



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

NEW CLINIC FEES FROM 1ST JULY 2021

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## NAIDOC Week 2021

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

This year, local Elders and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities took part in the Reconciliation Walk. NDCH and other local services also walked. The walk was changed from June when it was cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdown.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** NDCH Indigenous Children's Program Worker and proud Baraparapa man Damien Murray reading "Hello and Welcome" by Gregg Dreise.



**HEAL  
COUNTRY!**  
4-11 JULY 2021

# We Acknowledge

## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

NDCH acknowledges that our work occurs on the country of the Traditional Owners of the area, the people of Barapa Barapa, Wamba Wamba, Yorta Yorta and DjaDja Wurrung and acknowledge their ancestors who have been custodians of this land for thousands of years.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and through them, to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



## LGBTIQA+ COMMUNITIES

NDCH proudly supports the LGBTIQA+ communities.



# @ndchvic

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



If you want to stay up to date on our latest news, events and social happenings find us on social media.

**JULY 2021**

# Deadly questions.com.au

You ask. Aboriginal Victorians answer.



Many Aboriginal people use the word “deadly” to mean **awesome, strong, brilliant.**

And the many deadly stories of Aboriginal history and cultures are part of our collective identity as Victorians.

Deadly & Proud is a Victorian Government campaign that features Aboriginal storytellers and advocates from across Victoria who share their stories of pride in Aboriginal culture, resilience, community and the State's historic path to treaty and truth and justice.

Deadly & Proud gives all Victorians an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of Victoria's history, Aboriginal cultures and community, and the experiences of Traditional Owners of country and Aboriginal people living in Victoria today.



# Kerang

# Covid-19

# Vaccination

# Clinics



**Check your eligibility at:**

[www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility-checker](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility-checker)

## Thursdays 8.45am - 4.00pm

By appointment only at the WD Thomas Activity Centre,  
Burgoyne St, Kerang

**To book your appointment please call the**

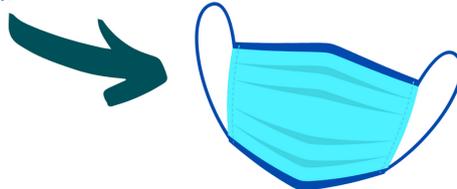
**Kerang District Health vaccination line on 5450 8099**

Please note that this booking line only operates from 9am to 5pm Mon to Fri

*Do not visit a vaccination clinic if you are unwell. Get tested & isolate.*

*There is a zero tolerance of disrespect of any kind at this clinic or on the booking line.*

Wear this



Bring this



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District Health  
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# COVID-19 TESTING



## Screening and Assessment Clinic

Anyone who has any symptoms, no matter how mild, such as a runny nose or scratchy throat, should stay home and get tested.

**If you feel unwell, do not go to a vaccination centre. Get tested!**

### STEP 1 – PHONE FIRST

Call the NDCH hotline to discuss your symptoms.  
Monday to Friday



### STEP 2 – SWABBING CLINIC

Testing is available by appointment only, in Kerang (and other sites as required).  
Monday to Friday daily from 9.30am

**Having a test is free.**

This is **NOT** a standard Medical Clinic service. Walk up appointments are **NOT** available. **You must phone first.**

### STEP 3 – STAY HOME

After your test, you must stay home until you get your test results back.

If you have symptoms and are unable to travel, Gannawarra Shire Council is providing a transport service to any testing clinics held in Gannawarra townships. Please call 5450 9333 for this service.

Check the NDCH Facebook page and community newsletters for information about testing and vaccination clinics in the Gannawarra Shire.

## Common symptoms of Coronavirus are:

#### Temperature

Including fever or chills



#### Breathing Difficulties

Including breathlessness or sore throat



#### Fatigue or Tiredness



#### Cough or Runny/Stuffy Nose



#### Headache or Body Aches and Pains



#### Lack of Taste or smell, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhoea



# The importance of credible information

## COVID-19 Vaccinations *Be informed. Ask questions. Get the facts.*

With new COVID-19 vaccine developments every day, it's normal to have questions or concerns. You might even feel hesitant about getting a vaccine. This is a new vaccine program for all of us and these are new vaccines. Sometimes it's hard to tell misunderstandings or false information from facts.

*"We want people to be informed about their health. Just please make sure you get the facts."*

**MANDY HUTCHINSON, CEO,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY HEALTH**

There's a great Australian website created by the Department of Health that is based on facts. It has questions and answers about lots of theories, conspiracies and ideas going around about the vaccines.

**Were COVID-19 vaccines developed too quickly to be safe?** COVID-19 vaccines have been developed without compromising quality, safety and effectiveness. Researchers around the world have been working hard from the earliest stages of the pandemic. They have been able to speed up development of vaccines by working together with scientists, manufacturers and distributors. The normal development and implementation planning phases have been run side-by-side, instead of one after the other. This has been made possible because of unprecedented global funding.

**Do COVID-19 vaccines contain a microchip or any kind of tracking technology?** None of the COVID-19 vaccines in development contain software or microchips. They cannot be used to track people.

### **Can COVID-19 vaccines give you COVID-19?**

None of the approved vaccines in Australia contain the live virus. This means they cannot give you COVID-19. Some of the side effects from COVID-19 vaccinations like fever and fatigue can mimic symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms are normal. They are a sign that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. It usually takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity against the virus that causes COVID-19 after full vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and still get sick. It's important to see your health professional if you think this may be the case.

*"Get information on the vaccines, absolutely, but get it from a reputable source. Talk to your doctor."*

**ROBERT JARMAN, CEO,  
KERANG DISTRICT HEALTH**

**Are COVID-19 vaccines effective?** Yes. Both the Pfizer and the AstraZeneca vaccines are very effective at stopping people from getting very sick from COVID-19. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has proven the vaccines to be effective. Clinical trials of both vaccines also indicate their effectiveness is very good. As countries around the world keep rolling out the vaccines, more and more information is coming in that shows both these vaccines are both highly effective in a real world situation. For example, UK information shows that both vaccines also significantly reduce severe severe COVID-19 in older adults. This adds to the growing evidence that shows both Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines are working and are highly effective in protecting people against severe illness, hospitalisation and death.

IS IT TRUE?

QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED

*All correct at time of printing and taken from:*

[health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs-/covid-19-vaccines/is-it-true](https://health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs-/covid-19-vaccines/is-it-true)

# DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU SHOT

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS THIS FLU SEASON

[betterhealth.vic.gov.au/flu](https://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/flu)



# Flu Shots In Clinic

There's still a few months left in the flu season. We've learnt a lot about staying safe and healthy in the last year, but the seasonal flu is still a concern and the best way to prevent it is by getting your flu shot.

You need to get your flu shot **at least two weeks apart** from your COVID-19 vaccine. You can stop the spread of the flu by staying home when you're sick.

Call the NDCH Medical Clinic on 5452 1366 to book your flu shot.

Respect those that care for you and your loved ones.



Checking-in is now mandatory



If you don't have a smart phone, or if you're not sure, just talk to one of our friendly staff.



Department of Health

# NDCH Branded Vehicles



The great design and install of the branding was done by Lindsay Thorne at Magnum Signs.

Keep your eyes out for our new branded vehicles. This Ford Ranger will help out with towing the NDCH Events Trailer we showed you last month. Our health promotion, community development and youth events run across several local government areas.



## Are you involved in farming?

Your health is your #1 asset to you, your family and your farming business. Injuries and poor health not only affect you, they affect your family and can compromise your business's productivity and profitability.

An AgriClinic™ is conducted by a qualified health clinician specialising in agricultural health and medicine and who is familiar with farming practices.

Participating in an AgriClinic™ is easy – just book and invest 90 minutes of your time.

**FREE**

*This is a fully funded service*

**Kerang - Cohuna - Quambatook - Boort - Pyramid Hill**



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[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

**By appointment only**

5451 0200

[info@ndch.org.au](mailto:info@ndch.org.au)

# Chickpea and chicken curry fritters with yoghurt raita

**Serves: 4 (makes 8-12 fritters)**

**Time to make: 30 mins**

*Recipe from healthyfood.com*

## INGREDIENTS

### Fritters

- 1 ½ cups self-raising flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1 quantity Basic fritter mix (see tip)
- 400g can chickpeas, drained, rinsed
- 150g lean cooked chicken, diced
- 1 cup grated courgette
- 1 tablespoon mild curry powder
- 4 spring onions, finely chopped
- 4 peppadew peppers, chopped
- 4 tablespoons fresh mint
- 2 teaspoons ginger purée
- zest of 1 lemon
- spray oil

### Raita

- 1 cup low-fat yoghurt
- 1 small cucumber, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

### Salad

- 4 radishes, sliced
- 4 cups rocket
- 2 carrots, sliced or cut using a vegetable peeler



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sift flour into a bowl and add salt. In a separate bowl, beat milk and egg together. Make a well in the centre of the flour. Add liquid to flour and whisk.
2. Add chosen fritter ingredients and mix well
3. Spray a non-stick pan with oil and place over a medium heat. Place spoonfuls of fritter mix in the pan, up to 4 fritters at a time, making sure they are separated from each other.
4. Cook until they are firm, they slide around the pan easily, and small bubbles appear on the surface. Using a spatula, turn over each fritter – the underside should be golden brown. Cook for a further few minutes, spraying with a little extra oil if necessary.
5. Mix raita ingredients. Mix salad ingredients. Top fritters with raita and serve with salad.

Moved?

New phone  
number?

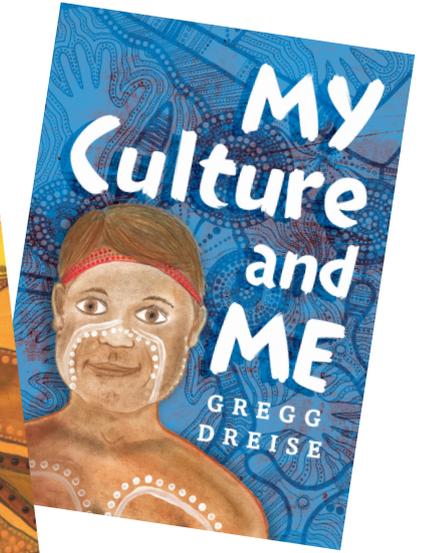
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Changed your  
name?

## Has your Information changed ?

If any of your  
personal  
information has  
changed, we need  
to update our  
records.

Please let our  
reception staff  
know so that we  
can do that for  
you.



A wonderful companion to Gregg Dreise's highly acclaimed "My Culture and Me", this joyful picture book celebrates Australia's Indigenous heritage and the diversity we enjoy today.

[www.greggdreise.com.au/](http://www.greggdreise.com.au/)



# Patient Information



34 FITZROY STREET  
KERANG VIC 3579

**(03) 5452 1366**

## DOCTORS

Dr John Shokry  
Dr Megan Belot  
Dr Kashif Surahio  
Dr Ashraf Takla  
Dr Tobi Kupoluyi

## NURSE PRACTITIONER

Mrs Yvonne Fabry

## NURSES

Jenny Brereton RN (Team Leader)  
Shannon Laursen RN  
Kristen Hipwell EN  
Rosi Bear RN  
Lana Wishart EN  
Leanne Cooke EN  
Michelle Whitelaw EN  
Narelle Weekley RN

## ADMIN STAFF

Meryl Metcalfe (Coordinator)  
Nicole Betson  
Jeanette Schmidt (on leave)  
Aliesha O'Neill  
Leonie Garner  
Nick Keely

## PRIVACY

This practice is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal health information. Your medical record is a confidential document. It is the policy of this practice to maintain the security of personal health information at all times and to ensure that this information is only available to authorised members of staff.

## PRESCRIPTIONS

All patients must be seen for repeat prescriptions. No phone or over the counter prescriptions will be taken. You may need a blood pressure or blood sugar check, or pathology which is ordered by your doctor. This ensures better health care for you and your family.

Scripts for Schedule 8 Medications (and some schedule 4) will not be given at your first consultation and only prescribed when your Doctor establishes your treatment plan with you.

## FEES

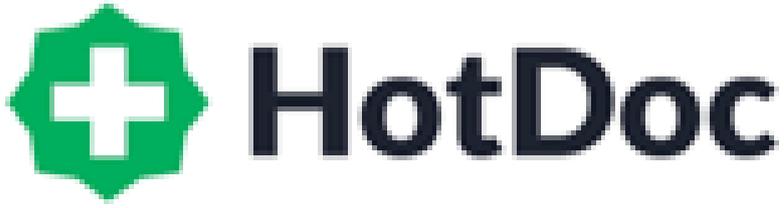
All accounts are required to be paid on the day of visit. The standard fee is \$80. Fees vary according to time/or services provided. Your claim will be sent to Medicare electronically who will pay your rebate direct to your nominated bank account. **We are not a bulk billing clinic.**

## AGE & DISABILITY PENSION CARD HOLDERS

Pension card holders will be charged an out of pocket fee of \$40 payable on the day for three visits each calendar year.

## HEALTHCARE CARD HOLDERS

Healthcare card holders will be asked for a \$40 Gap Payment each visit instead of the \$80 pay on the day fee.



Online appointments can be made by visiting:  
[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

#### PHONE CALLS

If you need to speak to a Doctor during business hours, your call will be returned at the Doctor's earliest convenience. Please be prepared to leave your contact details with the Medical Reception. If you have an abnormal test result you will be contacted by the Doctor or clinic staff.

#### COMPLAINTS

We welcome your suggestions, complaints and compliments. Complaints should be addressed to the CEO of Northern District Community Health or contact the Health Complaints Commissioner on 1300 582 113 or at Level 26, 570 Bourke Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

#### HOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Monday to Friday: 8.45am - 5.30pm  
Consultations are by appointment only  
Double appointment times can be made by request. Please let the staff know if there are any specific needs. We would appreciate early cancellations where possible to allow us to contact other patients we may have on a waiting list.

#### OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCIES

In the event of a medical emergency please ring 000. For urgent after hours care, please attend or call Kerang District Health on (03) 5450 9200. If you are seen by one of our Clinic Doctors at Hospital, please be aware that a \$50 co-payment will be charged.

# Clinic Services

- GP Consultations
- Health Assessments
- Nurse Practitioner Consultations
- ABI (Ankle-Brachial Index Test)
- Medicals
- Immunisations
- Travel Vaccines
- GP Management Plans
- GP Mental Health Plans
- Specialist Referrals
- Ear Wash
- Skin Check Biopsy & Excision
- Cryotherapy
- Diathermy
- Spirometry (Lung Function Test)
- 24 Hour BP Monitoring
- 24 Hour Heart Monitoring
- ECG (electrocardiogram)
- Hearing Aid Specialist
- Telehealth Services
- Psychologist
- Cardiologist

**Procedures do incur a practice fee. Please contact our Medical Receptionists for appointments and further information on (03) 5452 1366.**



# Contact Us

## KERANG

### Community Health

24 Fitzroy Street  
Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 5.00pm  
Phone: 03 5451 0200  
Fax: 03 5452 2486  
Email: info@ndch.org.au  
SMS: 0428 575 597

## Medical Clinic

34 Fitzroy Street  
Monday to Friday  
8.45am to 5.30pm  
Phone: 03 5452 1366  
Fax: 03 5450 3232  
Email: clinic@ndch.org.au

## COHUNA

25 King Edward Street  
Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm  
Closed 12 Noon to 1.00pm  
Phone: 03 5451 0250

## PYRAMID HILL

12 Victoria Street  
Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 10.00am  
(other times by appointment)  
Phone: 03 5455 7065

## BOORT

119-121 Godfrey Street  
Open by appointment only  
Phone: 03 5451 0260

## QUAMBATOOK

33 Mildred Street  
Mon, Wed and Friday  
9.00am to 10.00am  
(other times by appointment)  
Phone: 03 5457 1300

We also have Shared Professional Spaces in Koondrook, Charlton, Sea Lake, Donald and Wycheproof.



# NDCH

# Thanks For Reading

[www.ndch.org.au](http://www.ndch.org.au)

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