



# Keith and District Healthcare Newsletter

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## Keith and District Healthcare Newsletter 2nd edition

### Background

The Keith and District Hospital 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 Keith and District Hospital 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.

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](mailto:Health.LCLHNKeithTransitionProject@sa.gov.au)

### Model of care final name confirmed

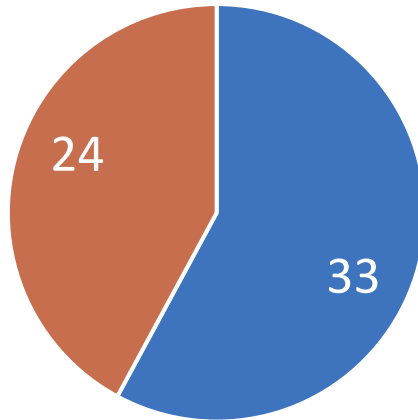
Have you noticed a change? Following our recent call out to the community for help with choosing the name, we are happy to announce that the final name for the model of care will be:

#### Keith and District Healthcare

We received a total of 57 responses via our voting boxes and online survey with a preference for this name option. Thank you very much to everyone that submitted their vote.

We will be working through the update of our documentation and communication materials to reflect this name change going forward.

## Final name vote summary



■ Keith and District Healthcare    ■ Keith and District Health Hub

## Keith and District Healthcare Implementation Group

We have formed the Keith and District Healthcare Implementation Group who will be working together to implement the new model of care.

Recognising that engagement with community groups and organisations influences service planning and healthcare delivery, Sam Densley and Anna Young have kindly volunteered their time to support this group. Thank you, Sam (pictured below left) and Anna (pictured below right).



Sam is a Keith local and member of the Keith and District Hospital Board. He also runs the family farm. After finishing his schooling at Keith Area School, Sam travelled and studied economics at UniSA. He is married to the local vet Rebekah, and they have two children, Bethany and Laura. Sam's interests include sport, community work and travel.

Anna is also a Keith local. She previously worked as a teacher and school principal. Now retired, she enjoys keeping active with volunteering, bowls, walking, reading, gardening and helping with family farming work. Anna and her husband Robin have two adult daughters who also work in education. Anna is the current Chairperson of the Keith War Memorial Community Centre, assists with Meals on Wheels and serves on the Keith and District Hospital Quality and Safety Committee. Anna believes that access to the range of health services in our community is essential. "The transition to a new Model of Health to ensure that peoples' needs are better met, is a high priority for me," she said.

Other members of the Implementation Group include:

- Karen Harris, Executive Director Community and Allied Health, LCLHN (Chairperson)
- Lindy Cook, Governing Board Member, LCLHN
- Bryan Petersen, Operations Manager Limestone Coast, SA Ambulance Service
- Stewart Blyth, Chief Executive Officer, KDH
- Annabel Schwarzrock, Executive Officer / Director of Nursing & Midwifery, KDH
- Melissa Perry, Executive Officer / Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Bordertown Memorial Hospital, LCLHN
- Peta-Maree France, Director People and Culture, LCLHN
- Sarah Puust, A/Regional Manager Community and Allied Health, LCLHN
- Loren Jenkins, Regional Manager Community Nursing, LCLHN
- Pam Egel, Home Support and Day Centre Coordinator, LCLHN
- Alex Govan, Senior Communications Advisor, LCLHN
- Kelly Borlase, Manager KDH Transition Project, LCLHN

This Implementation Group is currently focusing on several priority projects which include:

- The development of the Nurse Practitioner role
- Developing therapy and treatment spaces for Keith and District Healthcare
- Implementing additional telehealth services for the Keith community.

Watch this space for updates on our progress in future editions.

## Introducing our Community Paramedic

We are thrilled to announce that David Beal will be returning to Keith and District Healthcare in the role as Community Paramedic from the end of January 2023. We will soon be advertising to fill the other 1.0FTE Community Paramedic role and will update you further we progress the recruitment process.

David started as a volunteer with St John Ambulance in the late 70's and joined the ambulance service in 1985. David has worked in both metropolitan and country areas including Millicent, Mount Gambier and currently outer Limestone Coast.

David's roles have included Paramedic, Intensive Care Paramedic, Extended Care Paramedic and Community Paramedic. He is married with four children and one grandchild.



## Glossary of terms and acronyms

CP	Community Paramedic
HAC	Health Advisory Council
KDH	Keith and District Hospital
LCLHN	Limestone Coast Local Health Network
SAAS	South Australia Ambulance Service