

# GP Medical matters

The Warringal Private Hospital Newsletter  
for general practitioners



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## About Warringal Private Hospital

Warringal Private Hospital is an acute medical/surgical hospital providing healthcare for the north eastern and Greater Melbourne community. It has been a leading provider of healthcare for this community for over 30 years achieving national and international recognition in many fields. With 143 beds, the hospital is conveniently located close to public transport and directly across the road from the Austin Health Campus and Mercy Hospital for Women. The Hospital is owned and operated by Ramsay Health Care.



Warringal Private Hospital was constructed in 1976 and has undergone a number of renovations and extensions over the years. Ramsay Health Care is currently exploring options to redevelop the hospital including additional beds, theatres, consulting suites and carparking.

The Warringal team is dedicated to providing the highest standard of care to patients. All departments are staffed by experienced and skilled health care professionals, who are familiar with the latest

Ramsay Health Care was established in Australia in 1964 and has grown to become a global hospital group operating over 100 hospitals and day surgery facilities across Australia, the United Kingdom and Indonesia. Ramsay Health Care is well-respected in the health care industry for operating quality private hospitals and for its excellent record in hospital management and patient care. These features help to attract leading health care practitioners to work in our facilities.

developments and research in their respective fields.

The Hospital is fully accredited by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS), a national accreditation body which ensures that hospitals provide the highest standards of service.

Patient health, safety and comfort are the hospital's main concerns and Warringal Private Hospital continually monitors and evaluates its performance to achieve this outcome.

## A message from the CEO...

Welcome to the first edition of GP Medical Matters.

As the new CEO of Warringal Private Hospital it is my great pleasure to launch this newsletter as one part of two new initiatives to provide GPs with more information about the hospital.

Warringal Private Hospital has recently received approval from Ramsay Healthcare Board to spend \$50 million dollars on new building works. This will consist of a new car park that will accommodate 270 car parking spaces, a 31 and a 34 bed surgical ward, 4 new theatres, recovery and a Central Sterilising Department.

Further renovation work will then be done on the existing theatres to upgrade operating rooms and in the Day Surgery Unit to upgrade the procedure room and increase the size of the waiting areas.

This is a major redevelopment program that will take 2 – 3 years to complete and represents a significant investment by Ramsay Healthcare in Warringal Private Hospital.

Plans are currently underway to establish a dedicated service for rapid assessment of chest pain. This will enable direct admission of acute chest pain patients. Information will be forwarded as commencement of the service gets closer, and we will

advise you of access processes.

In 2009, Warringal Private will be sponsoring and running at least 4 GP education evenings that will provide CME points for GPs and allow them to interact with VMOs from a variety of specialties and gain up to date information on issues that confront GPs on a daily basis.

Warringal Private has employed a Business Development Manager, Suzy McLean, to manage GP liaison functions and coordinate the CME evenings amongst other things. I am keen to ensure that the hospital directly engages with GPs and ensure that we keep information about the hospital services flowing

out to GP practices. This will also facilitate feedback about our hospital services to be directed back to the hospital executive.

I look forward to working in collaboration with your practices to ensure a high standard of patient care delivery.



**Graham Clarke**  
Chief Executive Officer

# Specialist Profiles on the Website

Recently we invited our VMOs to provide a profile of their areas of expertise and special interests as well as contact details and photos if they wished. These profiles provide GPs and the public with a brief synopsis of the specialist, and now feature on the hospital website. To find the specialist profiles go to:

[www.warringalprivate.com.au/doctors/specialists.asp](http://www.warringalprivate.com.au/doctors/specialists.asp)

We would like to introduce you to some of our Specialists in each publication.

## 1. North Eastern Urology Group – Mr David Angus, Mr John Rogerson, Mr Stephen Clarke

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The surgical practice of North Eastern Urology was established in Heidelberg in 1988. Mr David Angus, Mr John Rogerson, and Mr Stephen Clarke have public appointments at Austin Health and manage their inpatients primarily at Warringal Private Hospital, as well as other private hospitals.



### Mr David Angus

David Angus initially trained at Melbourne University then went on to do his surgical training at Austin / Repat and the Royal Melbourne Hospital followed by one year in Dublin. His major interests are urological cancers (radical prostatectomy, nephrectomy and bladder resections), vasectomy and vasectomy reversal, as well as general urology.

### Mr John Rogerson

John Rogerson initially trained at Melbourne University then went onto Austin/Repat for his surgical training. Urological training commenced at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Adelaide completing his training at Heidelberg Repat. 18 months post-fellowship training was completed in London at Guy's Hospital pursuing interests in reconstructive urology. Major interests are reconstructive surgery (bladder replacement and augmentation urethroplasty), urodynamics, neuropathic bladder management and incontinence as well as general urology.



### Mr Stephen Clarke

North Eastern Urology welcomes back Mr Stephen Clarke who has recently returned to Melbourne after 13 years in Newcastle in private practice as well as at the Royal Newcastle hospital where he was Director of Urology. Mr Clarke is remembered well as one of the founding members of Urological services at Warringal Private Hospital. Originally a graduate of the Austin Clinical School he did his Urology training in North Carolina. He specialises in stone disease, both medical and surgical aspects. He has been Victorian AMA President and is currently a director of Avant Mutual Group. He will return and commence practising with North Eastern Urology on 15th December 2008.



## 2. Mr Simon Talbot – Orthopaedic Surgeon

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Simon Talbot is an Orthopaedic surgeon who specialises in the treatment of a wide range of hip and knee problems including arthritis and sports injuries.

Simon completed his medical training in New Zealand in 1994, and his specialist training as an orthopaedic surgeon in 2004 and was made a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Since then Simon has worked largely in the public hospital system and undertaken additional fellowship training in hip and knee surgery in Melbourne, Europe and the United Kingdom.

After spending time working with Dr John Bartlett and Dr Hayden Morris he decided to settle in Melbourne.

Dr Talbot holds consultant positions at Western and Sandringham hospitals, operating at the Western, Sunshine, Sandringham and Williamstown hospitals. His private operating is performed at Warringal Private Hospital.

Dr Talbot's specialities include trauma surgery, hip replacement, knee replacement and treatment of sports knee injuries.

For further details please feel free to access information on the above website.



## Open Access Endoscopy

Contact number: 9274 1318 or 9274 1375 Fax: 9274 1376

Open access endoscopy commenced at Warringal Private Hospital over 10 years ago. The service allows you and your patients to book directly for a gastroscopy or colonoscopy.

Once you have ascertained the need for endoscopy for your patient, we ask you to complete the Referral Request Form.

Please give the referral to the patient which they will need to bring with them on the day of the procedure. The GP or the patient then phones our Day Surgery Unit to book and confirm the appointment for the procedure.

Procedures are allocated according to patient's preference of a date, or GP's request for a specific Endoscopist.

A time will be allocated for a consultation prior to the colonoscopy with the endoscopist to discuss the procedure and bowel preparation.

A report is given to the patient on the day of procedure to take back to their next GP appointment. Any pathology results will be forwarded to the GP.

For Referral Request Forms please contact our Health Information Department on 9274 1377.

# Focussing on GP education

Warringal Private Hospital has commenced planning for it's 2009 program of GP education evenings.

## Diary dates for 2009

**February 25th 2009** Orthopaedic evening  
**Venue: Rydges – Bell City, Preston**

Come along for an informative evening on Orthopaedics. It will include interactive sessions on Knee, Hip, Shoulder, and Back injury assessment and management.

**May 7th 2009** Cardiology evening

**August 4th 2009** Urology evening

**October 14th 2009** Women's Health evening

## Hospital updates

- **Pharmacy update:** The new Pharmacy commenced operation on October 1 2008. It is now located downstairs in the old hospital Boardroom site. It provides an essential service to all Warringal patients in delivering in-patient pharmaceuticals, as well as discharge medications. A medication profile is provided to many of our patients, and they are encouraged to take them along to all post discharge doctors' appointments.
- **Boardroom update:** A new Boardroom is being built outside the staff dining area. Work commenced on Monday 27th November and is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

## Trivia Night



Warringal recently held it's first Trivia Night function at the Heidelberg Bowling Club. Over 140 staff, family, friends and doctors attended the evening. It was a fun-filled night starting off with a BBQ followed by Trivia and entertainment provided by "Personality Pete" from radio station 3AW and willing staff participants. The evening was held as a social event as well as a Fundraising initiative. We raised \$ 3,458.15 which was gratefully accepted by Mr Peter Little (General/Breast surgeon) and his wife, Ruth for their Orphanage and School projects in Bali. When only \$ 10.00 buys a child a whole school uniform, you can imagine the difference this will make. We thank all our local community sponsors of the evening, and look forward to another great night to be scheduled in 2009.

## Health Information

All patients at Warringal Private Hospital are issued with 2 copies of their discharge summary. One is for the patient's information, and one is for their GP. We advise patients to take along the Discharge Summary for your information to their next appointment.

## Day Surgery Unit

Our busy Day Surgery Unit caters to a variety of procedures such as; Endoscopy, Cystoscopy, Urogynaecology, Sigmoidoscopy, minor Gynaecology, minor Orthopaedic, Vascular, Dental, Breast/General, and ENT. The department sees around 25 patients per day. Despite the limitations of the area in space and layout, until redevelopment work commences, the staff do an outstanding job of providing an efficient and caring environment for all day surgery patients. This has recently been fed back via the Press Ganey satisfaction survey results that showed very high levels of praise from patients who had been admitted through this area. Congratulations to Jennie Hymet (NUM) and all her staff.



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