

# Community Connect



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND CEO

Welcome to the first edition of Moyne Health Services' new community publication, *MHS Community Connect*.

We have so much to be proud of at MHS, not least of which is the difference we are making for the people in our care and within our community.

The past year has been difficult for us all as we join together to battle the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Throughout, we have maintained a careful focus on balancing the need to protect our aged care residents, patients and our staff with the need for emotional care and connectivity with family and friends. We would like to thank all of our community for supporting us in this critical, ongoing task.

Despite the global pandemic, MHS is continuing with its purpose to deliver best care - every person, every time. Connecting meaningfully with our community is an important aspect of this. From providing support via our District Nursing Services, engagement with our Social Support Groups, providing Home Care Packages or providing health and wellbeing programs for our local schools, you will find us out and about engaging with our communities.

We also invite you to connect with us. You can do that via our new website, [moynehealth.vic.gov.au](http://moynehealth.vic.gov.au) or by emailing [laldock@moynehealth.vic.gov.au](mailto:laldock@moynehealth.vic.gov.au).

We hope you enjoy MHS Community Connect, which will be published regularly. Here you can learn more about the ongoing work we are doing to create a happier, healthier and more connected community. Here's to your 2021!

**Karen Foster**  
Chair, Board of Directors

**Jackie Kelly**  
CEO



## Supporting our People

Sharing some positive news - spreading kindness in-house!

There are so many examples of how people have and continue to help each other over the past year that we want to acknowledge a special act of kindness from within our team here at MHS.

Our Aromatherapy team made up a soothing

antibacterial natural hand cream for our staff to use to soothe their hands. The increased hand hygiene requirements and in particular the gel, can become tiresome for hands. This amazing gesture from our Aromatherapy team was put together during their own time.



## Strategic Plan Community Consultation Forum

Have your say! Help us shape the future of health care for Moyne Health Services at a community forum.

We are currently developing a Strategic Plan that will guide our services into the future. We want to get your views on the Plan and will be holding a community forum on 25/2/2021. Come along to the forum and provide your

views and input into the Plan - we'd love to hear what you have to say about how we can continue to provide you with the best suite of services in the future.

If you would like further information on the forum, head to our website [moynehealth.vic.gov.au](http://moynehealth.vic.gov.au) or just phone Lisa Baldock on (03) 5568 0151.



## Welcome a new face Ivy Cheptoo

Meet Ivy, our newest member of our Physiotherapist team. Ivy has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy from Monash University and has chosen Port Fairy as her new home.

Ivy says she is super excited to be part of the MHS team. Ivy's passion is to work with clients to increase their knowledge and understanding of their condition and to help them to manage complex age-related conditions that may prevent them from being as active and independent as they can be.

Ivy is looking forward to being part of the Port Fairy Community and hopes to continue with her love of yoga and netball.



**Welcome Ivy - we're glad to have you on-board!**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KOROIT?

Work is well underway for the reopening of our services in Koroit!

Following conversations with the community we support, in line with our roadmap for reopening we have recommenced our Social Activity Group in Koroit. The next phase will be the reopening of our services, which will see our exercise groups recommence during February.

A high priority of MHS is to ensure the continuation of support services to the Koroit community and we were pleased to be able to secure a location within the main township vicinity. We want to make it as easy as possible for people to access our services, so securing a location within the township was a welcome outcome whilst we await the results of the Structural Integrity Engineers report on our Spring Street campus.

**Special thanks to the Koroit community for all your support as we continue with this important task.**

### CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!

We recently held a celebration ceremony for two graduates as part of our Graduate Nurse Program.

With the support from our Nurse Educator and clinical teams, Chloe and Ellen reached the end of their Graduate Nurse Programs and have now embarked on furthering their nursing careers.

Chloe summed up her achievement in graduating stating it was her dream to undertake a graduate nurse program from an early age and she is really proud of this achievement and the positive impact nursing has on our community. Chloe and Ellen reflected on the wonderful support of everyone at MHS, and how everyone was always very helpful and accommodating to their needs as students.

**We are so proud of their achievements, especially during a very difficult year. Well done ladies.**



### Thanking our community!



A special note of thanks to all the wonderful groups who have kindly donated their services, supplies or in-kind support. Through your heartfelt generosity, a number of our major projects have come to fruition and we are truly thankful.

### Our new brand!

Following an extensive consultation journey spanning 18 months, we now have a new brand. Moving away from the clipper in the old MHS logo, which served our business well, our new logo speaks to more than just the nautical part of the community.

The new logo, incorporates abstract visuals of the geographical and social icons in the MHS area, including water, industry, community, music and sea-life. Over the Summer months our new logo will be rolled out within the facility and throughout the local area.

We also have a new website [moynehealth.vic.gov.au](http://moynehealth.vic.gov.au), which is focused on taking our fantastic facility and service offering into the future in a way that really connects with the community. We think it really reflects the needs of our community and is something that will grow and change as our people and businesses grow and change.