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Hitting the road after 31 years

While the world continues to grapple with COVID-19, for Mallee Family Care it is business as usual and on Thursday, that 'business' included celebrating and farewelling a valued staff member.

Rhonda Menzies has spent the last 31 years working for Mallee Family Care, beginning her time with the organisation in its former office, in Deakin Avenue. When Mallee Family Care relocated to Ninth Street, Rhonda moved with it, and since then, she has worked across virtually every aspect of the organisation, from administration and executive support to financial counselling.

To mark Rhonda's retirement, all Mallee Family Care staff came together this week, for a morning tea to thank her for her sizable contribution to the organisation.

Chief Executive Officer, Teresa Jayet, made a heartfelt speech, reminiscing about her own early days with Mallee Family Care and the support and kindness that Rhonda extended to her.

"I've worked with Rhonda for over 25 years now and in that time I've seen first-hand how generous she is with her knowledge and experience. She taught me so many things and was such a fabulous resource. Mallee Family Care is certainly that much richer, for having Rhonda as part of our team."

Rhonda will soon pack her life up into a motorhome and take to the roads of Australia, ready to explore with no timelines or commitments to hold her back.

"I intend to go wherever the wind takes me. There's so much I want to see and while I have my health, I want to do it. If I put it off, I may never go, so for me, the time is now."

A keen line-dancer and country music fan, Rhonda says she will take every opportunity to include country themed festivals in her travels.

While the road ahead is full of promise for Rhonda, the staff she leaves behind are wondering how they will survive without her triumphs in the kitchen, such as cakes and muffins, that regularly made their way into the office.

Rhonda's smile suggests that she is more than happy for someone else to take up the mantle.

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