



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



JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Otway Health Board of Directors together with the Apollo Bay & District Health Foundation have been working together during the past 12 months to develop a plan for a long term, sustainable model of healthcare delivery that best meets the community's needs. The key focus areas have been to ensure ongoing 24/7 urgent care as well as quality, reliable primary care services.

In May an independent consultant was commissioned and met with a cross-section of key stakeholders including locum and local Doctors, community representatives and regional healthcare providers. These consultations identified key themes and issues that were explored in the review.

An afterhours model was developed and implemented, including the use of Nurse Practitioners and Telehealth with Barwon Health Emergency Department during the week and locum GPs and Nurse Practitioners on the weekend, ensuring a safe and reliable 24/7 service.

The work continues as we explore options in relation to the development of a sustainable, long term solution to primary care services in Apollo Bay.

Nursing Recruitment Campaign Underway

A recruitment campaign to attract Registered Nurses, RIPERNS and Nurse Graduates to join our exciting new Rural Pathways Program has been launched on social media and via our website. Discover your journey along the rural health pathway and work and play in some of the most pristine coastline on the planet.

To learn more and apply, visit the following link:
<http://applynow.net.au/jobs/94014>

Introducing Working With Children Checks (WWCC)

Otway Health is committed to creating and maintaining a child-safe environment. Recent changes to the Victorian Government's Child Safe Standards resulted in WWCC required in situations where they were not previously. Otway Health now requires WWCC for volunteers at no cost, and can assist volunteers through the process. For more information please contact Meloney Howell, Volunteer Coordinator on 5237 8500.

Remembrance Day Donation - It is with great appreciation and thanks to Apollo Bay Concrete for their kind donation of rocks to replenish the bottom of our flag poles for Remembrance Day.

UPCOMING VISITING SERVICES

Physiotherapy

Every Monday and Thursday

Please note that if you cancel your physiotherapy appointment with less than 24 hours notice you will be charged the full appointment fee.

Legal Services

Friday 17 November

OTWAY HEALTH - ANNUAL BOARD VACANCIES

Are you passionate about giving back to the community?

Does being involved in a vibrant organisation that is committed to our local community interest you?

Do you have inspiring ideas you would like to share?

Then becoming a member of the Otway Health Board might be just the ticket. Our Health Service is vital to the community in our catchment area and the Board must accurately reflect that community. Board Directors don't necessarily have to be

'professional' people; however they must exercise a commitment to the community. Otway Health needs people on its Board with a wealth of different skills and knowledge that can be utilised. The Board is responsible for the

Governance of Otway Health and vacant positions are effective from 1 July 2018. Appointments will be made by the Governor in Council following a recommendation by the Minister for Health. The Board of Otway Health will submit names of applicants to the Minister for consideration. All positions on the Otway Health Board are held in a voluntary capacity. Further information can be obtained from the

Board Secretariat, Anna Creasey

acreasey@swarh.vic.gov.au, or 5237 8500.

For more information visit health.vic.gov.au/governance

Interested persons are encouraged to apply.

Applications close midnight Monday 20 November 2017.

Otway Health Community Advisory Committee

Applications Close Friday 17 November

Please email CAC.OH@swarh.vic.gov.au to obtain an Expression of Interest Form or visit our website.

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Community Advisory Committee

Email: CAC.OH@swarh.vic.gov.au

Otway Health Board

Email: otwayboard@swarh.vic.gov.au

Otway Health Website & Social Media

www.otwayhealth.org.au / [@otwayhealthcomms](https://www.facebook.com/otwayhealthcomms)