

### Media statement

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#### Caloundra's Minor Injury and Illness Clinic opening earlier

From 12 August 2019, the Minor Injury and Illness Clinic (MIIC) at Caloundra Health Service, will open hour earlier to meet patient need.

The MIIC opened in March 2017 and is designed to treat patients whose needs are non-life threatening. The team at the clinic treat patients with conditions such as fever, coughs, colds earache, toothache, minor eye issues, broken bones, minor cuts, burns, scalds, infections, rashes, sprains and strains.

Clinical Director of MIIC, Dr Sandra Peters said: "Since opening in 2017, our Minor Injury and Illness Clinic has treated more than 20,000 patients, meaning significantly less patients are accessing busy emergency departments for non-life threatening treatment.

"What we have noticed, is the need to slightly change our opening hours to better meet the needs of our patients. Our patients were arriving well before the previous opening time of 9am and having to wait for care, so we will now be opening an hour earlier.

"It's also been noted that between 8pm and 9pm, the clinic was treating less than one patient in this time. In response to this, to maximise our patient care, the MIIC operating hours will change on **12 August from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week,**" Dr Peters said.

The skilled staff at the MIIC will continue to provide assessment, intervention and appropriate referral where required for the treatment of non-life threatening illness and/ or injuries.

Patients who require non-urgent treatment outside of the MIIC's opening hours should contact their GPs afterhours service or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84). This is a free 24-hour hotline offering professional health advice.

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