

24/7 On-call After Hours Service — Otway Health Ph: 5237 8500

Location: 75 McLachlan Street, Apollo Bay

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A Message From Our CEO

Our staff at Apollo Bay have been very busy swabbing over the past few weeks, and it has been fantastic to have the support of the community. Sincere thanks to the Apollo Bay Health Foundation and local businesses, for their generous donation of food vouchers for our staff. Over the next few weeks, our staff will be able to enjoy a free lunch, which I'm sure they will be delighted to receive. It is very much appreciated.

Thanks so much to those in our community who continue to present for swabbing when they have symptoms. This is so important to assist in keeping our community COVID-19 free.

Also thanks to those who have travelled to Brisbane or NSW who have also presented for swabbing as directed.

Please take care with protecting yourself from the other summer hazards of mosquitos, snakes, the sun and the surf. We have seen an increase in the treatment of snake bites this year through our Urgent Care Centres and there have been cases of Ross River virus reported in Anglesea, severe sunburn and a near drowning.

Thanks again for the community support for our/your rural health service.

Thank you
Sandy Chamberlin

Apollo Bay Medical Centre

The Apollo Bay Medical Centre would like to advise all patients and the community that our long term GP, Dr Denise Ruth will be retiring at the end of January 2021.

Dr Ruth is still available for face to face and telephone GP consultations on Tuesdays and Thursdays over January. Please phone 5237 8595 and speak to a member of our team to book your appointment.

Great Ocean Road Health staff and Board would like to wish Dr Ruth all the best for the future and we cannot thank her enough for her hard work, commitment and passion over the last 13 years.

Community Advisory Committee Applications

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) – Apollo Bay campus is an advisory committee of the GORH Board. This committee seeks to advocate to the Board on behalf of the community, consumers and carers, and to provide direction and leadership in relation to the integration of community views into the local health service.

Apply to become a CAC Community Representative

Great Ocean Road Health is currently seeking community representatives from Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek, Lavers Hill and Forrest. Anyone aged 16 years and above may apply.

To apply, provide a letter of application which addresses:

- How you can contribute specialist knowledge and expertise by providing consumer, carer and community perspectives
- How you are active in the community, with strong community networks and a sound understanding of local or regional issues
- Your capacity to reflect on and present community issues, rather than focus on personal concerns or issues.

Application letters should be addressed to the CAC Chair, Fiona Williams and can be sent to cac.oh@gorh.vic.gov.au

For further information, please contact Fiona Williams at cac.oh@gorh.vic.gov.au or 0416 150 489

Applications close on Friday 29th January 2021

Keep Up To Date

There are so many ways you can keep up to date with what's happening here at Great Ocean Road Health and in our community;

Email: enquiries@gorh.vic.gov.au

Facebook: Great Ocean Road Health/Apollo Bay Medical Centre.

Instagram: [greatoceanroadhealth](https://www.instagram.com/greatoceanroadhealth)

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to call our communications team on 5237 8500.