



MEDIA RELEASE

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Geeveston Medical Centre to operate two days a week

Huon Valley Council wishes to advise the community that the Geeveston Medical Centre will be operating on Thursdays and Fridays only from the week of 17 June 2024.

Due to the worsening national General Practitioner shortage, Geeveston Medical Centre is unable to remain open 4 days a week.

"We acknowledge that the reduction in operating days will impact patients, however, we aim to offer the same amount of available appointments at the Centre," said Huon Valley Mayor Sally Doyle.

This change will allow Geeveston Medical Centre to provide more consistent care to patients with two permanent doctors operating part time and a recently employed, highly experienced Nurse Practitioner adding further capacity to support the doctors.

"Home visits will also be offered to our most vulnerable patients."

Council remains committed to Medical Services as an essential service in our valley and is advocating strongly for increased State and Federal government support to operate the service.

"While we await State and Federal government support, Huon Valley Medical Services has, in the interim, made many operational efficiency improvements and had recent success in attracting permanent doctors to the Dover Medical Centre."

Council will continue to actively recruit to meet the demand for care in the Huon Valley and explore opportunities to rotate GPs between Geeveston and Dover



Medical Centres, however it is likely that operating on limited days will continue at Geeveston Medical Centre for the foreseeable future.

Council will keep the community informed of any changes to availability and ask for your patience and support for our medical services team to deliver the care you need.

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