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## **Bolton Clarke awarded \$400,000 grant to support nurses in need**

Victorian nurses experiencing disadvantage will benefit from a \$400,000 grant awarded to [Bolton Clarke](#) (formerly known as the Royal District Nursing Service) following a recent granting round on behalf of The Arthur Emilio Loyer Estate.

The Estate was set up in memory of nurse Mabel Alice Sharrott to assist nurses who have given at least 15 years of service to the community, with some of that time spent nursing in Victoria. The trust seeks to support retired or working nurses facing disadvantage by providing grants for accommodation needs.

Bolton Clarke was established in 1885 and is now Australia's largest not-for-profit nursing organisation, with a dedicated team of Home Care nurses.

The group has significant experience in the establishment, administration and distribution of grant funds and programs for nurses, including the provision of nine scholarship and education grants. It also administers a 'Good Samaritan Fund', which supports clients in financial hardship.

Bolton Clarke Executive General Manager At Home Support, Deidre McGill said the grant would be used to support frontline nurses who have given so much to the community.

"The funds will support establishment of the Mabel Alice Sharrott Accommodation Fund for Nurses in Need to support the accommodation needs of nurses facing disadvantage on a number of fronts, from ageing to domestic violence, divorce, the death of a partner and mental ill health," she said.

Equity Trustees, the trustee for the Arthur Emilio Loyer Estate, carried out the recent granting round on behalf of the trust.

Jodi Kennedy, General Manager, Charitable Trusts, Equity Trustees, said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us of the life changing work nurses carry out. We have been grateful for their crucial role in healthcare and supporting those who have needed it most.

"It is an honour to be working with the Arthur Emilio Loyer Estate, which has been supporting the accommodation needs of nurses since it was established in 1953, to give back to nurses for their essential work. We look forward to working with Bolton Clarke to deploy this funding to the Victorian nursing community."

*The [2020 Philanthropy Annual Giving Review](#), which details the impact of grants and funding in the FY20 year, is available online.*

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