

Talk

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Mallee Track Health and Community Service Urgent Care Centres at Ouyen and Sea Lake step up to the plate as the new year gets underway.

There are 70 Urgent Care Centres across rural and regional Victoria and MTHCS has two of them at our Health Care Centres in Ouyen and Sea Lake. Staffed by our urgent care nurses, who provide initial assessment and treatment for any urgent health concern.

As 2026 got underway we saw a total of 89 presentations with 24 at Sea Lake and 65 at Ouyen. A sign that the service is benefitting our Mallee community and with new x-ray facilities at both sites expanding our reach.

Rosemary Cattanach Director of Nursing and Midwifery at MTHCS shared, “I’m very proud of the care we provide through our Urgent Care Centres in Ouyen and Sea Lake. Our UCCs are staffed by Registered Nurses 24/7, ensuring our community can access urgent care close to home. We also partner with the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED), giving patients access to virtual emergency doctors when needed.”

When presenting to Urgent Care Centres, an urgent care nurse may involve a General Practitioner (GP) or hospital doctor in the provision of your care. This can happen over the phone, by video consult, or in person and may incur a fee. A decision will be made whether your care can be provided at the Urgent Care Centre or if hospital admission or transfer to another healthcare facility is required.



Rural Urgent Care Centres

Fees may be incurred if the local GP is required to be called in and/or if you require related blood tests and x-rays. If a fee is to be charged, you will be informed before treatment.

Come and join us for lunch at Murrayville!

The Members of the Mallee Track Health and Community Service Board are pleased to be attending the Murrayville Bush Nursing Centre on Monday 23rd March 2026 and invite local community residents to join us for a light lunch at Murrayville Pioneer Park to meet with us and for us to hear from you.

Luncheon starts at 12 noon and RSVP is required by Thursday 19 March via email to smcvicar@mthcs.vic.gov.au



MTHCS Murrayville Early Years Centre Upgrade Project has unforeseen delay.

Mallee Track Health and Community Service (MTHCS) Early Years Centre Murrayville is housed in the Mildura Rural City Council's Murrayville Multipurpose Centre. The upgrade to the building has been a long journey and council has published the following update:

We've been working hard to get the Murrayville Multipurpose Centre upgrade underway in recent months, and as part of this process, have been applying for the necessary building permits.

National building rules for construction in bushfire-prone areas are strict, and native vegetation surrounding the Centre needs to be cleared to create "a safe, defensible space" around the building in the event of a bushfire.

Clearing native vegetation requires a separate Planning Permit, as well as approval from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

To help navigate this, we've enlisted the help of a Bushfire Consultant, and an Environmental Planning Consultant, to prepare our permit application.

We're also working closely with Council's Environmental Sustainability Team.

Working through this carefully to ensure we can achieve best outcomes will take time.

As a result, the project is likely to be delayed by several months.

We will continue to keep the community updated as things progress, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

Our next planned update is June 2026. However, should updates occur sooner, we will provide an update as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact MRCC Project Manager – Facilities John Loughhead on 03 5018 1800 during business hours or email john.loughhead@mildura.vic.gov.au if you require more information.

Kyra Nathan MTHCS Early Years Manager said of the project, "We're excited about what this upgrade project brings to our families. The upgrade will support our kinder kids having access to their own space whilst also creating a dedicated sleep space for our babies."

Lyndal Munro MTHCS Director of Community Services and Kyra Nathan met with families at the Murrayville Early Years Centre last week.

"We are disappointed that the project has been delayed since we met with families last week at Murrayville and we are working closely with council to progress this project in the timeliest manner possible given the unforeseen issues which have delayed the planned works at this time.", shared Munro.

This project is funded by a \$750,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Building Block Capacity Grant program and a \$375,000 grant from the Federal Government's Community Child Care Fund.