

Alcohol and Drug Service

This is a free service that visits on a needs basis to offer counselling and education; call 6429 8555 or the Specialist Rural Worker on 6462 9940.

Dental Services

A public dentist visits regularly to provide service for health care holders and pensioners; call 6440 7104. The School Dental Nurse attends on Mondays; call 6462 9961. The visiting Dental Mechanic sees private and public patients; call 6424 3817. A private dental service is also available; call Lex Bertrand on 1800 007 256. For the Dental Rooms at the Centre call 6462 9961.

Optometrists

Visits are made by OPSM (call 6431 8177) and Eyelines (6431 3355).

Hearing Services

Australian Hearing Service visits when needed, providing services for pensioners, concession card holders, sickness benefit card holders, repatriation card holders and children. Appointments are by referral; call 6431 4162.

Chiropractor

Alpha Chiropractic, a private chiropractor, visits fortnightly; call Azim Hossiene on 9826 3322.

Consultation Rooms, Meeting Room and Educational Facilities

These are available for hire by community groups and other health professionals.

We welcome any comments or ideas that you may have that would enable us to improve the quality of the service we offer.

Please let us know by contacting one of:

- Director of Nursing/Site Manager, Catherine Donnellan; call 6462 9900.
- West North West Manager, Peter Lorraine; call 6440 7000.
- Multi-purpose Centre Advisory Committee Chairman, David Brewster. Call 6462 1882.



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Primary Health

King Island Hospital and Health Centre

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Department of Health
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Mission Statement

To provide high quality care that is consistent with community needs, grounded in learning, and supported with acts of personal kindness.

Vision

To provide opportunities for King Island residents to access a responsive organisation that enhances their health and lifestyles through innovative, flexible services and quality care.

Management

The Centre is a public facility funded by State and Commonwealth Governments under the control of the Department of Health and Human Services. Our management is directed by the Primary Health North West Area Manager. Our Site Manager is the Director of Nursing.

King Island Hospital and Health Centre provides a range of services including:

Aged Care Facilities

Appropriate care for residents: fourteen beds which include a combination of high and low care.

Respite

Respite is available in the above facility after assessment by the Aged Care Assessment Team. Until the client has been assessed, respite can be provided in the acute section.

Hospital

Acute care: six acute care beds with a combination of single and double rooms. Patients may be transferred for treatment not available at this Centre including delivery of babies. There is a 24-hour Emergency Service and outpatient clinics with visiting medical specialists including: Orthopaedic Surgeon (for appointments with Dr Scott Fletcher call 6431 3536); Psychiatrist and Physician; Ophthalmology (for appointments call 6462 9900). Referral is required.

Community Nursing

A range of services for the frail, aged and disabled including: Nursing Services in the home e.g. dressing and/or organising palliative care in the home; Home Care (assistance with basic home duties); Home Maintenance to provide a safe environment within and around the home; Basic Foot Care Services; Personal Care which is organised through liaison with Family Based Care NW and Southern Cross Care; Community Health Education; Liaison with Continence Nurse, Diabetic Educator, Respiratory Nurse, Aged Care Assessment Team and Occupational Therapy Departments;

Equipment Loans including assistance with ordering; Assessment for Meals on Wheels. Payments can be made at the Main Office. Referrals can be made, with consent, by hospitals, doctors, friends, relatives or the client themselves; call 6462 9953.

Podiatry

There is a visiting podiatrist every three months. Consultations are by referral; appointments made by direct contact with Podiatry on 6421 7762

Physiotherapy

A physiotherapist visits every three weeks. Consultations are by referral from Doctor. There are paediatric physiotherapist visits as needed.

Occupational Therapy

There are visits four times a year. Consultations are by referral; call 6430 6608.

Speech Pathologist

Visits are on a needs basis. Referral is not necessary; call 6421 7720.

Meals on Wheels

These are provided through the Centre on a daily basis. Contact Community Health on 6462 9953 for assessment or Hotel Services on 6462 9922 regarding delivery.

Day Centre

We offer a range of support services for the frail, aged and younger disabled. The Centre aims to support independence and reduce isolation and loneliness. Respite for Carers, information dissemination, personal care, and support services are also available. The Centre operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm with lunch available at a cost. The community bus will collect and return clients. On Fridays there is Active Aging (9.30-11 am) and Phoenix House (1-5 pm). Volunteers assist with the provision of this service. A fee applies to this HACC funded service; call 6462 9959.

Child and Parenting Services (ChAPS)

This service offers support and information for families from pregnancy to adolescence and health monitoring including: growth and development; vision; speech; and hearing. The Child Health Clinic is generally 1-4 pm Wednesday. School Prep checks are currently undertaken; call 64621142.

Immunisation

An immunisation clinic is held on the third Wednesday of every month, 10-11 am at King Island General Practice. Call 6462 9915 for an appointment.

King Island General Practice

Gemini Medical Group provides medical services for individuals, treatment for illness or injury, review of ongoing medical conditions and minor surgical procedures, as well as health prevention screening and education. Hours: Monday to Friday except public holidays. Doctors' appointments: 9-12pm, and 2-5pm; call 6462 9915.

GP Assist

On weekends and public holidays, contact GP Assist (Tasmania) which is a health call line staffed by specially trained Nurses and Doctors who can provide advice by phone/ Your doctor can choose to divert calls to this service when he or she is not immediately available; call 1300 780 011. **In an emergency call 000.**

Pathology Services

These are provided between 7.30 and 9.30 am on Monday and Wednesday and 7.00 and 8.30 am on Friday (except public holidays) at the Outpatient Clinic. Doctor's referral is required.

Health Promotions/Community Development

We undertake the coordination of health promotion and community development activities for the community, working with the community to protect and promote its health, addressing physical, emotional, social, cultural and environmental issues; call 6462 9954.

Regional Health Service

One to one counselling and social welfare support for those in need is available. Call 6462 9940 Tuesday and Wednesday 9 – 5 pm. Community education programs are also provided.

Mental Health

The Parkside Community Mental Health Service can be contacted on 6434 6434 for information and advice. Visits as requested. A private psychiatrist, Dr Stringer, visits every three months. Referral is required. A local Psychologist can provide a service under Medicare with a GP referral; call 0439 394 794. The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service visit as required with GP referral. The Older Persons Mental Health Service visits every three months to provides assessment, advice and support to clients and carers; call 6434 4003.

Social Worker

Anglicare provides visiting Social Workers to cover family support, relationships and gambling support; call 1800 243 232 or the Specialist Rural Worker on 6462 9940 for appointments.