



Our team at Fuel Your Life introduce you to WARATAH.

#### WHAT IS WARATAH?

On 1 November 2019, referrals from general practitioners (GPs) to MPHN allied health services changed under the Murrumbidgee Wellness and Resilience model. WARATAH is the model developed to increase the access to care and improve the wellbeing of those at risk or vulnerable within the community. It involves the delivery of Allied Health services to the Murrumbidgee region.

#### WHO IS FUEL YOUR LIFE?

Fuel Your Life (FYL) has been appointed the lead contractor role and will be managed in partnership with the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network or MPHN. We will be responsible for the delivery of WARATAH and the coordination of Allied Health service delivery in the Murrumbidgee region.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact us directly [waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au](mailto:waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au)

#### WHAT REGIONS DOES IT COVER?

Under the WARATAH cycle of care, the Murrumbidgee region has been broken into three main regions:

##### RIVERINA

Incorporating the communities of Junee, Coolamon, Temora, Young, Boorowa, Harden, Cootamundra, West Wyalong, Gundagai, Tumut, Batlow and Tumbarumba.

##### WAGGA WAGGA / WESTERN

Incorporating the communities of Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera, Hay, Hillston and Lake Cargelligo.

##### BORDER

Incorporating the communities of Barham, Deniliquin, Finley, Jerilderie, Berrigan, Tocumwal, Corowa, Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Lockhart and Urana.

If you provide services to any community not listed above and would like to know if that community is included under the program, please contact FYL for confirmation by e-mailing [waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au](mailto:waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au)



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Patients must reside in the Murrumbidgee region and must present with one or more of the following conditions to be eligible for funding under WARATAH.

If patients experience the following conditions:

- Obesity
- At risk of obesity – particularly in youth
- Diabetes
- Chronic pain
- Osteoarthritis
- Frailty
- Respiratory disease
- Physical inactivity

The program also targets the following key cohorts including:

- Low socio-economic status
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- Mothers, babies and children
- Young people
- Older people, aged 65 years and over
- Refugees

Please note that DVA Gold card holders are not eligible for funding under this program, they can access services via a D904 through their usual GP.

## WILL PATIENTS BE ABLE TO ACCESS ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES OUTSIDE OF WARATAH ARRANGEMENTS?

Yes. Patients will still be able to access Allied Health services through other funding models, or privately.

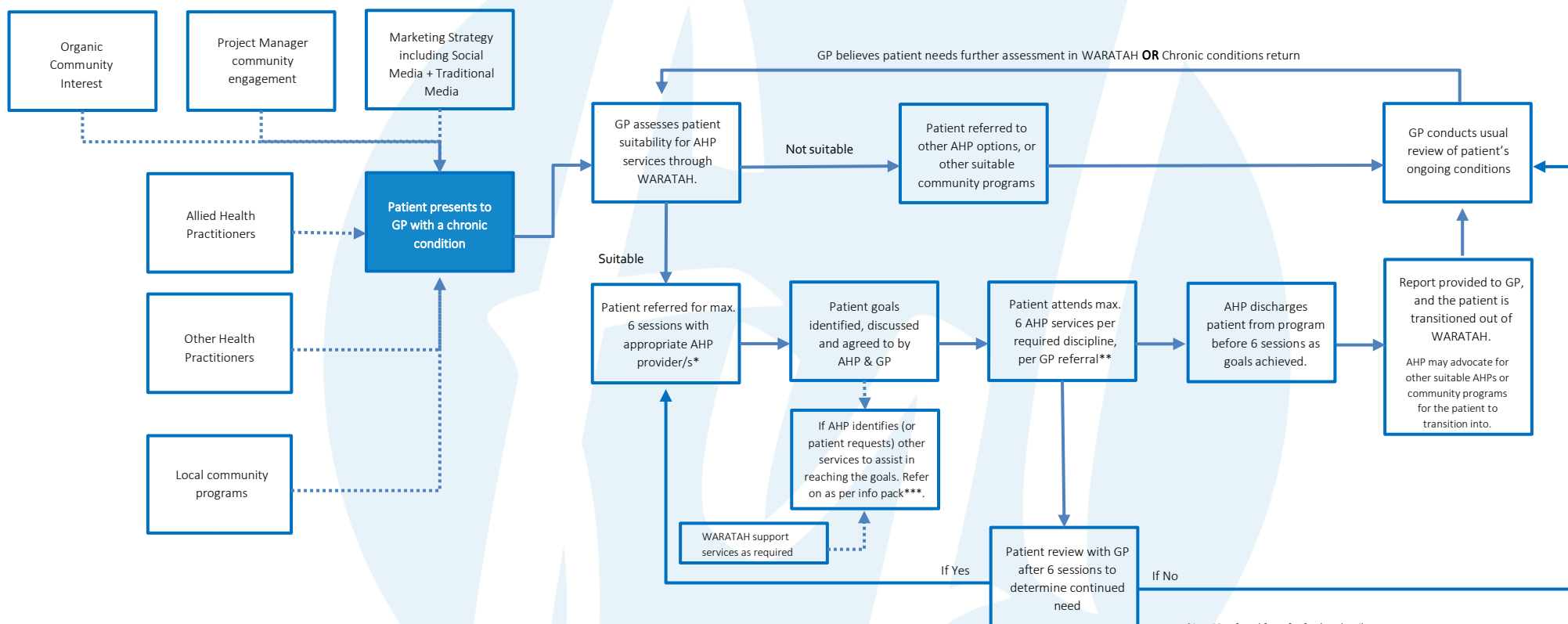
## WHAT ALLIED HEALTH PROVIDERS DOES THE FUNDING COVER?

The three main allied health disciplines covered by this funding and care cycle are Dietetics, Diabetes Education and Podiatry. Some funding can be sort in particular areas of the Murrumbidgee region for Physiotherapy and Exercise Physiology services. Psychology services are not covered under this Wellness and Resilience model. If you are unsure if your services will be covered, please contact [waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au](mailto:waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au).



## REFERRAL PATHWAY

Illustrated below you will find a representation of the referral pathway. The process all starts when the patient presents to their GP with a chronic condition and eligibility for the program is determined by the GP.



\*See GP referral form for further details

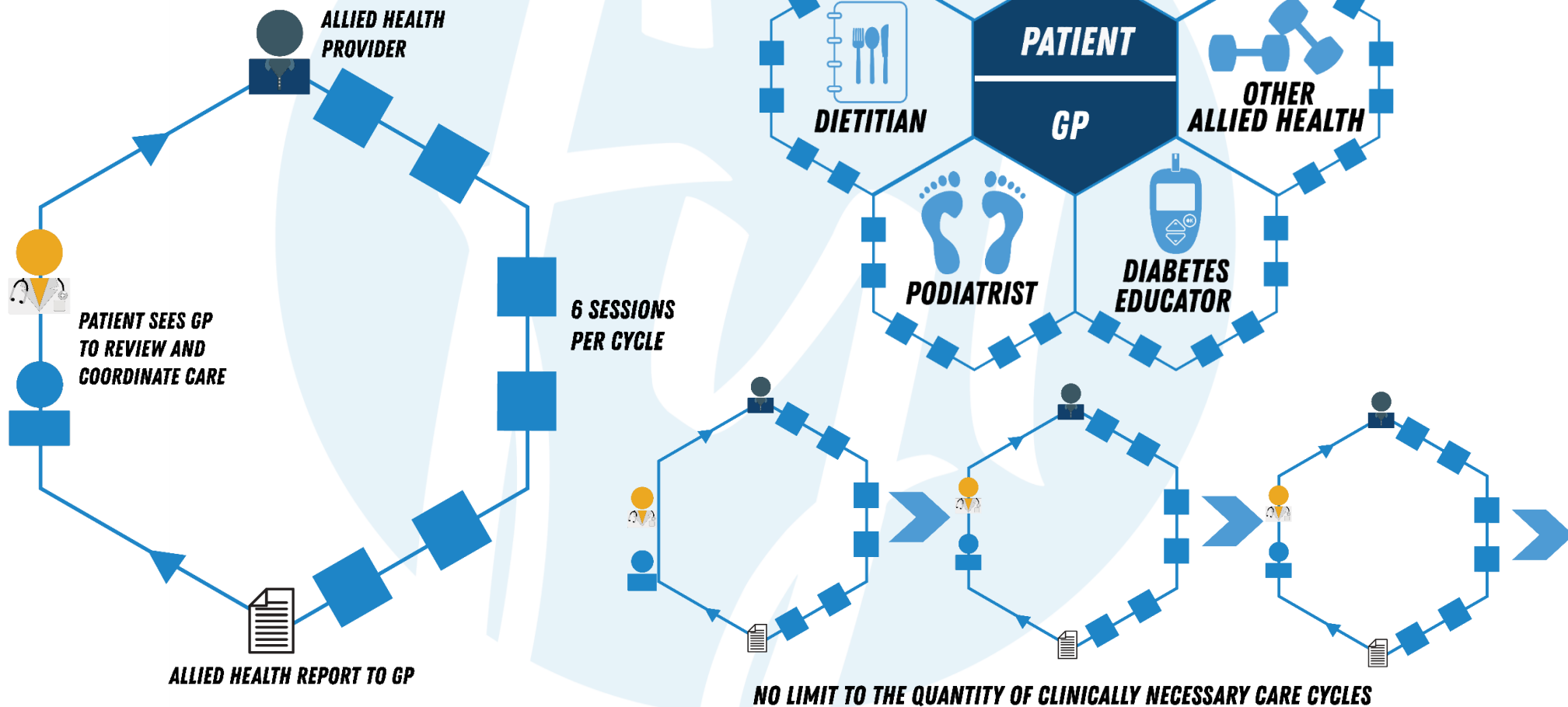
\*\*See WARATAH care cycle for further details

\*\*\*Each provider will be provided an info pack of services available in the community



## WHAT IS THE CARE CYCLE?

On 1 November 2019, referrals from general practitioners (GPs) to MPHN allied health services changed under WARATAH. Referrals are valid for up to 6 sessions of treatment. This new care cycle aims to improve the quality and access to care in the community.





## REFERRAL FORM

There is a specific WARATAH referral form (see insert below) that GP's must utilise to refer patients into the cycle of care, and for every new cycle of care (referral renewal). A practitioner must receive prior to delivering any treatment.

The form is self-explanatory, and once completed in full by a GP it must be faxed to FYL at (07) 5335 1656.

**The following form must be completed by the referring GP and sent to the Allied Health Provider & Fuel Your Life.**

**Note:** GPs are encouraged to attach a copy of the relevant part of the patient's care plan to this form.

**Does the patient meet eligibility criteria?**  
*The patient must meet all criteria to be eligible.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Patient lives in the Murrumbidgee region	<input type="checkbox"/> Requires management of at least <b>one</b> of the following conditions (at least one must be chosen)
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient is NOT a DVA Gold Card holder <i>(If they are, please use a D904 referral to acquire treatment)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Obesity
<b>TICK ONE OF THE BELOW:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Frailty
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient has a current GPMP/TCA and is accessing other allied health services under this arrangement	<input type="checkbox"/> At risk of obesity – particularly in youth
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient is not eligible for a GP Management Plan/Team Care arrangement	<input type="checkbox"/> Osteoarthritis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory disease
	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical inactivity
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic pain

**GP DETAILS**

Provider Number

Name

Address  Postcode

**PATIENT DETAILS**

Medicare Number

First Name  Surname

Address  Postcode

Care cycle No.  *Please detail how many Care cycles this patient has been referred for, to this type of AHP, since November, 2019*

**REFERRAL TO ALLIED HEALTH PROVIDER (AHP)**

Referrals under this program can only be made to Allied Health Providers detailed in the WARATAH info pack. If you have questions, please contact [waratahreferrals@fuelyourlife.com.au](mailto:waratahreferrals@fuelyourlife.com.au)

Name

Address  Postcode

Referral details – Please use a separate copy of the referral form for each type of service  
Eligible patients may access funding for a **maximum of 6 allied health consultations** per referral, per discipline.

Please indicate the number of services required by writing the number in the 'No. of services' column next to the relevant AHP.

No of services	AHP Type	Item Number
<input type="text"/>	Dietitian	100
<input type="text"/>	Exercise Physiologist	400

No of services	AHP Type	Item Number
<input type="text"/>	Diabetes Educator	200
<input type="text"/>	Physiotherapist	500

No of services	AHP Type	Item Number
<input type="text"/>	Podiatrist	300

Referring General Practitioner's signature

Date signed

**Once complete please send to the AHP and fax a copy to Fuel Your Life (Fax: 07 5335 1656)**

The AHP must provide a written report to the patient's GP after the first and last service, and more often if clinically necessary.

This form may be downloaded from the Fuel Your Life website at [www.fuelyourlife.com.au/waratah-cycle](http://www.fuelyourlife.com.au/waratah-cycle)



## HOW LONG DOES A REFERRAL LAST?

A referral is valid for 12 months from the date of issue, or for 6 sessions of the referred allied health treatment, whichever ends first.

## HOW DOES THE CARE CYCLE WORK?

A patient can be referred by their GP to an allied health provider if they have a clinical need and meet defined eligibility criteria for allied health treatment covered under the program. The patient can be referred for a maximum of 6 sessions per referral, per provider type.

After the first appointment and at the end of the care cycle the allied health provider will send a report to the patients referring GP. The report outlines the treatment provided, the progress of the treatment towards meeting the patient's goals and recommendations for further treatment, if required.

The GP will use this report to review the progress of treatment and assess if further allied health treatment is clinically required, or whether other treatment options are needed. If it is deemed that the patient requires further treatment the GP will provide the patient with a new referral to a suitable allied health provider.

Patients will continue to have access to the care they need. Patients can have as many care cycles as the GP decides is clinically necessary.

Patients can have a separate care cycle for each allied health service they require. This includes having care cycles for different allied health services at the same time. For example, patients may have referrals for, and services provided by a dietitian, podiatrist and diabetes educator at the same time.

## HOW MANY CARE CYCLES CAN PATIENTS HAVE?

Patients may have as many care cycles as the GP thinks they need. At the end of the 6 sessions, when a patient goes back to the GP to review their progress, the patient can be referred for another 6 sessions if the GP determines further treatment is clinically necessary.

## WILL ALLIED HEALTH TREATMENTS BE LIMITED UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS?

The WARATAH care cycle does not limit the number of clinically required services patients need.

Patients may have as many care cycles as the GP determines are needed. A separate referral must be given for each provider and each cycle of treatment.

For example, a patient may need the services of a dietitian, podiatrist and diabetes educator at the same time, and the patient would receive a separate referral for each, or if patient has completed a cycle of care with the dietitian, the GP will need to refer that client back to that dietitian if they determine it is clinically relevant.

## WHO CAN DELIVER WARATAH SERVICES?

A full list of AHP providers contracted to provide services under WARATAH across the Murrumbidgee, and their contact details can be found at the end of this document. This will be regularly updated as more and more providers join the program across the region, based on the needs of the community.



Providers must have completed and signed contracts with Fuel Your Life before they are able to see patients under WARATAH.

## CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAMS

It is an expectation that all providers taking part in the program undertake cultural awareness training as part of their contract to work within WARATAH.

To assist providers with completing this, we have provided below some links to free and easily accessible online courses. These particular courses are not specifically required ones, but practitioners will need to provide confirmation of the completion of a cultural awareness training program.

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/cultural-competence-aboriginal-sydney>

<https://www.mooc-list.com/course/safer-healthcare-australias-first-peoples-futurelearn>

<http://lms.wacrh.uwa.edu.au/login/index.php>

<http://indigenouisculturalawareness.anz.com/>

<https://www.ccca.com.au/content/services/#training> – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander cultural competence training

## ACTIVITY REPORTING

It is a contractual requirement under the WARATAH cycle of care that all AHP's complete a Minimum Data Set (MDS) report at the end of each patient appointment. Payment for sessions will not be completed until this documentation has been received by FYL.

The process is designed to be as user friendly as possible and can be found on the FYL WARATAH landing page ([www.fuelyourlife.com.au/waratah-cycle](http://www.fuelyourlife.com.au/waratah-cycle)) and scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking "Provider Reporting".

Providers will be required to sign in, create a profile, and then providers will return to this page every time they conduct an appointment with any patients referred to them through the WARATAH cycle of care.

If there are any difficulties with this page or questions about it please do not hesitate to contact us at: [waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au](mailto:waratah@fuelyourlife.com.au)

## INVOICING FOR YOUR SERVICES

After a provider has completed services, Fuel Your Life will seek to pay all correct invoices within 14 days of the end of the month proceeding your consultations, 30 days at the latest. Invoices must be received by FYL by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of proceeding the month post service and payment will be made fourteen (14) business days of receipt of invoice. If FYL does not receive an invoice by the 14<sup>th</sup>, FYL will pay the Provider within fourteen (14) business days of receiving the invoice.

When Invoicing FYL for your services provided, invoices need to contain the following information.

1. The Provider's name (legal entity name);
2. The Provider's Australian Business Number;
3. Provider's invoice number (as determined by the Provider);



4. Date the invoice is due to be paid/date payment is expected;
5. Dollar amount to be paid (separately identify GST excl amount; GST component; and GST inclusive amount);

If you ever have questions around payment or discrepancies please contact us

[waratahproviders@fuelyourlife.com.au](mailto:waratahproviders@fuelyourlife.com.au)

#### PROVIDERS CURRENTLY CONTRACTED FOR SERVICES

Allied Health Provider	Locations serviced
<b>Dietitians</b>	
<b>Balance Up Nutrition</b> Daniel Thomson Ph: 0408 952 750 <a href="mailto:barefootdietitian@gmail.com">barefootdietitian@gmail.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Berrigan, Finley, Jerilderie, Tocumwal, Hay</li></ul>
<b>Ingrained Nutrition</b> Peta Adams Ph: 0447 411 545 <a href="mailto:peta@ingrainednutrition.com.au">peta@ingrainednutrition.com.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>West Wyalong, Lockhart, Temora, Tumut, Corowa, Urana, Holbrook</li></ul>
<b>Murrumbidgee Nutrition</b> Leanne Baulch Ph: 0428 323 841 <a href="mailto:lbaulch@internode.on.net">lbaulch@internode.on.net</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Narrandera, Leeton</li></ul>
<b>Diabetes Educators</b>	
<b>Christine Thorpe</b> Ph: 0410 664 402 <a href="mailto:cat21@live.com.au">cat21@live.com.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Young, Narrandera, Tumbarumba</li></ul>
<b>Jaclyn Harvey</b> Ph: 0429 384 236 <a href="mailto:jac@harveys.id.au">jac@harveys.id.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Griffith</li></ul>
<b>Kelly McLean</b> Ph: 0400 641 022 <a href="mailto:akmclean@bigpond.com">akmclean@bigpond.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tocumwal</li></ul>
<b>Donna Hann</b> Ph: 0407 053 652 <a href="mailto:dmaps2650@gmail.com">dmaps2650@gmail.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Leeton</li></ul>
<b>Corowa Medical Centre</b> Kristin Mann (Practice Manager) Janet Lagstrom (CDE) Ph: 02 6030 5500 <a href="mailto:corowamed@corowamed.com.au">corowamed@corowamed.com.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Corowa</li></ul>
<b>Fuel Your Life</b> Debbie Scadden (CDE) Ph: 0490 249 848 Email: <a href="mailto:debbie@fuelyourlife.com.au">debbie@fuelyourlife.com.au</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Culcairn, Batlow, Lockhart, Holbrook</li></ul>
<b>Podiatrists</b>	





<b>Shepparton Foot Clinic</b> Erin Davis (Practice Manager) Ph: 03 5822 1855 <a href="mailto:admin@sheppartonfootclinic.com.au">admin@sheppartonfootclinic.com.au</a>	▪ Tocumwal
<b>Active Foot Clinic</b> Marg Gilmore (Reception Manger) Ph: 02 6925 8637 <a href="mailto:podiatry@activefootclinic.com.au">podiatry@activefootclinic.com.au</a>	▪ Cootamundra, Tumut, Leeton, Gundagai
<b>Country Feet Podiatry</b> Emily Luke Ph: 0491 100 163 <a href="mailto:countryfeetpodiatry@gmail.com">countryfeetpodiatry@gmail.com</a>	▪ Tooleybuc, Moulamein
<b>Stacey Derrick Podiatry</b> Stacey Derrick Ph: 0439 493 534 <a href="mailto:stacyderrickpodiatry@outlook.com">stacyderrickpodiatry@outlook.com</a>	▪ Temora
<b>Footsteps Podiatry</b> Belinda Battistel Ph: (02) 6962 1388 <a href="mailto:belinda@footstepspodiatrygriffith.com.au">belinda@footstepspodiatrygriffith.com.au</a>	▪ Griffith
<b>Physiotherapists</b>	
<b>Back on Track Physio</b> Jeremy Carr Ph: 02 6033 0933 <a href="mailto:jeremy@backontrackphysio.biz">jeremy@backontrackphysio.biz</a>	▪ Corowa, Finley, Urana, Jerilderie, Berrigan
<b>Physio Family</b> Melissa Merrin Ph: 0408 079 403 <a href="mailto:melissa@physiofamily.net.au">melissa@physiofamily.net.au</a>	▪ Gundagai, Tumut

## OTHER PROGRAMS PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE REGION

Part of the purpose of this model of care is to improve the team care and team communication between the community. So that we can all better improve the engagement and health of the community we have also detailed some additional programs that you may identify as being suitable for your patients.

There are a number of other MPHN funded programs available in the Murrumbidgee region, see the list below. Contact MPHN directly if you wish to know more about any of these programs (02 6923 3100):

- Integrated Team Care
- Integrated Care Coordination
- Vitality program

There are also a number of other programs being funded by Murrumbidgee Local Health District, listed below. Please contact MLHD directly for more information: (02 5943 2087) <https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-services>

- Cardiac Rehabilitation Service
- Osteoarthritis Chronic Care Program
- Metabolic Obesity Service
- Community Care Intake Service