



Keith and District Healthcare Newsletter

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Background

The Keith and District Hospital (KDH) and the Limestone Coast Local Health Network have been working together to design an improved model of primary health and aged care services for the Keith community and surrounds.

In these newsletters, we will share with you the progress of transitioning the KDH into the public healthcare system. Aligning to our project timeline, we will highlight key milestones and achievements as well as issues and hurdles we face along the way. We will also provide you with further detail on key aspects of the model of care and answer frequently asked questions as we move forward with implementation.

Urgent Care Service

Since we welcomed Luke Twaits to the team last month, our Community Paramedic's (CP) have been working together to support the Keith community.

David Beal and Luke have continued to apply their knowledge and experience to the Urgent Care Centre, treating patients who require immediate medical attention.

They have been able to provide timely and effective treatment for a range of medical conditions, from minor injuries to life-threatening emergencies and have also been providing essential medical care and treatment to patients in their homes.

The CP program has been a valuable resource for the community, ensuring that patients receive the care they need. when they need it.

If you need to access the Urgent Care Service, please note the following information:

- If you are suffering from a life-threatening illness or injury, dial 000 and SA Ambulance will direct the most appropriate emergency response.

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- For non-life-threatening cases, call Keith and District Hospital on 08 8755 1555 and a nurse will triage your call to direct your care.

During business hours (9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday), the Community Paramedics and our nursing team will work together to ensure that there is always someone available for any walk-in urgent care cases at Keith and District Hospital.

Outside of these hours, anybody requiring urgent care assistance is advised to call the hospital in advance (if possible) or call the after-hours bell at our main entrance.

Dr Kuku continues as Keith GP

Dr Oluwadare Kuku has signed an agreement to provide GP services at Keith until Friday 30 June 2023. During this period, the KDH Board and Limestone Coast Local Health Network will work to develop a longer-term agreement with Dr Kuku.

Dr Kuku will be providing services in Keith every Wednesday and aims to increase this service to two days per week from April 2023. Dr Kuku will be working alongside the Community Paramedics and the Keith nursing team in line with the new model of care and indicated that he sees great value in the new approach for both patients and clinicians.

To make an appointment with Dr Kuku, please call his Bordertown practice on 8752 1155.



Visitors to KDH

We love showing visitors through the beautiful KDH site and you may have noticed that we have welcomed some of the Limestone Coast Local Health Network Board and Leadership who have been impressed by the beautiful grounds and facilities at Keith.

Grant King, Board Chair Limestone Coast LHN, visited KDH last month and was able to take a much-awaited tour of Stirling Lodge, since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Elizabeth Marime, Director of Corporate Services and Kathy Edwards, Director Aboriginal Health for Limestone Coast LHN have also visited KDH during the month and met with key staff and Board Members, as well as undertaking a tour of KDH. Melissa Perry (Executive Officer / Director of Nursing & Midwifery (EO/DONM) Bordertown Memorial Hospital) visits KDH most Tuesdays as we begin to work more closely together in the new model of care.

Visit to Noarlunga Hospital

Earlier this month, members of the Project team visited Noarlunga Hospital to explore their Nurse Practitioner lead emergency service. This visit was incredibly valuable in helping the team to begin developing the Nurse Practitioner role planned for Keith and District Healthcare.

If you have not yet subscribed to the regular updates direct to your inbox, you can sign up to receive regular updates at <https://bit.ly/3DTIAiW>.

If you have any feedback or queries, feel free to get in touch with the project team at Health.LCLHNKeithTransitionProject@sa.gov.au

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