



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care



Far West
Local Health District



Interim arrangements for access to medical care in Balranald

Dr Zotov closed his general practice at the Balranald MPS on Friday 31 May 2024, after many years as the communities GP.

With Dr Zotov's departure, the following arrangements have been put in place:

Far West Local Health District (LHD) has arranged coverage for the emergency department, acute beds and the aged care residents at the Balranald Multi-purpose Service (MPS) This will be a virtual service provided by experienced emergency medicine doctors 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The highly experienced nursing staff at the MPS will support and complement the virtual medical service.

Dr. Sujay, a General Practitioner (GP) from Deakin Medical Practice in Mildura, will be offering virtual consultations on Saturdays for the next two weeks. Additionally, starting June 15, 2024, Dr. Sujay will be available onsite at the clinic previously used by Dr. Zotov in the MPS, every Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

To ensure continuity of care, Dr. Sujay will have access to all retained medical records. The Practice Nurse and Receptionist will be available at the clinic from Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM, each week.

Should you require medical advice or access to services outside these hours, Healthdirect can be contacted 24 hours per day/7 days per week to link you to the services you need. Healthdirect can be contacted on 1800 022 222 or visit www.healthdirect.gov.au

The Commonwealth and New South Wales (NSW) governments are collaborating to ensure the people of Balranald continue to have access to health and medical services during this period of instability and that a stable long term service is re-established as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions about accessing emergency department or acute services in the MPS, you may contact Michelle Straub Health Service Manager or Gail Purtill Nurse Manager on (03)5071 9800

If you have questions about accessing GP or related services, please contact the Balranald General Practice on (03) 5020 1055.

An update on progress establishing a longer term solution will be provided on 30 June 2024.