

# 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 fourth edition of *The Pulse* and final instalment for 2014.

This year has been full of achievements for Eastern Health. The progress of the Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health redevelopment has been particularly pleasing. Plans were unveiled in September and have been displayed in public areas to provide the community with an opportunity to see the vision for this exciting project first-hand.

If you haven't seen the plans, they can be found on our website at [www.easternhealth.org.au/healesvilleredevelopment](http://www.easternhealth.org.au/healesvilleredevelopment) and more information is available in this newsletter.

I am also delighted to share with you that Eastern Health received the Victorian Premier's Health Service of the Year Award for 2014. It is the first time in the event's 10-year history that a health service has won the award in successive years. We shared the winning honours with Yarrawonga Health, Northeast Health Wangaratta and Western Health and we congratulate them on their fine achievement.

I am extremely proud of our staff right across the organisation and invite you to join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals who provide excellent care for our community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy festive season and I look forward to keeping in touch in 2015.

Kind regards

Alan Lilly, Eastern Health Chief Executive



## REDEVELOPMENT NEWS

Plans for healthcare boost unveiled



A new palliative care room with courtyard, new operating theatre and the introduction of renal dialysis are just some of the features included in the plans for the \$7.8 million redevelopment of Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health.

Delivering a 30 per cent increase in services, the redevelopment project will provide the Yarra Ranges with a significant boost to public healthcare.

Plans were officially unveiled in September and have since been displayed in the Healesville and Yarra Junction libraries, health service waiting rooms and online for the public to view.

Tanya Hendry, Eastern Health's Manager of Consumer Participation and Patient Experience, has been working with the community to provide opportunities for their input into the project.

"We know the community is interested in the progress of this exciting upgrade and we want to keep them informed," Ms Hendry said.

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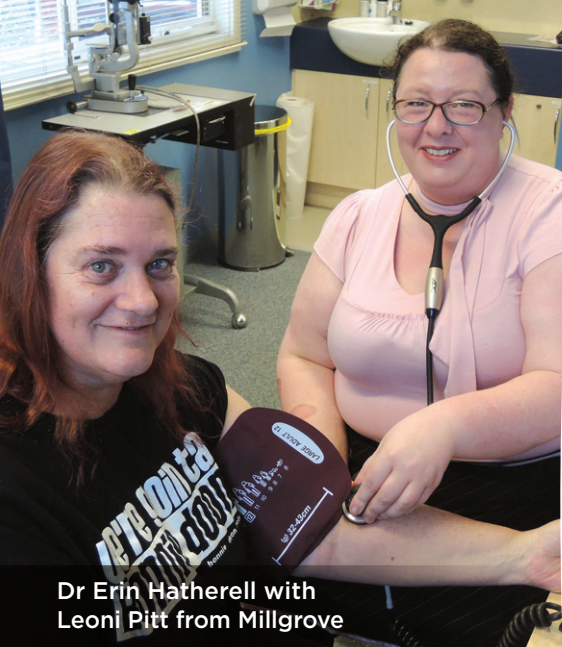
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2013 & 2014 Premier's Health Service of the Year



Dr Erin Hatherell with  
Leoni Pitt from Millgrove

## NEW GP FOR YARRA RANGES



Yarra Valley Community Medical Service has welcomed a new GP to the clinic. Dr Erin Hatherell is a well-respected doctor with a wealth of experience in family medicine and women's health.

"We are delighted Dr Hatherell will be joining us. This appointment is a boon to our service and will be a huge benefit to those living in the Yarra Valley," said Michelle Fleming, Eastern Health's Community Health Operations and Development Manager.

Dr Hatherell is an experienced general practitioner, with a particular interest in Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. She has worked at Yarra Junction Medical Centre for the last four years.

Yarra Valley Community Medical Service now has three GPs at the clinic, with Dr Hatherell joining Dr Prathana KC and Dr Ken Tate. The service also recently welcomed new Practice Manager, Aloysius David to the clinic.



Yarra Valley Community Medical Service is a bulk-billing GP clinic located in White Street, Healesville and is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm. For an appointment, call Yarra Valley Community Medical Service on **1300 793 622**.



If you would like to provide feedback on *The Pulse*, please email us at [communications@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:communications@easternhealth.org.au)

## REDEVELOPMENT NEWS (CONTINUED)

"In the last few months we have presented to the Healesville Lions Club, Healesville Interchurch Community Care Inc, Healesville Rotary and Healesville Chamber of Commerce. We also had an information stall at the Healesville Heritage Festival in November to keep the community up to date."



If you would like to arrange a presentation of the plans or receive more information about the redevelopment, please contact Tanya Hendry on **5969 9951** or via [healesvillefeedback@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:healesvillefeedback@easternhealth.org.au)

Latest project newsletters, frequently asked questions and media releases are available on the project website at [www.easternhealth.org.au/healesville\\_redevelopment](http://www.easternhealth.org.au/healesville_redevelopment)

## WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA

### Healesville & District Hospital:

- › Single and double rooms only, with ensuites provided to all inpatient rooms
- › New palliative care room, with courtyard
- › Patient lounge and dining area, with north-facing views
- › Enhanced security in and out of hours
- › Piped oxygen to inpatient rooms
- › New, enlarged operating theatre complex with access to modern technology and separate theatre and ward entrances
- › New renal dialysis unit, commencing with six chairs
- › Provision for a birthing suite.

### Yarra Valley Community Health:

- › New paediatric gym and consulting area to meet increased demand
- › Increase in the number of consulting rooms and larger staff workspace
- › New on-site rehabilitation kitchen for cooking programs
- › New rehabilitation gymnasium and physiotherapy space for community programs and inpatients
- › Capacity to extend Yarra Valley Community Medical Service hours
- › Purpose-built consulting rooms.



## STAY HEALTHY THIS FESTIVE SEASON

For many people, Christmas is a time of joy and celebration. However, there are many reasons why this time of year can cause stress. These might include feeling socially isolated, financial pressure, family tensions, separation and divorce, bereavement or reflection on the year that has passed.

Yarra Valley Community Health's counselling team can help. Located in Healesville and Yarra Junction, the service is staffed by counsellors, psychologists and social workers who can provide support for issues such as trauma, grief and loss, anxiety and depression, and for individuals struggling with life transitions. If you, a friend or loved one could benefit from counselling support, please call the counselling team on **1300 130 381**.

## YARRA VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH

Services and programs include:

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



For a full list of services visit [www.easternhealth.org.au](http://www.easternhealth.org.au) and click on Yarra Valley Community Health or call **1300 130 381**.