

MEMBERS' SUMMER UPDATE

Summer 2021/22

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



As I write this, the temperature reached 32° a couple of hours ago. It is now 16° and hailing! The date tells me that Summer has arrived. I think we've come to expect the unexpected. The arrival of the new Omricor corona virus is yet another 'curve ball' and we extend our appreciation to Liz and 'the Team' for the way they continue to pivot and respond to both the existing and new challenges that they encounter.

We have experienced our first Zoom AGM. Thank you to the members who were able to attend as we reflected on the year past and look forward to the coming year with anticipation. Our special thanks to Luke Bowen (member) for his assistance with the technicalities of Zoom. We warmly welcome Stuart James and Adrian Jobson to the Board.

Thankyou to you, our Members, for your patience, support, trust as we continue to navigate these challenging times. We are excited by the possibilities for 2022.

I'd like to extend every best wish to Members and 'the Team' for a joyous and safe Christmas as you share with family and friends and for all that 2022 holds. For those who will be missing loved ones, our thoughts are with you at this time.

Kindest regards always
Jenny Morris (Chair) on behalf of the Board

UPDATE FROM THE CEO



We are coming to the end of another COVID-centric year, acknowledging the challenges and the fatigue, and sincerely hope that each one of you will be able to take a well-deserved break this festive season.

Over the festive season, Westgate Health Cooperative will be open every business day, offering “light” services between Christmas and New Year. GP appointments will be very limited at this time and during January, as Doctors take leave. Where possible, please plan GP appointments outside of these times, so that we can provide services to those most in need. We recognise this is not always possible and appreciate your patience and understanding.

We were delighted to announce recently we are now offering Pfizer booster shots, commencing 15 December 2021. We are reviewing advice about Children’s vaccines and will assess in the New Year whether we can provide services for children. Please monitor our website for up-to-date information.

On Friday 10 December, our local MP Melissa Horne came to visit our clinic, as we have successfully secured a grant to run a program of Community Mental Health Forums in 2022. The grant has been provided by Westgate Neighbourhood Fund. Many local mental health professionals will gather in forums to discuss key mental health topics with community members. Topics are yet to be finalised; currently the list includes Recovering from a Pandemic, Adolescent Mental Health and Drugs and Alcohol. More information will be provided in the new year.

To all of you who spoil us generously with gifts at this time of year – thank you. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many people showing their appreciation and kindness. We would like to show it back to you – thank you for your generous spirit, for standing together through the good and bad times, for your feedback and commitment to the Cooperative. We wouldn’t be here without you, and we are truly grateful for you.

Happy festive season, may the new year be a time of hope and peace for you, your families and your loved ones.

Liz Hunter
CEO

Christmas Clinic Opening Hours

Date	Availability	Newport	Sth Kingsville
Friday 24 Dec	Short Clinic – morning only	8:30-1:00pm	8:30-1:00pm
Saturday 25 Dec	CLOSED – Public Holiday		
Monday 27 Dec	CLOSED – Public Holiday		
Tuesday 28 Dec	CLOSED – Public Holiday		
Wednesday 29 Dec	Light clinic all day– minimal GP availability	8:30-5:30pm	8:30-5:30pm
Thursday 30 Dec	Light clinic all day – minimal GP availability	8:30-5:30pm	8:30-5:30pm
Friday 31 Dec	Short Clinic – morning only - minimal GP availability	8:30-1:00pm	8:30-1:00pm
Saturday 1 Jan	CLOSED – Public Holiday		
Monday 3 Jan	CLOSED – Public Holiday		
Tuesday 4 Jan onwards	Normal Clinic	8:30-5:30pm	8:30-5:30pm

*Clinicallabs (pathology) will be closed from Monday 20 Dec, reopening Tuesday 4 January 2022.

* Dental will be closed from Christmas Day, reopening Tuesday 11 January 2022.

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