



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.

Milestone achieved: State Cabinet Approval Announcement

Last month (11 May 2023) a formal announcement was made to share publicly that state Cabinet approval had been received for Keith and District Hospital to join SA Health (managed by Limestone Coast Local Health Network) as Keith and District Healthcare. This is an exceptional achievement!

Ngaire Buchanan, LCLHN CEO said:

“We look forward to providing residents of Keith and surrounds access to health care services that will better meet the community needs, now and into the future.”

A formal process is now underway with the existing workforce, to facilitate the transition as soon as practical.

Nurse Practitioner for Keith Urgent Care Centre

The Community Paramedic Service in Keith has been well established for some time, supporting the Keith Urgent Care Centre as well as providing home visits to community members in Keith and surrounds. In April, Keith Urgent Care Centre commenced a Nurse Practitioner role in line with the new model of care.

Nurse Practitioners are experienced in advanced practice and autonomous practitioners who hold master's degrees. They are recognised by the [Australian Health Practitioners Registration Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) and can provide clinical assessments, order pathology testing, interpret results and provide treatment including prescription and administration of medicines for presenting complaints.

If your care needs to be escalated to a hospital service, the Nurse Practitioner will also facilitate this referral.

Pictured below: Nurse Practitioner Ally Chapple with KDH Executive Officer/Director of Nursing, Annabel Schwarzrock.



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Installation of Corka Mob signage

In preparation for the transition to the Limestone Coast Local Network, you may have noticed we have some brand-new Aboriginal artwork that has been installed at our front entrance.

This artwork was produced by the Corka Mob; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders who live on Boandik land. This painting represents the uniqueness of the culture, land and diversity of the land. This work has been reproduced with the full consent of the artists.



New Flags and Flagpoles

We recently had three flagpoles erected at the entrance to Keith and District Hospital, helped by a group of volunteers. The flagpoles will allow us to fly the Australian, South Australian and Aboriginal Flags following our official 'Flag Raising Ceremony' planned for Wednesday 5 July.

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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