

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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MTHCS receives carers funding

We are excited to announce that MTHCS will receive \$19,200 in funding, which will go towards helping unpaid carers receive additional respite, employment and training opportunities, supporting their vital roles of caring for vulnerable loved ones during the pandemic. Across Victoria, including right here in the Mallee, more than 726,000 carers give their time and effort to look after a family member or friend who needs them, whether due to chronic disease, mental illness, disability or old age. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting project!

Kids Vaccination

The kids are leading the way! Finn and Mia Austerberry were among the early birds to get their vaccination at the Sea Lake Clinic recently.



We have had a fantastic response to our kids COVID-19 vaccination clinics – please book in your children if you have not already done so (and if you haven't booked your booster shot yet, we now have spots available).

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has now recommended the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for boosters for 16 and 17 year olds, from three months after receiving their last primary dose.



Thank you Maintenance Team!

Mallee Track is very fortunate to have a great maintenance team. The lads are always busy with ensuring our equipment is in working order. Pictured below is Rick Boyd at the Sea Lake campus, attending to maintenance on a lifter machine.

Thanks boys—we really appreciate all that you do!

Report your RAT

Rapid Antigen Tests are now more readily available, and in more everyday use, with children returning to school and early years.

Please remember if you test positive using a rapid antigen test:

- You are a case
- You must isolate for 7 days and follow the checklist for cases
- You must report your result

Check all the guidance and find the links at the Department of Health website:

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

You've got a friend in me!



Friendships come in all shapes and forms at our Aged Care facilities - some have been a lifetime trusted relationship, and others are new acquaintances. Our staff are always looking for new ideas, experiences and activities to encourage residents' socialisation and the health and wellbeing benefits it brings.

Above: Myra Clohesy ensures Lorna Goldsworthy can enjoy a good view from the living room window, enjoying all the coming and going of cars and foot traffic to the Medical Clinic.

Below: From left and around the table; Jim Dettmann, Ken Robinson, Ethel Prange & Betty Wight were very intense during a game of Bingo



Need a GP appointment?

Our GPs are currently very heavily booked. Please understand that everyone is under pressure and everyone needs to be triaged appropriately. If you are unwell and need an appointment, or if you are needing repeat prescriptions please contact the clinic to make an appointment – but please understand there is sometimes a wait. Sometimes appointments are not available immediately under the triage process and please be kind if arrangements cannot be made to your expectations.

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.

MTHCS is an equal opportunity employer. Visit www.mthcs.vic.gov.au/employment for more information and other positions.

To apply: provide your resume with cover letter to payroll@mthcs.vic.gov.au or People & Culture, PO Box 130, Ouyen 3490.