

Medical matters

The Wangaratta Private Hospital Newsletter



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PRIVATE HOSPITAL



A message from the CEO

Dear All

Welcome to the second edition of Wangaratta Private Hospital Medical Matters newsletter. As with our first edition the purpose of this newsletter is to keep specialists and general practitioners alike up to date with happenings at Wangaratta Private Hospital and communicate what new services and specialists the hospital has onsite.

Wangaratta Private Hospital continues to grow and add to the services of the region. There have been a number of things happening since our last newsletter including the completion of the new Wangaratta Cardiology and Respiratory Centre and medical complex, the addition of Dr Judith Krones (Obstetric and Gynaecology), Mr Bernie Lyons (ENT) and Dr Yik Lim (Uro/Gyn) to the list of specialists consulting and operating at Wangaratta Private Hospital, and the upgrade of our

sleep study unit. Further details of these changes are located within the contents of this newsletter.

Our hospital website continues to increase in the number of visitors with over 700 hits per month now. The website www.ramsayhealth.com.au/wph gives doctors, information on services and specialists at the hospital and provides patients information on what to expect upon admission. We hope to continue to develop our website so if you have any feedback please feel free to contact me.

Our first newsletter proved quite popular and I hope this edition is of use and informative.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming GP CPD evenings or around the corridors.

Kind Regards,

Chris Thompson

Chief Executive Officer

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Wangaratta Private Hospital-

- Has 7% of inpatients self funding
- Is a Tier 1 DVA contracted hospital so no approval required for DVA gold card
- Has a 4 bed High Dependency Area with fully monitored beds for post surgical and cardiac monitoring with a further 2 monitored beds.
- Performs Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding
- Is part of Ramsay Healthcare, the largest private hospital operator in Australia
- Offers comprehensive pre admission and discharge planning services.

Services Overview

The hospital provides inpatient facilities for a range of medical practitioners in the following disciplines:

- Dentistry
- ENT
- General Medicine
- General Surgery
- Gynaecology
- Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding
- Ophthalmology
- Oral Surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Plastic Surgery
- Sleep Disorders
- Urology
- Urodynamics
- Vascular

For a listing of our visiting medical officers and their contact details please visit:

www.ramsayhealth.com.au/wph/doctors/specialists



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GP Events

Wangaratta Private Hospital has continued on with its GP CPD calendar with the following events already held in 2007:

- Mr Bernie Lyons – ABC of ENT
- Mr Peter Chu & Dr Robert Krones – Sweet Feet
- Mr Frank Miller – Keeping Abreast

This follows on from 5 GP CPD events held in 2006.

Watch out for invitations to our first CPD for 2008 which will be on Thursday 7th February with our new Uro/Gynaecologist Dr Yik Lim.

How to admit a patient

For a General Practitioner to have a patient admitted to Wangaratta Private Hospital they must either refer to a specialist or obtain admitting rights with the hospital.

In order to obtain admitting rights at Wangaratta Private Hospital please contact the Executive Office on 03 5722 2678 to obtain an application form and a copy of the Hospitals By-laws.

Wangaratta Private Hospital has a large number of credentialed General Practitioners with admitting and/or surgical assisting privileges at the hospital. From time to time Specialists ask the hospital if we know of GPs with an interest in surgical assisting. If you are interested please contact CEO Chris Thompson to register that interest.

Staff Profiles

Rob McKenzie



Wangaratta Private Hospital is extremely pleased to welcome Rob McKenzie, MERN Division 2, to its sleep studies team.

Rob has been working with us on a casual basis in both Acute Care and the Operating Theatre. Prior to completing his nurse training in 2006 Rob had an extensive background in IT. Rob is currently upgrading to Division 1

Registered Nurse with Charles Sturt University via distance education.

Rob's acute nursing skills combined with his extensive knowledge of computer systems and software will stand in him good stead in the Sleep Studies role.

Anita Walker



Anita Walker commenced employment with Wangaratta Private Hospital over 10 years ago as a Registered Nurse Division 1. In recent times Anita completed a continuing education program in wound care. Since completing the program Anita has rationalised the wound care products utilised, and educated other nursing staff on the latest wound care techniques. Anita is a valued staff

member and she has proved to be an excellent resource for both nursing staff and VMOs, and her expertise has certainly proved beneficial to our patients.

Federal funding obtained to update sleep study equipment

In September 2007, Wangaratta Private Hospital received \$71,000 funding to update its sleep study equipment.

For the past 9 years in conjunction with Wangaratta Cardiology and Respiratory Centre and St Vincents Sleep Unit, an inpatient sleep study unit has been running at Wangaratta Private Hospital. Over recent times it became apparent that to grow and improve the services offered new equipment was required.

Funding was received via the Federally Funded Rural Private Access Program to update the equipment. The new equipment encompasses the latest technology to allow visual and audio monitoring of the patient without the nurse having to enter the room. It will also allow for increased diagnostic capability using the latest sleep study software.

The hospital is now looking to offer the service for an additional night per fortnight.

This important piece of funding will not only improve the quality of the testing and diagnosis, it will enable the service to continue to be provided locally thus reducing the need for locals to travel away from the region.

Referral for an inpatient sleep study usually occurs via a physician or ENT surgeon.

Wangaratta girls in accelerated traineeship

Wangaratta Private Hospital has supported employees Concetta Melville (left) and Merle Ireland (right) to complete the Certificate III Hospitality – commercial cookery through an accelerated traineeship program.

The girls commenced the course in February 2007 and will finish in November. Concetta and Merle are presently employed as Food Service Assistants in the Environmental Services Division of the hospital and jointly have over 25 years experience in the industry.



Army Medics train at Wangaratta Private Hospital

Ramsay Health Care welcomed a number of Australian Defence Force Basic Medical Assistant trainees to the Wangaratta Private Hospital to take part in clinical placements during October.

The trainees participate in this two week clinical placement as an important part of the six weeks clinical placements that are included in the 34 week Australian Defence Force Basic Medical Assistants training course. ADF graduates receive Certificate IV in Defence Health Care and receive more advanced training later in their careers.

During their placement students observed, participated and were assessed in a broad range of patient care activities with the support and guidance of RMIT Registered Nurse Educators and regular hospital staff. The students also had the opportunity to meet with members of the Wangaratta RSL during their regular visits to veterans receiving care at the hospital.



Above: Back Row L – R: Chris Thompson, CEO Wangaratta Private Hospital, Sgt Anthony Tyrrell, Clive Voss, Vice President Wangaratta RSL, Amanda Forbes, Sheryl Lewis, Director of Clinical Services Wangaratta Private Hospital

Front Row L – R: Pte Rhys Schoen, Pte Stephen Johnstone, Pty Rachael Boyce, Pte Jai Vickery, Flt Lt David Dunn.

Doctor profiles

Dr Judith Krones

In August I commenced practice as a general Gynaecologist in Wangaratta. I work in private practice in gynaecology and continue to do public work in obstetrics and gynaecology at Northeast Health Wangaratta.



After medical studies in Aachen, Germany, I trained in Aachen in my specialty. I was able to develop an interest in gynaecological ultrasound and family orientated obstetrics. After specialist training I passed the specialist exam in 2000 and worked as staff specialist/locum in private practice in Aachen and Cologne. I am confident that I will be able to use this experience in North-East Victoria, where I hopefully will be able to enjoy bushwalking and skiing with my family.

Bernard Michael Lyons MBBS FRACS

Bernie Lyons is an ENT Head and Neck Surgeon, who has been practising in Melbourne since 1991. He completed his ENT training in the Victorian Training programme and performed a skull base and head and neck oncology fellowship at UC Davis, Sacramento, California in 1990-1991. Since then he has been in both public hospital and private practice in Melbourne. He established



a regional ENT service to Bairnsdale and East Gippsland in the mid 1990's and is acutely aware of the needs of people in regional Victoria and is keen to help supplement the current ENT service to Wangaratta and its surrounds. Mr. Lyons was a founding member of Ear, Nose and Throat Victoria, a private group ENTsurgical practice established in Melbourne, which also services Shepparton and Sale.

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Director of Ear Nose and Throat Head and Neck Surgery Unit St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne
- Clinical Leader St. Vincent's Health Head and Neck Oncology Multidisciplinary Clinic
- Director of ENT Head and Neck Surgery Unit Box Hill Hospital Melbourne

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- Paranasal sinus and Skull base tumours
- Endoscopic Resection of Sinus and nasal tumours
- Endoscopic Laser Surgery of Laryngeal cancers
- Parotid Tumours
- Thyroid surgery

<http://www.entv.com.au> – for further information

Specialist consulting dates at Wangaratta Private Hospital to June 2008

(Dates Correct At Time Of Going To Print And Maybe Subject To Change)

MR MATTHEW CLAYDON Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon	MR PETER CHU Vascular & Endovascular Surgeon	MR HENRY DUNCAN Urologist	MR STEPHEN FLOOD Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon	DR JOHN HENNESSEY Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon	MR BERNIE LYONS ENT Surgeon	DR TRACEY MERRIMAN Paediatric Surgeon
Monthly	Monthly	Every Tuesday AM	Monthly	Fortnightly		Monthly
18th January	4th January (TBC)			9th & 23rd January	1st February	1st & 29th February
15th February	1st February		14th February	6th & 20th February	29th February	28th March
14th March	29th February		13th March	5th & 19th March	28th March	No consult April
11th April	28th March		10th April	2nd, 16th & 30th April		23rd May
9th May			8th May	14th & 28th May	23rd May	20th June
6th June	23rd May		5th June	11th & 25th June	20th June	
	20th June					