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GP Clinic at Moyne Health Services underway

Progress on the new GP clinic at Moyne Health Services (MHS) in Port Fairy is well underway, with a mid-July opening date expected.

The refurbishment consists of works to the ground floor entrance of the old hospital on Villiers Street as well as a custom fit-out for the clinic, including a purpose-built consulting room and procedure room.

MHS CEO, Jackie Kelly, said that Moyne Health is very excited to be partnering with Shearwater Medical Clinic to provide GP services to the people of Port Fairy and surrounds.

“To be able to offer these services from within our building is something that was identified as a real need in our 5 year MHS Service Plan so we’re excited to see it come to fruition,” Ms Kelly said.

Dr Cameron McPherson of Shearwater Medical Clinic is no stranger to the local area having worked for 7 years in Port Fairy, before working in remote Arnhem Land and then spending the last 2 years as a GP in Warrnambool.

“It’s a great feeling to be coming back to work in Port Fairy as this is the place where my GP career began, so I’m looking forward to reconnecting with the locals,” Dr McPherson said.

Dr McPherson will be joined by nurse Linda McPherson who completed her critical care studies in the trauma centre at the Alfred Hospital and intensive care unit at The Royal Melbourne.

“Linda has worked in a variety of settings, including experience in Scotland, Indonesia following the tsunami, and as a Remote Area Nurse in the Northern Territory, as well as several years of practice nursing experience also so she will bring a wealth of knowledge to the region,” Dr McPherson said.

“With such a broad skill set including immunisations, cervical screening tests, chronic disease management and more, Linda’s nursing services will be the perfect complement to the general practice medical services we’ll be offering.”

Aside from general medical services, the pair have a particular passion for health promotion and disease prevention, and are looking forward to helping provide support to the urgent care centre at MHS.

The medical clinic is expected to be open from 9am to 5pm, 5 days a week, with on-call times to be confirmed closer to the opening date.

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