

THE PULSE

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GREAT HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Keeping you up to date with developments at Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health



ALAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the third edition of *The Pulse*. Since the last edition there has been great progress on the \$7.8 million redevelopment of Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health.

We are particularly excited about the establishment of the Healesville Redevelopment Liaison Group. You can read more about the group, which includes six members of the local community, in this newsletter.

As part of our commitment to provide excellent healthcare in the east, it is pleasing to note that Eastern Health's recent expansions will provide many benefits for people living in the Yarra Ranges.

There has been an expansion of intensive care, cancer and respiratory services at Maroondah Hospital during the past few months and further improvements are coming with the establishment of a Psychiatric Assessment and Planning Unit.

More recently we celebrated the official opening of Box Hill Hospital's new 10-storey building which will provide a state-of-the-art health facility for the eastern region.

As a resident of the Yarra Ranges, you have access to all these excellent facilities and services in addition to the outstanding care provided at Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health.

Kind regards

Alan Lilly, Eastern Health Chief Executive

REDEVELOPMENT NEWS



Eastern Health has established a liaison group that includes Yarra Ranges residents to promote and enhance community participation and consultation during the \$7.8 million redevelopment of Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health.

Members of the Healesville Redevelopment Liaison Group (HRLG) will act as a conduit to the wider community and provide advice on additional communication and engagement opportunities.

"As their input is vital, we are delighted to have six community members volunteering their time to participate in this group and we look forward to working together as this exciting project progresses," Eastern Health Chief Executive Alan Lilly said.

The HRLG will also include representatives from Eastern Health and the Victorian Department of Health, and will be facilitated by independent Chair David Bryson.

"David Bryson has extensive experience in facilitating community groups, organisations and businesses during times of crucial decision-making. I think David is a perfect fit for this role," Mr Lilly said.

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Healesville Redevelopment Liaison Group

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BOOST FOR GP SERVICE



Dr Prathana KC

Eastern Health's Yarra Valley Community Medical Service is pleased to announce Dr Prathana KC will remain at the clinic for the next three years.

"We are thrilled Dr KC will continue to provide the community with the care and medical expertise they have enjoyed since she started in 2012," Michelle Fleming, Eastern Health's Operations and Development Manager of Community Health, said.

"Having a female GP is a huge asset for the clinic and the local community. It is just one of the many examples of how Yarra Valley Community Health is providing excellent health services in the Yarra Ranges."

The clinic has also welcomed new practice manager Aloysius David, who comes with a wealth of experience in healthcare services, and is also finalising the appointment of a new general practitioner.

"Aloysius has over 20 years of experience in managing medical clinics, including general practices and private specialist clinics in the outer eastern region of Melbourne. Most recently, he was the practice manager at the Greater Knox GP Clinic in Boronia," Michelle said.

"Aloysius has a strong track record in quality improvement and customer service, and is looking forward to getting to know the staff and patients at Yarra Valley Community Medical Service."

These new appointments come at an exciting time for Yarra Valley Community Health staff and patients as they look forward to the refurbished clinic as part of the redevelopment.



Located on White Street, Yarra Valley Community Medical Service prides itself on delivering quality healthcare to residents in Healesville and surrounds. For more information, call **1300 130 381** or visit www.easternhealth.org.au

YARRA VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH

Services and programs include:

- › Counselling
- › Allied health
- › Clinics to help you quit smoking
- › Aboriginal health
- › Wellness programs
- › District nursing
- › GP clinic

 For a full list of services visit www.easternhealth.org.au and click on Yarra Valley Community Health or call **1300 130 381**.

REDEVELOPMENT NEWS (CONTINUED)

Mr Lilly said Eastern Health was committed to keeping the community informed and engaged and that this group was one of many initiatives to ensure community engagement throughout the life of the project.

"Plans will be released to the community in early to mid-September through a series of public displays following feedback from our stakeholders, including the liaison group, which has provided us with some excellent ideas."

Membership of the Healesville Redevelopment Liaison Group:

David Bryson

Community Facilitator (Chair)

Craig Anderson

Community Member

Michelle Fleming

Operations & Development Manager, Community Health, Eastern Health

Belinda Gillam Derry

Community Member

Kerri Goding

Community Member

Michelle Kotis

Program Director, Ambulatory & Community Services, Eastern Health

Tanya Hendry

Manager, Consumer Participation & Patient Experience, Eastern Health

Craig Guscott

Victorian Department of Health

Mark Hoffman

Manager, Capital Projects, Eastern Health

Barbara Honan

Community Member

Pam Hughes

Director of Nursing, Yarra Ranges, Eastern Health

Jane Judd

Save Healesville Hospital Action Group Representative

Lisa Lynch

Chief of Clinical & Site Operations, Yarra Ranges, Eastern Health

Graham Taylor

Community Member



Latest project newsletters, frequently asked questions and media releases are available on the project website at www.easternhealth.org.au/healesvilleredevelopment.

Local residents can contact Tanya Hendry, Eastern Health's Manager of Consumer Participation & Patient Experience for more information about the redevelopment on **5969 9951** or via healesvillefeedback@easternhealth.org.au



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