

24/7 On-call After Hours Service — Urgent Care Ph: 5237 8500

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A Message from our CEO

I was extremely humbled last week to accept \$10,000 for our Chemo and Infusion service at Great Ocean Road Health, from the Tour De Cure Signature Tour. I was able to speak with some of the cyclists and understand their passion for curing cancer. Most of the cyclists have had close personal experience with cancer, either themselves or a close family member and have chosen to raise money for a cure by challenging themselves to ride on this event. In order to participate team members must individually raise \$12,000 or more and ride in the events, which range from 3 to 10 days. The tours stop each day and donate funds to cancer services, we were lucky enough to be the recipient in Apollo Bay last week.

Our infusion service has been providing increasing services for those who need, blood or blood products, iron or other infusions related to chronic diseases. We offer this service at both sites and it is well appreciated by our communities. We are expanding the service to include some Chemotherapy treatments and are working with Barwon Health, the Barwon South West Integrated Cancer Service and the Andrew Love Cancer Centre to be able to provide this as soon as we can. We need funding to provide licensing and access to the software systems, some equipment and some staff training before we can implement the service. The project is progressing and we are extremely focussed on delivering increased care and services to our communities.

Sincere thanks to those who have donated to our annual appeal and the Tour De Cure for supporting our service.

Thanks, Sandy

Social Support Outings

Shopping Bus to Colac – April dates to be confirmed. Watch this space for further details.

Please call Charlotte on 0439 712 844 to book a seat. All welcome to attend.

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To keep up to date with the latest information and information please follow us on Social Media:

Facebook—www.facebook.com.au/greatoceanroadhealth

Instagram—www.instagram/greatoceanroadhealth

Community Services Refurbishment Project Update

Spence Construction have begun ground works on the piers and footings for the ramp to the new entrance to Childcare last week. Sewer and storm water plumbing works were also completed last week to make way for the box ramps and pathways, with the concrete pour to occur on early this week. Spence have moved the hoarding back from the footpath providing better access to pedestrians and are keen to make sure patients, staff and the children in Childcare are not disturbed so if there are any issues regarding noise, please let the project team know.

We will continue to update our Refurbishment Project link on the GORH's website and our social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) with the latest news, announcements, and progress reports. Please follow link below to explore.

<https://www.greatoceanroadhealth.com.au/refurbishmentproject/>

The Project Team values feedback and are encouraging the Apollo Bay Community to share any feedback to kerry.bubica@gorh.vic.gov.au or 5237 8591.

Fire Preparedness Reminder

The fire danger rating is moderate this week. The lower temperatures bring some relief, however with the dry conditions in our area and scheduled burn offs we all must be aware of the risk of fire danger.

Please monitoring this through the Bureau of Meteorology forecast.

For updates and monitoring:

- Tune into ABC Local Radio.
- Bookmark VicEmergency: www.emergency.vic.gov.au
- Download the VicEmergency app and set up your own Watchzone
- Information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System can be found here: <https://afdrs.com.au/>