

Practice Newsletter

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Dr Rowan Vickers Joins Vitalis

We are pleased to announce that we will have Dr Rowan Vickers starting at Vitalis. Dr Vickers has been a GP in the Sutherland Shire region for 30 years. During this time, he has established a strong patient base and has become something of a household name. We are very happy to have him join our team at Vitalis!



Dr Tobias Vickers and Dr Natasha Bartos Join Vitalis



We are pleased to also welcome two new GP Registrars, Dr Natasha Bartos and Dr Tobias Vickers. Dr Bartos comes to us with interests in Addiction Medicine, Geriatrics, Psychiatry,



Paediatrics and Public Health Medicine. Dr Vickers (no relation to Dr Rowan Vickers) comes to us with interests including Sexual Health Medicine.

Vitalis Bids Farewell to Dr John Sykes

The decision to leave Australia has not been an easy one for Dr Sykes and he will surely be missed by the team and the patients he has seen over the past years. Before he heads back to the UK, he will take advantage of the open borders and see as much of Australia as he can before heading back to the UK.



Private Billing Update

We would also like to thank our patients for your understanding, flexibility, and your patience during our transition to private billing with Dr Roberts, Dr Yousaf, Dr Ahmed, and Dr McCaffrey. It was not an easy decision for us as we are faced with challenges such as the ten-year freeze in Medicare rebates and increasing business costs. We must be able to maintain financial security so that we can invest in the practice to continuously improve the service that we offer to you, our patients.

From 3rd of March 2021 all of our GPs will introduce private charges for their consults except for Dr Tobias Vickers and Dr Natasha Bartos who will continue to offer bulk billing consultations for those who wish to avail of this.

Our private billing doctors will continue to bulk bill children aged 15 and under, Health Care Card Holders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and DVA patients. They will also offer significantly discounted rates for pensioners and student cards. All Telehealth and telephone consultations for follow up tests results etc. will continue to be bulk billed. If a patient is experiencing financial hardship, then please do discuss this with your treating Doctor.

We thank you for your support so far, and we are looking forward to providing and continuously improving our services for many years to come!