



## Transition Board Change

*Due to work commitments, the chair of the Kingston-Bayside PCP, Joan Andrews, has had to vacate her position on the Bayside Medicare Local Transition Board.*

*Her place has been taken by Chris Fox, CEO of Central Bayside Community Health Services.*



*The Board wishes to thank Joan for her work on the new Medicare Local and hopes they will be able to work with her again.*

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## Update and season's greetings

This has been a busy year for everyone and the closer we get to the festive season, the busier we seem to get.

The Bayside Medicare Local process has occupied a lot of time for the divisions in the Southeast Active Alliance — Bayside GPN, Monash DGP and Southcity. Together, we responded to the invitation to apply (ITA) to set up the Bayside Medicare Local and, as you know, we were successful on our second attempt. We have been asked to set up this new organisation as of the January 1, 2012.

The ITA process was hard enough, involving lots of meetings and consultation with our stakeholders. These stakeholders include the local hospital networks (both Alfred Health and Southern Health), the three community health services (ISCHS, CCHS and CBCHS), two PCPs (ISEPICH and KBPCP) and 5 and a bit LGAs (Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Bayside, Kingston, Stonnington and a bit of Melbourne).

The real work has now started, after the official notification of our successful application.

A transitional board is now in place, comprised of nominees of the three Alliance divisions, the two PCPs and two appointed directors — one with financial skills and one to provide a consumer perspective.

The most important tasks have been development of a constitution and planning for setting up the new organisation.

### Membership

The new organisation will have institutional membership, that is, general practices, allied health practices, community service providers, local hospital networks and other organisations that provide health services in the Bayside Medicare Local catchment will be the members.

Bayside Medicare Local will establish chapters to engage with service providers and provide services such as networking opportunities and CPD activities.

The first chapter will be General Practice, with chapters for allied health and community service providers in due course.

It is proposed to transfer the individual and associate membership of the Alliance divisions to the newly-formed General Practice chapter. Further details will be available soon.

One of the first tasks that the Medicare Local has been charged with is a needs analysis and development of a plan for provision of afterhours services in the region.

I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the transition board, to wish all stakeholders and their families the compliments of the season. May you all have a happy and safe holiday season and return refreshed for another fascinating year in 2012.

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