

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

December 15, 2022

WWW.MTHCS.COM.AU



*Pictured above: Christmas decorations have been going up at our sites.*

## It's beginning to look a lot like...

We've had a great time over the past couple of weeks getting ready for Christmas. Young and old alike have been involved in a range of activities, including making decorations and celebrating the festive season.

## Acting Executive Director of Nursing (EDON)

Ouyen | Full-time (January to October)

The Executive Director of Nursing is an integral part of the health service team, providing exemplary leadership and direction to the organisation, and management of quality activities to ensure the customer receives a positive experience.

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:** Competitive salary | Accommodation | Vehicle and phone provided | Salary Packaging.

For a Position Description and details on how to apply, please visit [www.mthcs.com.au/careers/current-vacancies](http://www.mthcs.com.au/careers/current-vacancies) or contact MTHCS CEO Tracey Wilson on 03 5092-1111 [twilson@mthcs.vic.gov.au](mailto:twilson@mthcs.vic.gov.au)

Closing date: 5pm Monday December 19th. Applications received earlier than the closing date may be assessed, interviewed and offered employment prior to the closing date.

## COVID-19 measures continue

N95 masks will continue to be worn within our residential aged care settings for the foreseeable future.

Please make sure you put an N95 mask on at the entrance and wear it correctly.

A negative RAT also remains a requirement for people visiting our aged care hostels.

If you have a negative RAT result but have been in contact with a positive case and have symptoms, please arrange a PCR test to confirm your result.

Pfizer vaccine boosters have arrived in our medical clinic and some local pharmacies. Please make a booking if you are due for a booster.

Thank you, once again, for your co-operation.

Your efforts and those of our dedicated staff are helping us to keep each other safe and allowing us to continue to keep our facilities open for the festive season.

## Meeting across the generations

There was a special visit recently to Mallee Minors, with Ouyen resident Ron Vine meeting some of the children.

They had a lovely time showing Ron the ropes and listening to a story.

Early years has a focus on intergenerational friendships. Residents and children also exchange cards, letters and crafts.



*Pictured above: Ron Vine visited Mallee Minors and met Lola and Hamish.*

## Snakes on the move

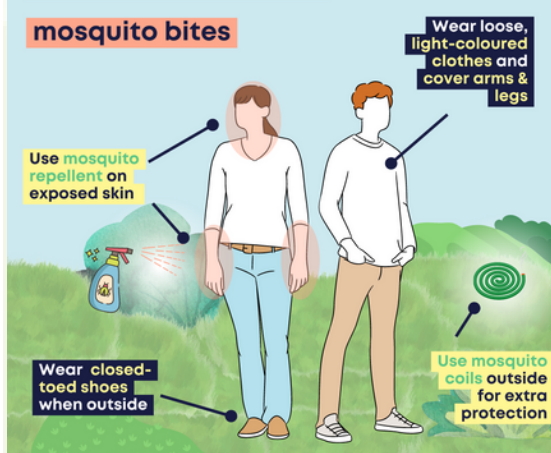
With flood waters in the area there has been an increase in snake sightings. There are supplies of antivenin in regional health services. If you present to MTHCS, we will arrange a transfer to the nearest centre for care.

## Mosquito risk remains high

There are also a lot of mosquitoes in our region in the wake of recent flooding. Mosquitoes can carry viruses that cause disease, including Ross River virus and Japanese encephalitis virus. Symptoms common to most diseases carried by mosquitoes are fever, rash, joint and muscle aches, headache and fatigue. If you have any of these symptoms, seek medical advice.

### Protect yourself from

### mosquito bites



*Pictured above: There are simple steps you can take to protect yourself from mosquito bites.*