

MEDIA RELEASE

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MYMEDICARE REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR YARRAM MEDICAL CENTRE

Yarram and District Health Service (YDHS) is pleased to announce that the Yarram Medical Centre is now registered for MyMedicare.

MyMedicare is a new, voluntary patient registration model that aims to formalise and create stronger relationships between patients, their general practice, general practitioner (GP) and primary care teams.

YDHS Chief Executive Officer Paul Head encouraged locals to register as part of this initiative.

“When you register your details in MyMedicare, it notifies your selected general practice – in this case, the Yarram Medical Centre – that you have nominated us as your regular care team,” Mr Head said.

“This in turn unlocks additional funding from the government to help us provide the care that you need”.

As part of this new initiative, MyMedicare patients will have access to:

- greater continuity of care with your registered practice, improving health outcomes;
- longer Medicare Benefit Scheme (MBS) funded telehealth consultations with your GP;
- triple bulk billing incentive for longer MBS telehealth consultations for children under 16, pensioners, and concession card holders, from 1 November 2023;
- more regular visits from your GP and better care planning for people living in a residential aged care home, from August 2024; and
- connections to more appropriate care in general practice for people who visit hospital frequently, from mid-2024.

Registrations are now open with patients simply required to hold either a Medicare Card or a Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) Card to be eligible to apply.

There are multiple ways you can register including via your Medicare Online Account, the Express Plus Medicare Mobile app or in-person at the Yarram Medical Centre.

“Registration is free and voluntary and if you choose not to register you will still be able to access the same, high-quality healthcare from the team at the Yarram Medical Centre,” Mr Head said.

“Our friendly staff at the Yarram Medical Centre are available to help support patients that are interested in registering and answer any questions patients might have, or direct them to the appropriate resources where they can find further information”.

For further information visit <https://www.health.gov.au/our-work/mymedicare>

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