

BOOROWA HEALTH ADVOCATES READY TO KICK GOALS

It's full steam ahead for Boorowa Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC), which held their first meeting and election of office bearers this week.

Marg Kelly was elected LHAC Chair, with David Marsh elected as Vice Chair. Debbie Rheinberger was elected as Communications Officer and Jenny Carter has taken on the role of Secretary.

Boorowa LHAC members are: Marg Kelly, David Marsh, Debbie Rheinberger, Jenny Carter, Lyn Diskon, Taryn Riles, Trudy Mahoney, Trish Ryan, Tara Barrett, Jane Campbell and James Blackwell.

Boorowa LHAC will play a pivotal role in advocating for health in the Boorowa town and broader community.

Ms Kelly invites members of the community to contact members of the LHAC to talk about their health needs and concerns.

"We aim to improve communication about health services in our area, and as part of our role as advocates is to ensure community sentiment is communicated to health providers. We would like local people to feel that they can come and talk to us about their concerns and provide feedback so that we can communicate these issues effectively with the MLHD and the MPHNS," Ms Kelly said.

Boorowa joins 28 other LHACs across the Murrumbidgee region, all advocating for better health outcomes and representing the needs of their community.

LHACs play a key role in forming a link between the community and the health service and are a valued part of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) and the Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN) team. The LHAC is supported by Cecelia Walsh (Boorowa Facility Manager, MLHD), Jeanette Lautier (MPHN).

MLHD and the MPHNS work in partnership to improve the health literacy of the community and to drive improvements in the regional health system in the provision of integrated, patient-centred care.

The LHAC will hold a planning and priority setting session in the New Year to evaluate data around health services in Boorowa and to establish steps moving forward. If you'd like to provide feedback to the LHAC, please reach out to any LHAC Member or contact;

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