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New Integrated Primary Health Care Clinic for Morwell

Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) announced today that it plans to open an Integrated Primary Health Care (IPHC) Clinic in Morwell in the near future.

Chief Executive Officer Ben Leigh said LCHS will be actively recruiting a range of health care professionals including GPs to staff the clinic.

“It’s clear that additional medical services are greatly needed in Morwell, due to the increasing need for general practice and other services in the area,” Mr Leigh said.

“It’s not our aim to compete with the GPs already in the town. We want to care for those people who, for whatever reason, are not getting regular medical care,” he said.

Member for Morwell, Russell Northe MP said improving access to health services was a major priority for the region.

“This initiative will ensure that those requiring medical attention, whether that be immediate, acute or lifelong can be dealt with in a more efficient manner,” Mr Northe said.

“GP services are generally at capacity in the Latrobe Valley so I am certain the proposal put forward by LCHS will be embraced by our community.”

“When operational, the clinic will offer after hours appointments for people who can’t access a GP service during normal business hours.”

“This will not only free up the Emergency Department but will allow clients an easier and more accessible option when they need it the most. It will also help with those leading busy lifestyles that are unable to see their local doctor during normal business hours.”

“I congratulate LCHS on this great initiative and look forward to seeing the positive benefits it will bring to our community,” Mr Northe said.

For more information on the IPHC Clinic, please visit www.lchs.com.au/iphc or call 1800 242 696.

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