEO of the Beaufort and Skipton Health Service, I am truly excited to see what our young people can achieve when they set their minds on career goals. We invite all students to join us in this celebration of opportunity and possibility. It's my hope to explore the rewarding paths that a career in health services can offer – just as our Olympians have shown us, with determination and focus, there are no limits to what we can achieve!

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