



## OTWAY HEALTH NEWS

In the event of an emergency please call 000.

**Our Urgent Care Unit operates 24 hours per day / 7 days per week.**

For more information and to book health and community services please phone  
Otway Health Reception: (03) 5237 8500 or email [info@otwayhealth.org.au](mailto:info@otwayhealth.org.au)



### Otway Health & Lorne Community Hospital FUTURE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The health services in Lorne and Apollo Bay have continued exploring imaginative collaborations that might further strengthen their growing relationship. These collaborations are intended to future-proof health services along the Great Ocean Road.

We have held public consultations in both towns and community feedback indicates overwhelming support for service integrations with clear benefits such as expanded service range, increased clinical staffing levels, and stronger community connections. Both communities have appreciated the transparency of the process, the opportunities to be informed, and the commitment to synergies that will benefit both communities equally.

In coming months, the Boards of Lorne Community Hospital and Otway Health will jointly develop a working partnership model that incorporates community feedback as well as advice from independent analysts. Some of the important messages from the community included the need for special purpose funds to quarantine local donations for local spending, and for guarantees that no successful local services will be lost or reduced through the integration process.

The Boards of Management of Otway Health and Lorne Community Hospital are reassured and energised by the knowledge that the communities they serve share their vision of an enhanced, more accessible, more affordable, more sustainable health service along the Great Ocean Road.

Community members can continue to be involved in the development of this integrated model through participation in the Community Liaison Committee at LCH and the Community Advisory Committee at OH.

#### Medical Centre now open at Otway Health

To make an appointment phone: (03) 5237 8595

#### PATIENT PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON SITE

75 McLachlan Street, Apollo Bay via the entrance next to the Ambulance Station or to Urgent Care.

#### Monday's Strength for Life Classes

Please note that this class has been cancelled until October due to holiday break.  
Apologies for any inconvenience.

### VISITING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

#### Physiotherapist

Monday 20 August and Tuesday 21 August  
To make an appointment phone: 5237 8500.

#### Exercise Physiologist

Monday 20 August  
To make an appointment phone: 5237 8500.

#### Australian Hearing

Wednesday 22 August  
To make an appointment phone: 5233 9100.

### New Podiatry Services Provider

Otway Health are pleased to advise that as of Friday 7 September 2018, Matthew Payton of Great Ocean Road Podiatry, will be providing podiatry services each Friday from Otway Health. For appointments from 7 September 2018, please contact Otway Health Reception on 5237 8500.

### A Message from the Otway Health Board MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

#### Mark Rogers



Mark is the Chief Operating Officer for Ambulance Victoria and has been a paramedic for nearly 40 years. Given his role he has a strong understanding of the challenges facing Health Services, especially the difficulties in providing urgent health care options in Rural communities.

After having a holiday house in Apollo Bay for the last 7 years he saw the appointment to Otway Health Board as an opportunity to contribute to a health service that was focused on meeting the needs of their local community.

### Social Lunch Groups at Apollo Bay Hotel

Men's Lunch - Friday 24 August

Ladies Lunch - Monday 27 August

Bookings essential via Otway Health Reception.

### STAY CONNECTED WITH OTWAY HEALTH

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#### Otway Health Community Advisory Committee

Email: [CAC.OH@swarh.vic.gov.au](mailto:CAC.OH@swarh.vic.gov.au)

#### Otway Health Board

Email: [otwayboard@swarh.vic.gov.au](mailto:otwayboard@swarh.vic.gov.au)

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