

CEO'S THOUGHTS !?!



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No excuses!



Mr Chalmers said he felt compelled to help rural communities, particularly the people of Warracknabeal, who had helped him establish his business.

"I started at Warracknabeal in the main street and was there from 1997 to 2004. When I left these towns I said I would go back and help if needed and that's what we are doing," he said.



MEDIA RELEASE



NEW Podiatry

Services for Warracknabeal

Warracknabeal community and surrounding district will have access to additional podiatry services from August 19.

Rural Northwest Health Community Service is now working with Wimmera Foot Clinic to meet local demand. Loretta Howe, one of five qualified podiatrists with Wimmera Foot Clinic, will work from the Warracknabeal Community Health centre one day a week.

Rural Northwest Health Director of Nursing and Community Services Robyn Bridgewater said the collaboration was necessary to meet community needs.

"This is something we've thought about very carefully. West Wimmera Health Service is assisting by providing us with a podiatrist three days a month but it's simply not enough to service the needs of the community," she said.

"We approached Adam Chalmers from Wimmera Foot Clinic to consider offering alternative services in Warracknabeal and he agreed."

Wimmera Foot Clinic, based in Horsham, already provides rural podiatry services at St Arnaud, Birchip, Donald and Dimboola health centres.

"We're going to be helping people we've looked after before and hopefully they will remember the professional service we provide.

"The key is to provide people with choice so they can get appointments when they need them."

Robyn Bridgewater said some Warracknabeal people were already accessing Wimmera Foot Clinic services in Horsham. These new arrangements meant they would no longer have to travel.

She added that it would be necessary for Rural Northwest Health community service to have clear eligibility criteria for those people requesting podiatry care within the public service. This is to ensure those people at high risk because of underlying diseases receive treatment...."We're reviewing all appointments and will contact all existing clients to assess eligibility for ongoing treatment," she said.



People seeking Warracknabeal appointments with Wimmera Foot Clinic should call 5382 6406, not the Warracknabeal campus.

Whats on for the MAYOR

Monday 10th August '09

6.30pm – Roadsafes Wimmera Dinner,
Golf Club HORSHAM

Wednesday 12th August '09

9.30am – Council Forum, YSC Chambers,
WARRACKNABEAL

