



South Coast Medical News July 2024

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DROMANA CONSTRUCTION: There is currently a significant amount of construction work behind the current Dromana clinic. This work will be ongoing for quite some time. For the most part there will be minimal disruption to patients, however, for the next 2 weeks there will be no footpath access to the clinic along O'Donohue Street. The temporary fencing also extends across the front of the building.

South Coast Medical Dromana and Melbourne Pathology will be open as normal during construction. Access to the clinic is via the IGA central footpath. If you have any queries please call the clinic on 5981 4300. Your patience is appreciated while the works are taking place.

SCM COMMUNITY TALKS ARE BACK:

We are pleased to advise that we are reintroducing the free community talks at the Rye clinic.

For those that have not previously attended, the community talks are presented by general practitioners on topics relevant to the community, such as buruli ulcers, palliative care, common allergies, etc.

The next community talk will be presented by Dr Jon Priestley on Buruli Ulcers. It will be held at the Rye clinic on Tuesday 10th September from 6.30pm. [Click here](#) for more information and to register your interest or email jane@scmc.com.au



COMMUNITY RECOGNITION: South Coast Medical is in a unique position to be able to see what some of the extraordinary people in our community do day to day to make the lives of others better.

To recognise some of those good deeds that often go unnoticed in the community, South Coast Medical has designed the community recognition program.

Each month staff and practitioners nominate those people that are going above and beyond to assist others. South Coast Medical then selects a worthy recipient of a gift.

The acknowledgements are kept anonymous due to the confidential nature of interactions with patients. Thank you to everyone that assists those in the community that need a helping hand.

SATURDAY APPOINTMENTS AT SOUTH COAST MEDICAL

In the coming months some of the Saturday consultations will be held from the Rye and Blairgowrie clinics instead of Capel Sound. As all phones are diverted through to one number, please confirm with reception the clinic that you will need to attend. Your appointment reminder will also name the clinic to attend.

Online bookings will still be available via Hotdocs. If you are unable to find a booking online for Capel Sound, please try the Rye and Blairgowrie clinics for Saturday appointments or call the clinic directly for any further queries.

ALLIED HEALTH AT SOUTH COAST MEDICAL

To find a list of all allied health service providers currently consulting at South Coast, head to the website [HERE](#)

Providing opportunity for a multi disciplinary approach to your care, the clinics have a range of allied health services available for booking, including: Dietitian, Diabetes Educator, Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Audiology and Exercise Physiology

DR PATRICK HARBOUR RETURNS TO SOUTH COAST MEDICAL

Many patients that visited the Blairgowrie clinic in 2023 would have met Dr Patrick Harbour during his registrar placement.

We are pleased that Dr Harbour has chosen to return to South Coast Medical for a further placement.

Commencing August 5th, Dr Harbour will be consulting Monday-Thursday from the Capel Sound clinic.



CONSULTATION FEES:

Please remember that reception staff and the clinic do not determine what you are charged for a consultation.

Private charges and bulk billing arrangements are at the discretion of your treating practitioner.

Fees will be increasing mid August by \$5-\$9 per consultation at the practitioners discretion. Medicare rebates to patients have also increased.

If you are experiencing hardship or have concerns regarding your fees please speak directly with your practitioner.



HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SKIN CHECKED LATELY?

Annual skin checks with an experienced melanographer, dermatologist or trained general practitioner will give you the best chance of catching suspicious spots or moles early when they're most treatable.

South Coast Medical are fortunate to have trained general practitioners specialising in skin checks at the Dromana, Capel Sound and Rye clinics. In addition, the Rye clinic is MoleMap licensed with a trained melanographer on site to provide full body checks with images for comparison in later years.

To read more about skin checks and MoleMap at South Coast click [HERE](#)



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