

Talk

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Out and About, the MTHCS Board goes to Murrayville

Board Members from Mallee Track Health and Community Service (MTHCS) have taken another important step in strengthening community connections, recently visiting Murrayville to engage directly with local residents and staff.

The visit provided an opportunity for Board Members to meet with community members over lunch, fostering open conversations about local needs and experiences with health and community services. The group also toured the MTHCS Murrayville Health Centre and the MTHCS Early Years Centre, gaining valuable insights into the day-to-day delivery of services in the region.

MTHCS Board Chair Carol Mioduchowski said the visit reflects the Board's commitment to understanding the diverse communities it serves.

“The MTHCS board have made it a priority to get ourselves to all the areas we serve, to understand the unique nature of our catchment and communities. We want to understand the challenges in accessing health and community services and the nature of service delivery far and wide. We have a firm belief that we need to understand our area which will enhance our perspectives and strategic decision making.” shared Carol Mioduchowski.

The visit also included stops at nearby services, including Underbool, further reinforcing the Board's focus on broad community engagement.

A key highlight of the Murrayville visit was reviewing plans for the expansion of the Early Years building. Discussions with staff outlined how the upgrades will enhance both the working environment and the services available to local families.

MTHCS Early Years Manager Kyra Nathan said the project will deliver meaningful improvements.

“We're excited about what this upgrade project brings to our families,” Ms Nathan said. “It will allow kinder children to have their own dedicated space while also creating a purpose-built sleep area for babies.”

MTHCS CEO Dr Frances Peart emphasised the importance of listening to the community.

“One of our goals this year is to ensure our communities are thriving,” Dr Peart said. “This visit to Murrayville gave us a valuable opportunity to listen and better understand what matters most to local people.”

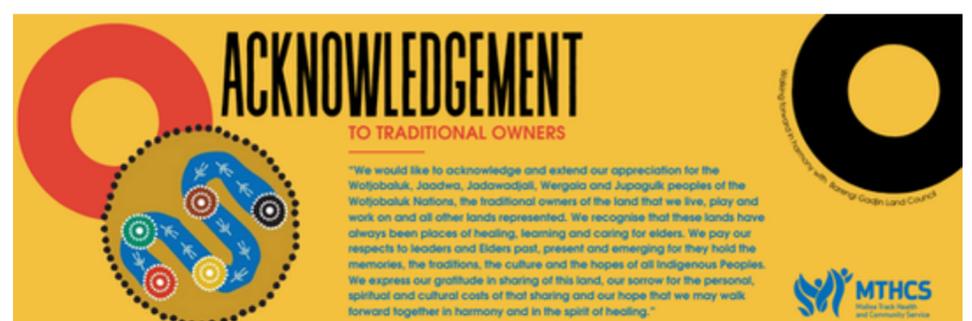
The Board plans to continue visiting communities across the Mallee Track over the coming months, reinforcing its commitment to being visible, accessible, and responsive to the needs of the region.



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Pictured above: MTHCS lunch with Murrayville community at Federation Park, tour MTHCS Early Years Centre and MTHCS Murrayville Health Centre.



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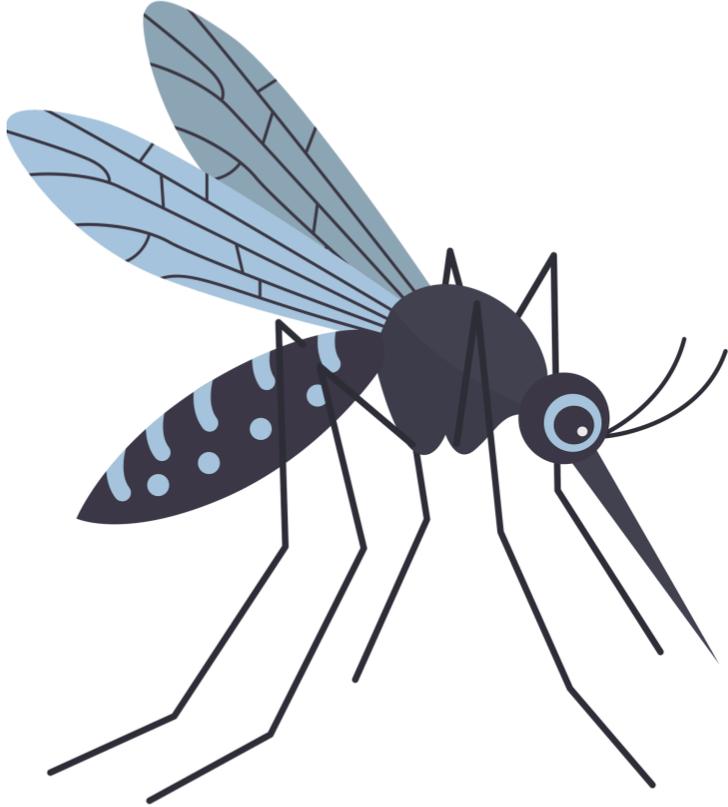


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Mozzie Alert!

Be careful and take precautions when camping this Easter holidays



Mosquito numbers are higher than usual across the Loddon Mallee region following recent warm and wet weather. Mosquitoes in our region can carry a range of viruses including Ross River virus, Barmah Forest virus, Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis - and with increased mosquito activity, the risk of mosquito-borne disease is elevated.

We are encouraging community members to take simple precautions to reduce their risk, including applying insect repellent containing DEET or picaridin to all exposed skin, wearing long loose clothing when outdoors, and removing any standing water around the home where mosquitoes can breed.

Importantly, a free Japanese encephalitis (JE) vaccine is available for eligible people across the region. JE is rare but can cause serious illness. A Medicare card is not required. Speak to your GP or local immunisation provider about eligibility.



Have a Happy Easter!

Wishing you the hope of new beginnings Easter brings.

