

Notice to the Community

Cann Valley Bush Nursing Centre

Effective from 1st September 2020, Cann Valley Bush Nursing Centre will be implementing a new model of nursing care to enhance the high level of care currently delivered to the community. This model will be beneficial to our remote community, as CVBNC does not have a General Practitioner onsite at all times, and it will assist the General Practitioner not to be interrupted during busy times when seeing clients.

Nurses employed by Cann Valley Bush Nursing Centre are Advance Practice Nurses, who are required to complete additional qualifications to practice under the new model of Rural and Isolated Practice Endorsed Registered Nurse (RIPERN).

Under the new model, the RIPERN qualified nurse will examine you, consult with the appropriate health management protocol, assess that you meet a medication treatment regime, as per management protocol, and will administer and supply the medication required.

Example: If you present with an infected wound, after consulting with an appropriate protocol, the nurse will be directed to give you an appropriate antibiotic treatment without consulting the Doctor (Medical Officer, General Practitioner).

At all times, you can request the nurse to consult the General Practitioner or Medical Officer about your condition. You can refuse to be treated by the RIPERN Nurse, and you can request a referral to another organisation.

Currently, CVBNC has two RIPERN qualified Nurses and two Nurses undertaking the RIPERN training.

A fee for seeing a RIPERN Nurse will not be charged, however, a fair fee will be charged to cover the cost of medicines given to you.

The RIPERN model of care is not a substitute for seeing your doctor, but it is another choice for treatment when the doctor is not available.

Your feedback for this service/treatment will be actively pursued.

For any further queries please speak to the Nursing Staff at Cann Valley Bush Nursing Centre.