



## Yackandandah Health Board Update - 31 July 2023

Hello residents, families, staff, and members:

As indicated in our last update, we have been able to secure additional time, to the end of September, to discuss and consider our options and return to members for a decision to secure the future of Yack Health.

In this update, we'd like to let you know about our 12-week plan to accomplish our goals of establishing a secure future for Yack Health.

### Our 12-week plan:

Our plan essentially has 3 parts, which we'll summarise here:

#### 1. Information gathering (July)

After the new Board was appointed, we quickly moved into an information gathering and listening mode, in which we've reviewed the groundwork and have continued to address some of the questions that arose at the community meetings. We're moving quickly and are working through this phase now.

We have progressed in discussions with our CEO, Andrea, and her management team, regarding operations and finance. We have met with all affected groups: members, residents, families, and staff, including the Medical Centre and Little Yacks. We hope to meet with the Men's Shed soon.

We have re-established the community volunteer program and are continuing to seek new membership.

A bit of good news recently: Yack Health's occupancy rate has risen to 94% in the past week, which we feel is a testament to the efforts of staff, as well as to the strength of the organisation.

#### 2. Exploring Options (August)

We have one viable option with Apollo Care and whilst we continue to work alongside them, we are also using this time as a period of open-minded consideration of alternative submissions for Yack Health.

The key concerns expressed by the community in past months have helped to shape our understanding of the challenges facing Yack Health. These have had a significant impact on us and will inform our negotiations on submissions in August. We continue to invite your involvement in this process and your questions as we progress on this journey together.



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We plan to meet again with members, residents, families, and staff, as well as interested community members, and are looking at a variety of ways to hold further collaborative discussions in August. We will be in touch soon about this.

At the end of the month, we will bring all viable options before the members for their consideration, prior to a vote.

### 3. Decision by membership (September)

During this period, we will seek to provide Yack Health members with as much information as possible, for each member to make an informed decision at our second Special General Meeting.

Kind regards

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On behalf of the YHL Board



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