

THE PULSE

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GREAT HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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

CEO'S WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of *The Pulse*, a newsletter that provides the Healesville and Yarra Ranges communities with an update on Eastern Health services in the region.

It is a very exciting time for the local community, with the new hospital and community health centre nearing completion. Services in the new building are expected to commence from February 6, 2017, following extensive work in December and January to prepare the site for its first patients.

It was announced in October that the site would be renamed Healesville Hospital and Yarra Valley Health. This new name simplifies the names of both services to better reflect the redeveloped site, which brings the previously separate services under one roof.

As we reach the final stages of this enormous project, I would like to sincerely thank our staff, patients and the community for their contribution.

I look forward to providing an update in the new year, outlining all the fantastic new facilities that will be available.

For the latest information about the redevelopment, please visit www.easternhealth.org.au/healesvilleredevelopment

David Plunkett
Chief Executive, Eastern Health



Healesville Hospital and Yarra Valley Health redevelopment is nearing completion.

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE



The \$8.8 million redevelopment of Healesville Hospital and Yarra Valley Health is almost complete.

"We are really pleased with the way the redeveloped site has taken shape. The construction team has done an outstanding job in delivering this project for the local community," Eastern Health Capital Projects Manager Mark Hoffman said.

Now that the building is nearing completion, Eastern Health will progress with the recommissioning in preparation for the return of hospital services.

"There is a lot of work to be done in December and January. We need to restock the hospital, complete testing of all facilities, conduct a number of safety assessments and do a thorough clean of all areas," Mr Hoffman said.

Staff will also need to be reorientated to the new building and its functionality.

"Our staff will be working in a brand new facility, so it is important that they are provided with appropriate orientation and training," Mr Hoffman said.

Patient services are expected to commence in the new building from February 6, 2017.

"Eastern Health would like to thank all contractors for their work on this project. It has been a great opportunity to have many local contractors working on the redevelopment."

SEE THE NEW HOSPITAL BEFORE IT OPENS

Eastern Health will be celebrating the completion of the redevelopment and the 60th anniversary of Healesville Hospital at a Community Open Day on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 2pm.

Free public tours of the new building will be available throughout the afternoon. Bookings are essential.



Visit www.trybooking.com/243766, or call **9091 8801** to book your place.

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NEW HOME, SAME OUTSTANDING CARE FOR AFTER HOURS GP CLINIC

Healesville's After Hours GP Clinic is now located at Eastern Health's Yarra Valley Community Medical Service.

As well as business hours, Yarra Valley Community Medical Service now offers a high-quality GP clinic at night, weekends and public holidays. Previously run by Eastern Melbourne PHN, the After Hours GP Clinic is located alongside Healesville Hospital and Yarra Valley Health, just two minutes along the Maroondah Highway from its previous location.



After Hours GP Clinic opening times

Monday to Friday
7pm to 10pm

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays
12pm to 8pm

Yarra Valley Community Medical Service

377 Maroondah Highway, Healesville

Phone: 1300 793 622

HEALESVILLE HOSPITAL AND YARRA VALLEY HEALTH - WHAT'S IN THE NEW BUILDING - OPENING IN FEBRUARY 2017

- › Single and double rooms only, with ensuite bathrooms provided to all inpatient rooms
- › Refurbished palliative care room, with courtyard
- › Patient lounge and dining area, with north-facing views
- › Enhanced security in and out of hours
- › New, enlarged operating theatre complex with access to modern technology and separate theatre and ward entrances
- › New renal dialysis unit, commencing with six chairs
- › A new paediatric gym and consulting area to meet increased demand
- › Increased number of specialist clinics
- › An increase in the number of consulting rooms and larger staff workspace
- › A new on-site rehabilitation kitchen for assessment and rehabilitation programs
- › A new rehabilitation gymnasium and physiotherapy space for community programs and inpatients
- › Extended hours for Yarra Valley Community Medical Service (GP clinic) to include after hours, weekends and public holidays
- › Purpose-built consulting rooms.



Dr Hussein Torahi is a GP at the After Hours GP Clinic.

Eastern Health offers a range of community health services in Healesville and Yarra Junction. These services are still available during the redevelopment.



Please call 1300 342 255 for more information or to book an appointment.



THE LARK

An Australian Doctors Orchestra concert raised more than \$12,000 for Healesville Hospital and Yarra Valley Health.

Held at The Memo in Healesville, the event was a sellout, with more than 300 people attending.

"Thank you to the Australian Doctors Orchestra for giving three days of their time for rehearsals and the concert. It was a fantastic afternoon," said Paul Leyden, Yarra Ranges Acting Chief of Clinical and Site Operations.

Money raised will be used to purchase equipment and items to enhance patient wellbeing.

CELEBRATING

20 years

Congratulations to our staff at Monda Lodge who celebrated 20 years of providing great care on November 11, 2016. The 30-bed aged care hostel in Healesville offers a home-like environment for residents and supports their independence and participation in the local community.