



MEDIA RELEASE

New service for Movement Disorders now operating at SCHS

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Over the last couple of months SCHS has been working closely with the new Murray Primary Health Network (PHN) to ensure the smooth transition of the Movement Disorder Nurse Service to SCHS from the previous Medicare Local.

“Kate Pratt has been actively working with local Movement Disorder groups, the Murray PHN and Lower Murray Medicare Local during this transition”, said Mr Craig Stanbridge, CEO, Sunraysia Community Health Service. “We thank Kate for her great work to help make it as easy as possible for those transitioning to SCHS as the new provider”.

The Movement Disorder Nurse Service supports people in the community with the management and treatment of their movement disorder, which may include Parkinson’s disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neurone Disease or Muscular Dystrophy. The service will help clients remain as independent as possible, assisting them to develop strategies to manage movement difficulties and improve function.

“This week SCHS welcomed Belinda Johnson as the new Movement Disorder Nurse”, said Mr Stanbridge. “Belinda will be able to build on the work of the previous Lower Murray Medicare Local Movement Disorders Service, to provide a local contact point and education service on movement disorders.”

“We are looking forward to working with SCHS on the continued delivery of the Movement Disorder Nurse Service”, said Cheryl Barnes, Mildura Parkinson’s Support Group. “Being identified with a movement disorder can be challenging, so its great to be able to have services available locally”.

The Mildura Parkinson’s Support Group coordinates a range of activities to support its members and raise awareness. This Sunday 30 August they have organised a slow walk to raise awareness of Parkinson’s disease. All locals are encouraged to come down and support this worthy event, wearing red if possible. The walk will leave from Henderson Park on Thirteenth Street at 10am, finishing up at Mocca Mecca on Fifteenth Street.

For more information on the Walk please contact the Parkinson’s Support Group on 5021 2925 or for information on the SCHS Movement Disorder Nurse Service phone 5022 5444.

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Photo included/attached:



Caption: SCHS's Kate Pratt with Mildura Parkinson's Support Group members.
L-R: David, Mildura Parkinson's Support Group; Kate Pratt, a/g Movement Disorder Nurse, SCHS;
Cheryl, Mildura Parkinson's Support Group.