



# DALYELLUP FAMILY MEDICAL CENTRE

## Welcome to the DFMC Autumn 2017 Newsletter

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## NEW DOCTOR FOR DALYELLUP SKIN CARE CLINIC



Dalyellup Skin Care Clinic is pleased to welcome **Dr Philip Green** to the team.

Dr Green has undertaken further training in skin cancer medicine and surgery. He has worked as a doctor for over 30 years including in the Australind area.

**Dr Green is available each Friday for skin checks.**

## FLU VACCINE 2017

We are pleased to let you know that the 2017 flu vaccine has now arrived.

This year's quadrivalent influenza vaccine has one new Influenza A strain being added to the 2016 vaccine.

Flu can spread before any symptoms show. It doesn't matter how fit and healthy you are; you are still at risk of getting the flu. Natural immunity is no guarantee as the flu virus is changing all the time, therefore, it is recommended you get the flu vaccine every year.

Your risk of complications from the flu is higher if you are pregnant, aged 65 years and over or if you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. It is also higher if you suffer from a chronic condition such as heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease, kidney disease, impaired immunity or a chronic neurological disorder.

If you would like to have a flu vaccine this year, we will be running flu vaccine clinics on:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Morning</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Morning</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Morning</b>

If any of these clinics suit you, could you please ring the surgery for an appointment?

***Please note that these clinics are for flu vaccines only.***

If you have other issues to discuss with the Doctor, please make a separate standard appointment.

Also, these clinics are not suitable for children under the age of 9 years old. Please make a separate standard appointment for children.

**You are required to remain within the building for 15 minutes following your flu vaccine to ensure you do not experience any severe adverse reaction.**

## FEE INCREASE AT DALYELLUP FAMILY MEDICAL CENTRE

Dalyellup Family Medical Centre will be increasing the fees at the Practice from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

**This is the first fee increase in 5 years and is necessary to ensure the Practice continues to provide a high standard of care and support for our patients.**

The cost of a standard appointment will now be \$80 with a rebate of \$37.05. Other fees depend on the complexity and time taken for your consultation.

Pension card holders and children under 12 years of age are likely to be bulk-billed (i.e. no out of pocket expense). However, a fee will apply for all procedural work and Saturday morning consultations.

**Health Care Card holders and Commonwealth Seniors Card holders will no longer be routinely bulk-billed** but will receive a discounted fee of \$62 for a standard appointment with a rebate of \$37.05.

Please discuss the likely cost of the service and payment options with reception when you make an appointment.

**The Federal Government determines the rebate you will receive from Medicare** and every attempt has been made to keep the gap payments as low as possible.

If you are in financial difficulty, please discuss this with your Doctor at the time of your consultation.

More information about the increase in fees can be found at the Practice and on our website, <https://dfmc.com.au/>

## SMS APPOINTMENT REMINDERS

Dalyellup Family Medical Centre will soon be sending an SMS appointment reminder to your mobile phone a day before your appointment. Many of our patients have requested this service and it will soon be in place.

Instead of posting out recall letters to you (for example, when you are due for a blood test), we will now contact you via your mobile phone. You will be sent an SMS message from Dalyellup Family Medical Centre with a link for you to go to which will prompt you to enter in some information (so we know it has gone to the right person) and then you will be able access your recall letter.

**Another new service is that patients will be able to make online bookings for the Dalyellup Skin Care Clinic from our website.**

***For those patients who do not have a mobile phone, you will still get your letters in the mail as usual.***

When you make contact with Dalyellup Family Medical Centre, please make sure that we have your current mobile phone number correctly recorded so you can access the new services we will be providing in the next few weeks.

**If you would like more information please contact the Practice on 9795 6422.**

## ELIZABETH FROM ZIMBABWE



Elizabeth is a 38-year-old lady who lives in a community in Zimbabwe. She had a large abdominal incisional hernia.

In late 2016 the reception staff at DFMC raised money to pay for her surgery.

In early March 2017 she had successful surgery in Zimbabwe to repair this.

On returning home from hospital a local nurse in Zimbabwe said all Elizabeth could do was smile.

Dr Darryn Rennie and Lucy, our chronic disease nurse, will travel to Zimbabwe in September for three weeks with Cosmos HealthCare to assist patients like Elizabeth.

**Thank you to all who donated to pay for Elizabeth's treatment.**

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