

MEDIA RELEASE

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“Super Clinic” turns 20

Kedron Park 7 Day Medical Centre is celebrating a milestone this month – providing family style medical services to the local community 24 hours a day for the past 20 years.

Dr Steve Hambleton, who has worked at Kedron since day one and is a former AMA Queensland President, said the Medical Centre had always successfully fitted the Rudd Government’s model of GP Super Clinics.

“We have always had great success operating as a one-stop-shop and we are flattered the Government has chosen to support this model of care,” Dr Hambleton said.

“We have onsite Pharmacy, Radiology, Pathology, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Dieticians, Dentistry as well as Practice Nurses and visiting Specialists.

“We are well supported with information technology and have a well equipped treatment room where minor procedures are undertaken.

Dr Hambleton said the key to the Medical Centre’s success lay in the staff’s ability to work as a team, with the Centre’s allied health and nursing colleagues supporting GPs to provide high quality patient care.

“Our focus is on forming a long term relationship with our patients one-on-one, with their family doctor at the centre of this care,” he said.

“It is a privilege to share in the lives of our patients, to be there to support the mother during pregnancy, to see the children grow up and to provide complex chronic care to the sick and palliative care to the dying.

Dr Hambleton said despite criticism from the profession at the time, the 24hr Medical Centre operated for the first 14 years providing stand-alone services, and the Centre was now able to provide an increased service since gaining the support of Family Care Medical Services, who provide GP home visits after hours.

“Initially large group ‘corporate style’ practice was criticised by both the AMA and by the RACGP but we have stood the test of time,” he said.

“We are proud of providing an opportunity for medical and nursing students to experience General Practice.

“We are especially proud of the GP Registrars we have trained here and we look forward to the next 20 years of providing quality General Practice.

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