



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

YOU TALKED. WE LISTENED.

**Tea Talk Outcomes Explained
Communication and Direction**

APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL WORKER

This week we are excited to announce the appointment of our new Social Worker, Amy Adair. Amy began her employment last week and will work across both Otway Health and Lorne Community Hospital in a shared capacity, supporting both communities. Amy has a Masters Degree in Social Work from Monash University and has worked with people who have experienced a wide range of social situations including disability, homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction, mental health issues, unemployment and family breakdown. Amy lives in Anglesea with her young family.

To make an appointment with Amy please contact the Reception Team at Otway Health.

Keeping you informed,
Nick Salkeld and Kate Gillan

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 20 October

Choice Podiatry

Thursday 24 and Wednesday 25 October
To make a booking phone: 1300 793 628

OPTIMAL BALANCE PROGRAM

A six week program to improve your balance and help you stay strong and steady on your feet.

Dates: Mondays, 6 November - 11 December

Where: Senior Citizens Centre, Whelan Street

Cost: \$10.00 per session

For more information and to book your session, contact Allied Health Assistant, Louise Fairney.

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 open on Saturday 7 October 2017
and close midnight Monday 6 November 2017.

SPORTING CLUBS / SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Promote your healthy club and reduce harm.

Otway Health is offering FREE health information sessions for local clubs and groups to help educate and promote healthy club culture and reduce harm from the use of alcohol and drugs. For more information and to book your club's session, contact Community Health Nurse, Loren Jenkins.

Federal Government Changes Coming Soon My Aged Care UPDATE

The Federal Government is making changes to the way appointments can be made for eligible older persons who access community nursing and allied health services. With these changes comes a review of service fees which we will communicate to clients individually and to the wider community as we become aware of them. The My Aged Care phone line and website will play an integral part of accessing these services. We will continue to keep you informed.

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Community Advisory Committee

Email: cac.otwayhealth@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)