



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.

Welcome Dr Bayo

We are very pleased to welcome Dr Bayo to Keith. Dr Bayo will be working alongside Dr Kuku in the Keith Medical Centre.

Dr Bayo has extensive experience working as a GP in regional Australia, most recently working in Ceduna. He has previously provided locum services at Bordertown Memorial Hospital so is familiar with the Tatiara Region.

Dr Bayo will be consulting in Keith every Thursday and Friday. Dr Kuku continues to consult each Wednesday. Bookings can be made by calling Keith Medical Centre on 8755 1766.



Flag Raising Ceremony: 5 July 2023

In preparation for the transition to the Limestone Coast Local Health Network, three flag poles and lighting were installed at the front of the hospital. A small Flag Raising Ceremony was held on 5 July to observe the raising of the three flags for the first time.

Deputy Board Chair, Sam Densley welcomed attendees which included aged care residents from both Stirling Lodge and Bordertown's Charla Lodge, staff from Keith and District Hospital, representatives from Limestone Coast Local Health Network and SA Ambulance Service and invited special guests.

Limestone Coast Local Health Network Deputy Board Chair, Lindy Cook provided an Acknowledgement of Country. Uncle Ken, Boandik Elder, conducted a special smoking ceremony and spoke about the shared history of Aboriginal people and his family's own connections to the armed services.

Keith RSL representative, Robin Young raised the Australian flag in recognition of the service provided by our armed forces across generations.

Tatiara Mayor, Liz Goossens raised the South Australian State Flag, which was kindly donated by Nick McBride MP who was unable to attend due to parliamentary duties.

Uncle Ken raised the Aboriginal flag on behalf of local and regional Aboriginal people.

We thank everyone who contributed to the ceremony and flag poles including Keith Apex Club, Sam Densley and Peter Brookman.

Preparing staff for the transition

The LCLHN People and Culture team have been working with KDH staff to prepare for the transition to the LCLHN. This preparation has included consultation on the transition process, information and support to meet the requirements for transition as well as supporting staff to look after their wellbeing during a period of change. Further information, support and training will be provided in the lead up to transition and beyond.

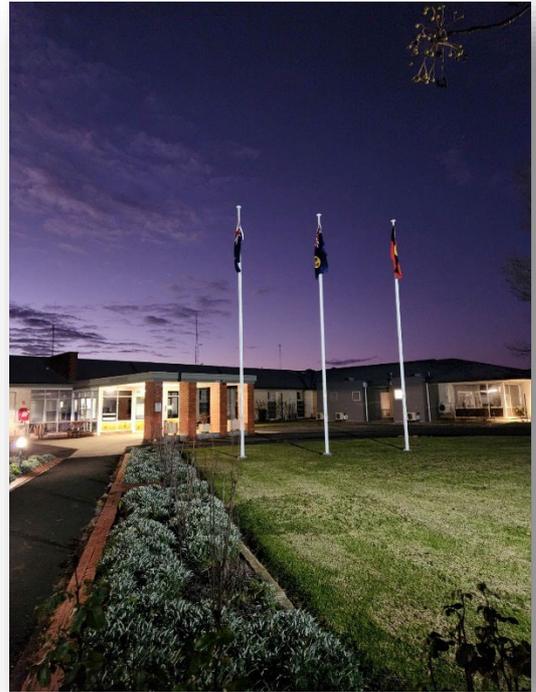
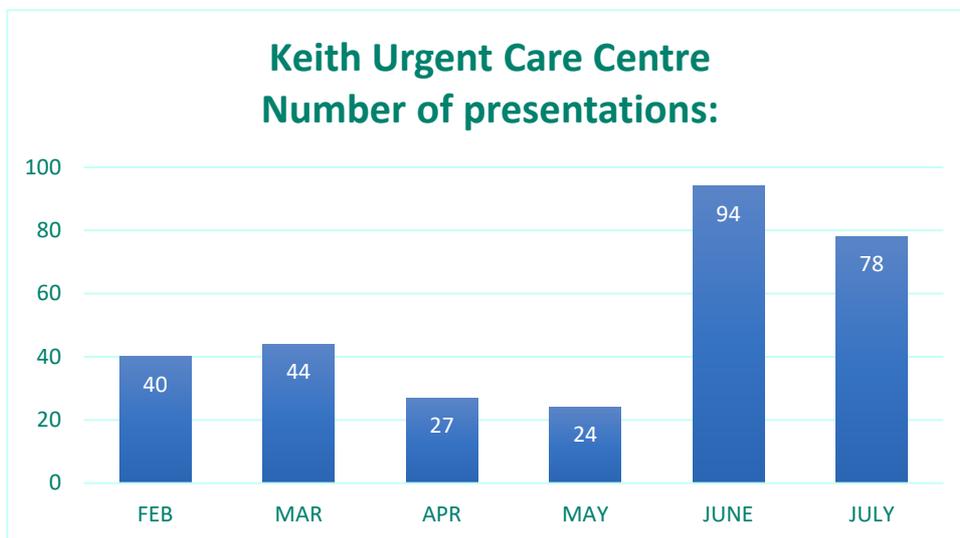


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Keith Urgent Care Centre

Our Community Paramedics and Nurse Practitioners continue to staff the Keith Urgent Care Centre each day. We have been collecting patient feedback to ensure the service is responsive to the needs of the community and have received very positive feedback to date.

Since the Keith Urgent Care Centre commenced at the end of January 2023, the service has been well received in the area, with patients from across the Tatiara and surrounding districts, as well as visitors. The graph below shows the number of presentations at the Keith Urgent Care Centre from February 2023 until 19 July 2023. A local awareness campaign with sporting clubs and community groups was launched in May, which led to a significant increase in the number of presentations.



For emergencies, please call 000.

Keith Urgent Care Centre hours are 10.00am to 6.00pm (an after-hours service is available as required and cases will be triaged). Please call 08 8755 1555 to speak with the Nurse Practitioner, Paramedic, or Nurse in charge. Walk-ins between 10.00am to 5.00pm are also welcome, no appointment is necessary.

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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