

360 Health + Community to lead headspace Mandurah

6 February 2018

Preparations for the opening of Mandurah’s new headspace youth mental health service are well underway, with the announcement today of 360 Health + Community as the service’s lead agency.

360 Health + Community will now begin detailed preparations for the centre’s opening which is expected to be in July this year.

Initially located in temporary premises on Anstruther Road, **headspace** Mandurah will move to its permanent location within the new Peel Youth Medical Services Hub by the first quarter of 2019.

Funding of \$1.3 million was awarded by WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) to 360 Health + Community whose experience includes establishing and running two existing **headspace** centres in Fremantle and Rockingham.

WAPHA’s regional manager Jody Niven said this is great news for Mandurah’s at-risk young people and their families seeking mental health advice and support.

“We are confident that the combination of their experience, valuable local connections and strong relationships with other service providers who will form part of the headspace consortium means 360 Health + Community will deliver a fantastic service,” Ms Niven said.

360 Health + Community CEO Mark Slattery said they are delighted to be selected as the Lead Agency for the new **headspace** Mandurah.

“We have worked closely with our consortium members to bring our very collaborative and client centred approach to the youth of Mandurah. We look forward to working with them and the community to bring headspace Mandurah to life,” Mr Slattery said.

headspace CEO Jason Trethowan said the new **headspace** Mandurah centre will fill a significant gap in youth mental health and wellbeing services in the area.

“The young people of the Mandurah community and surrounding areas will soon be able to access a range of youth friendly mental health support services that will address the needs of this community,” Mr Trethowan said.

The **headspace** model is designed to make it as easy as possible for a young person and their family to access the help they need for problems affecting their wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health, physical health, work and study support, and alcohol and other drug services.

ENDS

WAPHA Media Contact - Fiona Clark, 0437 563 735, fiona.clark@wapha.org.au

About WAPHA: WAPHA oversees the strategic commissioning functions of the Perth North, Perth South and Country WA Primary Health Networks (PHNs). The WA PHNs are three of 31 PHNs established by the

Australian Government nationally to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for the community. We work across the WA healthcare system with doctors, allied health professionals, Area Health Services and service providers to improve the coordination of care for people who are at risk of poor health outcomes. For more information, visit www.wapha.org.au