

COMMUNITY UPDATE

April 14, 2022

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COVID-19 vaccines available for kids and adults

It's not too late to get your COVID-19 vaccination or booster. Our medical clinics in both Ouyen and Sea Lake have adult and children's Pfizer vaccines available, so please contact reception for appointments.

Flu vaccine remains important

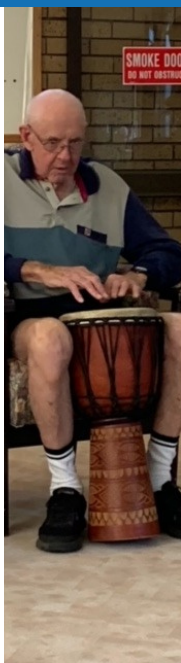
Everyone should get an annual influenza vaccine anytime from mid-April onwards to be protected for the peak flu season, which is generally June to September. Influenza isn't like the common cold; it is a highly contagious viral infection that can cause severe illness and life-threatening complications, including pneumonia. Please contact our medical clinics to arrange for your flu vaccination.

Take care when visiting aged care over Easter

Our aged care residents don't move around our community a lot, so the only way COVID-19 will come into our facilities is via visitors or our staff. Our staff members are working hard to limit any chance of infection and we are asking you to do the same.

If you are planning to visit a family member in our aged care facilities over Easter, please:

- **Phone a few days ahead of your visit.** This helps us ensure you know what's required and all safety measures are in place.
- **Have a negative RAT result prior to visiting.** A negative result is required before you can visit. The test can be done at home or on-site. If you need tests, we have both swab and saliva RATs available for residents' families.
- **Wear an N95 face masks during your visit.** We have these face masks available.
- **Understand visitors can only visit once per day, in line with Victoria's pandemic health orders.**



Pictured above: Pattinson House residents enjoying the intergenerational music program, without the younger generation! While the little kids were unable to come to the latest music session, the residents made the most of it and enjoyed a jam on the bongo drums!



Pictured above: Easter is a crafty time of year, especially at the Speed Planned Activity Group (PAG) meeting! Here's some of the gorgeous bunnies the PAG members created at a recent meeting.



Welcome to the team Jenna and Janine!

New volunteers Jenna and Janine have recently registered to deliver Meals on Wheels to our eligible clients in Ouyen. Meals on wheels is more than just a meal, it's a vital part of the Mallee way of life!

If you would like to become a volunteer and put smiles on our clients faces - just like Jenna and Janine, please contact MTHCS on 50921111

Mind out for the mozzies

A reminder that Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is in Victoria and people should be extra careful while out camping and enjoying the outdoors over Easter. JEV is spread to humans through mosquito bites and may cause a rare and potentially life-threatening infection of the brain. This Easter, please take steps to protect yourself and your family against mosquito bites.

Employment opportunities People and Culture Wellbeing Officer (Ouyen) Full Time/Part Time negotiable

The People and Culture Wellbeing Officer is responsible for supporting the People and Culture team to drive health and wellbeing initiatives within the workplace, including promoting the Gender Equality Act

Healthcare Workers (Pattinson House, Ouyen) Casual

MTHCS is always looking for enthusiastic healthcare workers to join the team. Compassion for our residents and team work is vital.

MTHCS is an equal opportunity employer.
Visit www.mthcs.vic.gov.au/employment for further information about these and other exciting roles.

HOW TO APPLY: Provide your resume with cover letter to payroll@mthcs.vic.gov.au or People & Culture, PO Box 130, Ouyen 3490.



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