



PRACTICE INFORMATION SHEET

Contact Us:

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Our Practice Team:

Our surgery currently offers seventeen highly skilled GP's so you can have the doctor of your choice.

Dr Wendy Bridges	Dr Helena Hooi
Dr James Sagi	Dr Belinda Guest
Dr Susie Long	Dr Rochelle Grainger
Dr Amir Taghaddos	Dr James Sagi
Dr Ruth Larkin	Dr Adam Wisely
Dr Andrew French	Dr Jo Noble
Dr Sarah McLain	Dr Jane Kelly
Dr Bianca Parsons	
Dr Sumana Chadalavada	
Dr Christopher Brokenshire	

Specialists

Dr Seshu Mandapati is an Obstetrician/Gynaecologist who works in our surgery on Thursday and Fridays.

To see Dr Seshu Mandapati you will need a referral from your GP to be able to claim your rebate from Medicare.

Nurses

We have 4 nurses who are available for immunisation, vaccinations, weighing babies, 4 year-old health assessments, BP monitoring, health assessments, ECGs and many other health concerns.

Deborah, Carly, Shermaine and Carolyn.

Management

Michal Kulczynski	Practice Manager
Melissa Bell-Hastings	Office Manager

Our Doctors Personal Secretaries

Lisa, Evette, Sharyn and Lou

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 8.30 to 5.30pm
Saturday: 8.30am to 12.30pm
Sunday: Closed

AFTER-HOURS

If you have an emergency and you need medical care you should always call **000** or visit your nearest emergency department.

For less urgent after-hours service call:

Newcastle After Hours Medical Centre **4957 7778**
154 Lambton Road Broadmeadow. Surgery drop in between 5.30pm and 9pm with home visits after 9pm or Health Direct on **1800 022 222** (a 24-hour Health help line)

FEES and PAYMENT

We are a private billing practice; payment is required in full at the conclusion of the appointment. However, most face-to-face consultations are subject to a Medicare rebate, meaning that you will receive a refund for some of your payment. Pensioners and Healthcare Card Holders are eligible for a discounted fee. Some services we provide do not attract a Medicare rebate and these are included on our fees list which is available at reception. It shows the fee, the Medicare rebate and out of pocket expenses. Fees are payable at the time of consultation and can be made by cash, EFTPOS or credit card (VISA or Mastercard).

APPOINTMENTS

For appointments please call between 7.30am and 6pm weekdays and before 12.30pm on Saturday.

You may also book on-line via our website or by downloading the **"AMS Connect"** app for smart phones.

If you think you will need more time please let us know at the time of making your appointment. You will need more time with the doctor if it is the first visit, to discuss multiple problems, for a complex health issue, for mental health assessments or for procedures and pap smears.

Making the right appointment for your needs will help your GP run on time.

While we endeavour to run on time, it is not always possible. In the interests of good patient care we sometimes have to extend consulting times. Our practice is proud of the services we are able to provide to you. We respect our patients' needs and hence try to accommodate as much as possible to your individual needs. In return, we would like you to respect our clinical and reception staff by being considerate and understanding when acutely sick patients or genuine emergencies are fitted in and unavoidable delays occur. Please remember that if your doctor is running late it is always because someone needed his or her extended care and attention. Please do not get upset with our reception staff or your clinician. If our doctors are running late we will let you know and give you the option of rescheduling your appointment time if you are unable to wait.

If you arrive for your appointment and you think you require urgent assistance (due to chest pain, difficulty breathing, dizziness or severe pain) or you believe you may be contagious (eg flu symptoms, gastro, child with a rash), please advise our reception staff immediately so we can assist you.

Please be aware that if you come late to your appointment, you will be seen for what remains of your appointment time. If you come after your appointment time has finished, you may not be seen and your appointment will need to be rescheduled.

HOME VISITS

Home visits can be arranged for eligible existing patients. Please contact reception to discuss further.

UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR APPOINTMENT?

If you will not be able to make it to your booked appointment, please let us know as soon as possible by calling the practice. This allows us to offer your appointment to another patient. Failure to cancel your appointment with your GP within 1 hours of the booked time may result in a \$55 non-cancellation fee for a short appointment or \$101 for a long-consultation.

WHY ACCREDITATION?

We are an accredited practice. This means we are committed to continual quality improvement of our practice and our care to our patients. There will be times you may wonder why we do things certain ways. There are some strict guidelines we have to follow which are set by the Royal College of GPs. We are tested on every 3 years. We are continually updating the way we operate

following these guidelines. We are proud to be accredited and are committed to continual improvement of our practice and our endeavour to a high quality of patient care.

WHY DO WE IDENTIFY YOU?

Did you know that we now have to identify you 3 ways every time you make an appointment and come into the practice? Even if we know you well. We will ask you your name, your date of birth and your address.

Why? Because we want to ensure we are providing the best possible care to the right patient.

We are bound by privacy laws that require us to identify all patients with a 3 point identifier every time we speak to a patient or a third party who has been given written consent.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

As well as routine consultations, the following services are available:

- Check-up
- Family planning
- Pap smears
- Pregnancy tests
- Ante-natal care, Obstetrics
- Counselling
- Immunisation: children, adults
- Excision clinic: stitching cuts, removing moles, skin cancers
- Liquid nitrogen 'freezing' therapy for sunspots and warts
- 75-year and older health checks
- Care Plans
- Weight control, Nutrition advice
- Stop smoking assistance
- Dermatoscopy: skin checks
- Implanon insertion
- Warfarin monitoring by finger prick test on-site
- On-site pathology
- Iron Infusions

YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION

The privacy of your health is important to us. All staff, including administration staff, respect your privacy and keep your health information confidential at all times. Your medical record is a confidential document and as such it is the policy of this practice to maintain the security of your personal health information at all times and to ensure that this information is only available to authorised members of staff. If you need to request a copy of your health information please see any of our staff and they will help you.

TELEPHONE CALLS and COMMUNICATION

Generally your GP will be unable to speak with you while consulting with other patients. Your phone query will be handled by our receptionists who will pass the message onto the Doctor or Nurse on duty. We aim to return phone calls before the end of business the same day.

Referrals and script requests can be organised through this service or download our app **AMS Connect**. See reception on how to register.

Please do not use standard email for medical complaints or requests.

TEST RESULTS

During your appointment your doctor will advise you to either make a follow-up appointment or ring the surgery for your results. You may also request a copy to be sent to you. Please see reception to register.

Normal Results

If your results are normal, and you have consented for SMS contact you will receive an SMS to let you know that your results have come back with "No Action" required. If you have not consented for the SMS notification you will not be contacted by us for "No Action" results.

Non-Urgent Results Appointments

If your Doctor would like to see you to discuss your results and you have consented to SMS notification you will receive an SMS with a link asking you to book a non-urgent appointment with your Doctor.

Nurse or Admin Calls regarding Results

You will receive a call from one of our Nurses or Admin staff if your Doctor has requested we speak to you in regards to your results.

Further Information

If you would like to speak to your Doctor regarding your results further you will need to book an appointment online or call the surgery make an appointment with your Doctor.

PATIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR PRACTICE

Attending this practice involves a relationship with all staff. In order to maintain a healthy relationship both parties must respect each other and have a mutual trust.

Our practice tries very hard to provide our patients with a high quality of care and we aim to continually improve our systems and services to help us do it better to care for you.

We will gladly listen to your suggestions and complaints and follow them up constructively, as this helps us improve.

However, we will not tolerate the following behaviours from our patients:

- violence or threatening behaviour towards any staff member
- yelling at our staff
- verbal abuse or aggressive behaviour to our staff on the telephone
- verbal or physical abuse towards our staff
- angry behaviour towards our staff
- continue to not follow Dr's treatment advice
- continue to fail to pay your bills

We are lucky at Blackbutt in that most of our patients do not behave like this and for that we thank you.

FEEDBACK

Although we try our best it is inevitable that from time to time a patient may have a complaint about our services. This feedback is very important to us as it alerts us to problems with the service we are providing and drives us to find a better way of doing things.

If you have any suggestions, ideas or would like to make a complaint you can either:

- Speak with your GP or nurse
- Let our reception staff know
- Speak with our Practice Manager
- Write us a letter
- Place your suggestion into our suggestion box on the reception desk

However, if you would like to take your complaint further and wish to speak to an external body, you can contact:

NSW Health Care Complaints Commission
Locked Mail Bag 18
Strawberry Hills 2012
telephone 1800 043 159

WANT MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our website:

Website: www.blackbuttdoctors.com.au

You may also visit our Blackbutt Doctors Surgery Facebook page. Alternatively, please feel free to speak with any one of our friendly staff.

F E E S 2 0 2 6				Price 2026	12% Discount ed Price 2026	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET 2026	OUT OF POCKET DISCOUN TED 2026
	F2F	Phone	Telehealth					
Brief Consultation	3	91890	91790	\$53.00	\$47.00	\$ 20.05	\$32.95	\$26.95
Regular Consultation 6- <15 minutes	23	91891	91800	\$117.00	\$103.00	\$ 43.90	\$73.10	\$59.10
Regular Consultation 15-20 minutes	23	91891	91800	\$146.00	\$128.00	\$ 43.90	\$102.10	\$84.10
Long consultation up to 25 minutes	36	91891	91801	\$178.00	\$157.00	\$ 84.90	\$93.10	\$72.10
Long Consultation 26 to 35 minutes	36	91891	91801	\$209.00	\$184.00	\$ 84.90	\$124.10	\$99.10
Long Consultation 36 to 40 minutes	36	91891	91801	\$240.00	\$211.00	\$ 84.90	\$155.10	\$126.10
Prolonged Consultation	44		91802	\$285.00	\$251.00	\$ 125.10	\$159.90	\$125.90
Extended Consultation	123		91920	\$341.00	\$300.00	\$ 202.65	\$138.35	\$97.35
Home visit level B	24			\$177.00		\$ 95.95	\$81.05	
Home visit level C	37			\$263.00		\$ 115.60	\$147.40	
Home visit level D	47			\$367.00		\$ 155.80	\$211.20	
Preparation of a Mental Health Care Plan - 20mins	2715		92116	\$178.00	\$157.00	\$ 106.20	\$71.80	\$50.80
Preparation of a Mental Health Care Plan - 30mins	2715		92116	\$209.00	\$184.00	\$ 106.20	\$102.80	\$77.80
Preparation of a Mental Health Care Plan <40mins	2715		92116	\$231.00	\$203.00	\$ 106.20	\$124.80	\$96.80
Preparation of a Mental Health Care Plan +40mins	2717		92117	\$255.00	\$224.00	\$ 156.45	\$98.55	\$67.55
Prepare Eating Disorder Plan <20 mins	90252		92148	\$171.00	\$150.00	\$ 106.20	\$64.80	\$43.80
Prepare Eating Disorder Plan <30 mins	90252		92148	\$209.00	\$184.00	\$ 106.20	\$102.80	\$77.80
Prepare Eating Disorder Plan > 40 mins	90253		92149	\$239.00	\$210.00	\$ 156.45	\$82.55	\$53.55
Review Eating Disorder Plan up to 25 mins	90264	92176	92170	\$178.00	\$157.00	\$ 83.65	\$94.35	\$73.35
Review Eating Disorder Plan 26 to 35 mins	90264	92176	92170	\$209.00	\$184.00	\$ 83.65	\$125.35	\$100.35
Menopause and Perimenopause Health Assessments	695			\$209.00	\$184.00	\$ 101.90	\$107.10	\$82.10
Insertion of an Implanon	14206			\$145.00	\$128.00	\$ 85.35	\$59.65	\$42.65
Removal of an Implanon	30062			\$160.00	\$141.00	\$ 89.40	\$70.60	\$51.60
Insert and Removal Implanon	14206 + 30062			\$250.00	\$220.00	\$ 174.75	\$75.25	\$45.25
Insertion of Mirena (IUD)	35503			\$320.00	\$282.00	\$ 183.60	\$136.40	\$98.40
Antenatal Care 6-<15 mins	16500	91858	91853	\$117.00	\$103.00	\$ 46.75	\$70.25	\$56.25
Antenatal Care 15-20 mins	16500	91858	91853	\$146.00	\$128.00	\$ 46.75	\$99.25	\$81.25
Antenatal Care up to 25 mins	16500	91858	91853	\$178.00	\$157.00	\$ 46.75	\$131.25	\$110.25
Antenatal Care 26-35 mins	16500	91858	91853	\$209.00	\$184.00	\$ 46.75	\$162.25	\$137.25
Postnatal Check	16407			\$168.00	\$148.00	\$ 71.15	\$96.85	\$76.85
Pregnancy support counselling	4001			\$183.00	\$161.00	\$ 89.35	\$93.65	\$71.65
MTOP Provision	44		91802	\$399.00	\$294.00	\$ 125.10	\$273.90	\$168.90
MTOP Provision	36		91801	\$399.00	\$294.00	\$ 84.90	\$314.10	\$209.10
Cremation Certificate				\$141.00			\$141.00	
Pregnancy Test	73806			\$17.00		\$ 8.65	\$8.35	
Iron Infusion	23			\$224.00		\$ 43.90	\$180.10	
Immunotherapy	3			\$117.00	\$103.00	\$ 20.05	\$96.95	\$82.95
Immunotherapy	23			\$117.00	\$103.00	\$ 43.90	\$73.10	\$59.10
Oestradiol Implant	14203			\$292.00	\$257.00	\$ 50.75	\$241.25	\$206.25
Ear Syringe	3			\$117.00	\$103.00	\$ 20.05	\$96.95	\$82.95
Transfer of medical records (preparation, postage & handling) per person				\$30.00			\$30.00	
Transfer of medical records Family (preparation, postage & handling) per person				\$ 50.00			\$50.00	
Saturday Surcharge				\$21.00				

Dear _____,

We wish to advise the following patient/s is now attending Blackbutt Doctors Surgery. Would you please forward any relevant medical information for future reference to Blackbutt Doctors Surgery.

We would also appreciate if you could provide the dates of any assessments and reviews that you have completed whilst the patient/s were under your care.

• GPCCMP	965	Date
• Care Plan Review	967	Date
• >75 Health Assessment	703, 705, 707	Date
• Health Assessment	701, 703, 705, 707	Date
• GP Mental Health Plan	2700, 2701, 2712, 2715, 2717	Date
• Diabetes Annual Cycle of Care	2517, 2521, 2525, 2620	Date
• Asthma Incentive	2546, 2547, 2552, 2553, 2558	Date
• Domiciliary Medication Review	900, 903	Date
• 45/49 year Check	701, 703, 705, 707	Date

If the patient is a diabetic could you also send a copy of the latest test results:

- HBA1c
- Lipids
- Diabetic foot check
- Diabetic eye check

Blackbutt Doctors Surgery only uses electronic patient records and where possible records should be sent either on CD or USB in PDF format or for Medical director or Best Practice users .XML files.

Please do NOT send the full paper file as we only have electronic records and it will be destroyed or returned to you. Please find the signed patient authority attached to this letter.

Kind Regards

Blackbutt Doctors Surgery

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Date: _____

I, _____

Of _____

D.O.B _____

Hereby give permission for Dr _____

To release my medical history to Dr _____

Patients signature: _____

Doctor where records are coming from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Third Party Consent for Patients of Blackbutt Doctors Surgery

I (Name): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Of (Address): _____

Hereby give permission for (Name): _____

From (Address): _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

To act on my behalf for the following (please tick or cross relevant boxes below):

- ☐ Take calls
- ☐ Receive results
- ☐ Confirm, change and cancel appointments
- ☐ Access and request copies of my file
- ☐ Collect and request letters, request for pathology and forms etc.
- ☐ Make or receive any other enquiries or correspondence from any Doctor, Nurse or Administrative staff member at Blackbutt Doctors Surgery.

If I choose to change this I will notify the surgery in writing and I understand that until I receive written confirmation from the surgery that these changes to third party consent will not be in effect.

Third Party Representative Signature: _____

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____

How to get your test results from Blackbutt Doctors Surgery

Today your doctor has requested you to have some tests. It is very important that you do have these tests. Once they are complete, there are several ways that you can get your results.

If your results are normal, and you do not need to do anything, we will send you an SMS to let you know your Doctor has marked your results "No Action".

If you have not consented to SMS reminder we will not contact you with your "No Action" results. If you are concerned and would like to know your results if you have not been contacted, you can ring the surgery on 4950 9733 and one of our reception staff will be able to assist you.

If your results are abnormal, you may:

1. Be contacted by our receptionist to make a follow up appointment by SMS to book a non-urgent appointment. You will need to follow the link and the prompts to log on and get your message and book an appointment.
2. You may be called by one of our nurses to make a follow up appointment or be given some instructions that have been given to the nurse by your doctor.
3. If you need an appointment please ensure you attend the appointment with your doctor to discuss your results.

Some tests are different, for example:

1. Tests for sexually transmitted diseases are handled in the following way. You may receive a message to see your Doctor, or your Doctor may tell you on the day that you will need to come back to see them. If your Doctor has not requested for you to return for an appointment and you don't receive a message to book in to see the Doctor, you must make an appointment to get the result with our nurses 2 weeks after you take the test.

Please make this appointment when you leave the surgery on the day the test is ordered, we can cancel the appointment if you book in to see the Doctor.

There is no fee to get STD test results with the nurse.

However, if you need to see the doctor regarding your test, this will incur a consultation fee.

We will only give results to the patient, not to others. This applies to all patients over 15 years of age. If you wish us to give your result to another person, you need to inform your doctor at the time of the consult and your Doctor will record this information in your notes.

For more information see our privacy policy.



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WEDNESDAY 8.30am to 5.30pm

THURSDAY 8.30am to 5.30pm

FRIDAY 8.30am to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 8.30am to 12.30pm

Blackbutt Doctors Timetable

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dr Wendy Bridges	Books Closed	Add Day	Morning	Morning		All Day	Rotating
Dr Christopher Brokenshire	Books Closed	All Day	All Day	All Day	All Day		Rotating
Dr Susie Long	Books Open	All Day	All Day	All Day			Rotating
Dr Rochelle Grainger	Books Closed	All Day	All day		All Day	All day	Rotating
Dr Ruth Larkin	Books Closed	All Day	All Day	All Day	Morning		Rotating
Dr Sarah McLain	Books Closed			Morning			Rotating
Dr Helena Hooi	Books Closed	All Day		All Day			Rotating
Dr Belinda Guest	Books Closed		All Day		All Day	All Day	Rotating
Dr James Sagi	Books Closed		All Day		All Day	All Day	Rotating
Dr Amir Taghaddos	Books Closed	All day		All Day	All Day	All Day	Rotating
Dr Bianca Farrugia Parsons	Books Closed		All Day	All Day	All Day	Morning	Rotating
Dr Jo Noble	Books Closed	All Day	All Day		All Day	All Day	Rotating
Dr Sumana Chadalavada	Books Closed	All Day	All Day	All Day	All Day		Rotating
Dr Andrew French	Books Open		All Day	All Day	All Day	All Day	Rotating
Dr Adam Wisely	Books Open	All Day	All Day		All Day	All Day	Rotating
Dr Jane Kelly	Books Closed	All Day	All Day	All Day	All Day		Rotating
Dr Seshu Mandapati	Gynaecologist				All Day	All Day	