



South Coast Medical

October 2023

South Coast Medical is committed to providing our patients with the best and most relevant care

Dr Milanko heads into retirement

South Coast Medical said farewell to Dr Milanko at the end of September as he headed into retirement. Dr Milanko had consulted from South Coast Medical for many years and he will be missed by colleagues, staff and patients as he now enjoys spending additional time with his family. We wish Dr Milanko all the very best and hope to see him pop into the clinic from time to time to say hello.

Podiatry Appointments Now Available

In recent weeks, the availability of podiatry appointments has expanded.

Elton Medell is now consulting Tuesday and Wednesday from the Rye clinic. Elton is a very experienced podiatrist with an extremely thorough approach to all foot assessments and treatments. Appointments with Elton can be booked online via HotDoc [here](#) or by calling the Rye clinic on 59857776.

Brenton continues to offer podiatry consultations from the Capel Sound clinic. Brenton has offered podiatry consultations from South Coast Medical clinics for a number of years with experienced advice and treatment plans on a range of foot conditions. Appointments with Brenton can be made by calling the Capel Sound clinic on 59862155.

Both podiatrists offer discounts for pensioner appointments and subsidised appointments for those on care plans.

Have you visited the Audiologist?

Hearing difficulties can be very isolating, placing a restriction on your life and your connection with those around you. Emma from Hear and Clear Care is an independent experienced local audiologist. Specialising in ear wax removal, general health hearing checks, comprehensive hearing assessments, custom made ear plugs and hearing aid consultations. Emma offers various pricing and funding

models. She currently provides consultations from the Rye clinic on a Friday. To find out more information and make an appointment view the Hear and Clear Care website [here](#)

Fee Changes

Due to ongoing increases in the operating costs of the facilities, which minor Medicare rebates are not covered by, there will be a change to some of the fees associated with visiting your general practitioner.

From week beginning October 23, 2023 a standard consultation fee will increase from \$87 to \$93 for private patients and \$82 to \$87 for pension/concession card holders. A standard consultation will attract a Medicare rebate of \$41.20 which reception will process at the time of your appointment.

Children aged 15 years and younger will continue to be bulk billed by some practitioners, whilst others may privately charge. Practitioners offering private consultations for children are outlined on Hotdoc or can be clarified at the time of booking with reception.

Private fees are attributed to both face to face and telephone consultations. Private fees and Bulk Billed appointments are at the discretion of your general practitioner. If you are facing hardship or have concerns, please speak with your practitioner directly.

Saturday appointments continue to attract a private fee for all patients regardless of age.

Please remember that reception staff do not determine billing, all fees are at the discretion of the consulting practitioner.

General Practitioners on Holidays

Please see below for details on upcoming holidays for general practitioners consulting from South Coast Medical.

Dr Omeros Kefaladelis Monday 16th October returning Monday 13th November

Dr Patrick Harbour Monday 2nd October returning Monday 16th October

Dr Mandar Gokhale on extended holidays returning January 2024

Dr Mark Mclean Friday 17th November returning Monday 27th November

Dr Damian Flanagan Thursday 9th November returning Monday 13th November

Dr Anant Sinha Thursday 9th November returning Monday 13th November

Dr Damian Flanagan Thursday 23rd November returning Tuesday 12th December

We Value Your Feedback

If you have any queries, concerns or general feedback that you would like to share with us, we'd love to hear it. You can contact us via our website here [South Coast Medical Website](#)