

Mid Week Memo

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Dr Gloria Bettesworth closing Tamworth practice from end of December 2009

It is with regret we advise that Dr Gloria Bettesworth, Psychiatrist, will close her practice in Tamworth from the end of December 2009. Dr Bettesworth will provide correspondence to GPs for current clients outlining treatment regime and any additional information. All patients who require ongoing treatment will need a new referral from their GP to see another Psychiatrist.

Options are: Private Psychiatrists: Dr Kipling Walker, Dr Matthew Jones and Dr Eoin Wilson, located at Peel Health Care. To discuss availability of appointments and patient costs please contact Peel Health Care on 02 6766 8288. Community consultation is available through Hunter New England Mental Health Services on 1300 669 757.

Staff Changes at the Division

There have been a few staff changes at the Division recently. We said goodbye to Sam Honeyman, who has left to join the Outback Division, and Kristen Cruickshank, who was employed as maternity relief cover for Jodie Westhorpe, has returned to her business in architectural drafting and design. However, Kristen has enjoyed her time with us so much that she has agreed to continue on a part-time basis, 1-2 days per week. Tanya Knee, who was also employed as maternity relief cover for Jodie, is currently overseas utilising some long service leave from the hospital. With all this talk of maternity leave - we are delighted to welcome Jodie back! She will be working initially two days per week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and increasing to three later in the year. And finally, but certainly not least, we are delighted to announce that Robyn Cathcart has been appointed to the new position of Programs Manager. Her role will be to oversee some of the programs and lead the Practice Support Team. She looks forward to meeting you all over the course of the next few months.

New Paediatric Asthma Clinic at Tamworth Hospital

Commencing in November, 2009, the Paediatric Department at Tamworth Hospital will be running a multidisciplinary asthma clinic, initially at a frequency of once per month. This clinic will be aimed at the minority of paediatric asthma patients who present a management challenge related to either severity or poor compliance and understanding of asthma. It will provide a one-stop service for such patients including a paediatrician review, review by a nurse educator and, for some older patients, lung function tests. Referrals can be made by contacting the Paediatric Clinic on 6767 8740. For further information, please complete the faxback below.

Nomination for positions on the Division Board

Just a reminder that nominations for positions on the Division Board will close at the Close of Business on Tuesday 27th October. If you require a nomination form please contact Trish Gulliford at the Division.

National Health Reform Meeting

The Board is keen to discuss proposed national health reforms with its members. A short informal meeting to discuss the proposed reforms will be held at the Division on Thursday 29th October commencing at 6:30pm. If you are able to attend please indicate below for catering purposes.

Fax Back information

Fax Back to Trish on 6766 1372

	Yes, Please send me further information on the Paediatric Asthma Clinic
	Yes, I'll be attending the National Health Reform Meeting on 29 th October 2009

GP / Practice Name: _____

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