

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## Keep doing the things that keep us safe

A lot has changed since our last update before Christmas - COVID-19 is now present in our Mallee Track communities, and the Omicron variant is extremely infectious.

As Government restrictions change and evolve, the best protection for our families and communities is to go back to what we know works:

- **Wearing masks indoors - properly**
- **Maintaining safe social distance**
- **Handwashing and sanitising - often**
- **And, most importantly, Vaccination**

## Vaccination Update

We are continuing to take bookings for booster shots, and we are pleased to now be starting paediatric vaccinations in Ouyen.

As with all our vaccination arrangements, please register your interest, and we will get in touch to book you or your child in when spots are available.

Our vaccination clinics are currently limited by supplies and staff availability, but we are doing vaccinations as quickly as possible. If you are keen to obtain a booster or paediatric vaccination earlier, appointments are available at Sunraysia Community Health in Mildura, Swan Hill District Health and at pharmacies.

Loddon Mallee vaccination team has confirmed it will visit **Murrayville** on Australia Day **January 26** and **Underbool** on **January 27** for paediatric vaccinations only.

## Childhood COVID-19 Vaccination Forum

Mildura Rural City Council is holding an online forum next Thursday to provide more information to community members and answer questions about paediatric vaccinations.

There will be more information to come – please check the MRCC website for more information on how to attend.



## 10 Years Of Service For Courtney Roberts

Hotel Services staff member Courtney Roberts recently received her 10 years of service badge from hotel services co-ordinator Louise Plozza. Congratulations Courtney!

## A Fresh New Look For Our Website

We're excited to have our new and improved MTHCS website up and running! It's a great first port of call for information and updates.

We would love for you to have a look around, and welcome your feedback so we can continue to improve content and ease of finding information.

Visit [www.mthcs.com.au](http://www.mthcs.com.au) to get started.



## Pie Time

Apple and Rhubarb pies were on the menu recently at Pattinson House, as residents got hands on in the kitchen. Yummo!



## Visits To Aged Care

Please continue to call ahead to arrange visits to residents at our aged care facilities.

We're doing our very best to arrange visits where possible, but with increasing community transmission of COVID-19, our priority is to keep our vulnerable residents safe. Reducing the number of visits to our facilities reduces the risk of COVID-19 entering our facilities.

Restrictions currently allow two visitors per day for each resident, with visitors required to wear N95 masks, which will be provided by MTHCS.

When you visit you might also be asked to take a Rapid Antigen Test on arrival.

Children are welcome to have window visits and as always we are happy to arrange catch ups on the phone and with an I-Pad where that's a good option.

## Employment opportunities Mental Health Clinician

**(Salary to be negotiated)**

The Mental Health Clinician will work across the catchment and within the Ouyen, Murrayville and Manangatang P12 colleges. The Mental Health Clinician will also provide community mental health support.

The successful applicant requires a tertiary qualification (accredited in mental health) in either Psychology, Social Work, Nursing or Occupational Therapy or relevant discipline. This position has been created through the partnership between DET and MTHCS and the Clinician will work within the Department of Education (DET) Mental Health Practitioners Initiative Guidelines.

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