



Keith and District Healthcare Newsletter

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Background

The Keith and District Hospital (KDH) and the Limestone Coast Local Health Network (LCLHN) 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.

Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Visit

From 8 to 11 August 2023, Stirling Lodge was visited by two independent auditors from the Australian Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission. This visit provided us with an opportunity to showcase the beautiful environment and care provided at our residential aged care facility.

As a result, we are thrilled to advise that all 42 criteria within the eight aged care standards were met – a perfect score! Well done to the incredible team at Stirling Lodge who received excellent support from LCLHN team members over the four-day assessment visit.

Official launch event of Keith and District Healthcare

On 9 August, the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, the Hon. Chris Picton MP and Member of MacKillop, Nick McBride MP officially launched Keith and District Healthcare.

Board and Executive members from both the LCLHN and KDH were in attendance, in addition to staff from the Bordertown and Keith hospitals, residents from Stirling Lodge aged care facility and local community members.

We would like to thank the community for their advocacy and support throughout the process and would also like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment from staff who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare for the transition of services next month.



Keith and District Health Advisory Council

The Keith and District Health Advisory Council (HAC) was officially established by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing in the South Australian Government Gazette on 3 August 2023.

Peter Brookman was appointed as the inaugural Presiding Member and all current Keith and District Hospital Board Members have transitioned onto the HAC, which will operate side by side with the Keith and District Hospital Board until the official transition date occurs.

HACs undertake important work in the state health care system, advising the Minister of important health priorities for their local community and supporting the local health service. The Keith and District HAC will hold its Annual General Meeting within the next six months when nominations will be open for membership.

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SAVES Equipment for Keith and District Urgent Care Centre

Keith and District Healthcare has acquired a SAVES (South Australian Virtual Emergency Service) device for the Urgent Care Centre.

This state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment enables virtual emergency support between a medical practitioner in Adelaide and the local health provider using a high-definition video link that can be controlled remotely.

This will enable clearer video conferencing between Keith and the medical practitioner in Adelaide to enable best clinical care.

Keith and District Hospital Staff Transition Update

An expression of interest process has occurred for existing KDH staff to join the LCLHN, which has involved position matching to align to the LCLHN. Whilst periods of change can be challenging, staff are expressing how excited they are to be joining the LCLHN.

Keith and District Healthcare Permanent Nurse Unit Manager Appointed

We are thrilled to report that Jacquie Halliday has been appointed to the role of Nurse Unit Manager of Keith and District Healthcare through a merit-based recruitment process. Jacquie has been working on the Keith and District Hospital Transition Project since February 2023 and is excited to transition into a permanent role.

Jacquie brings a wealth of experience in health system management, infection control, immunisation and women's health as well as aged care. Jacquie has been expertly guiding the implementation of SA Health systems and processes into existing ways of working at Keith as well as supporting all staff with care and kindness throughout the transition. Jacquie will commence in the Nurse Unit Manager role at the end of September.

For more information

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