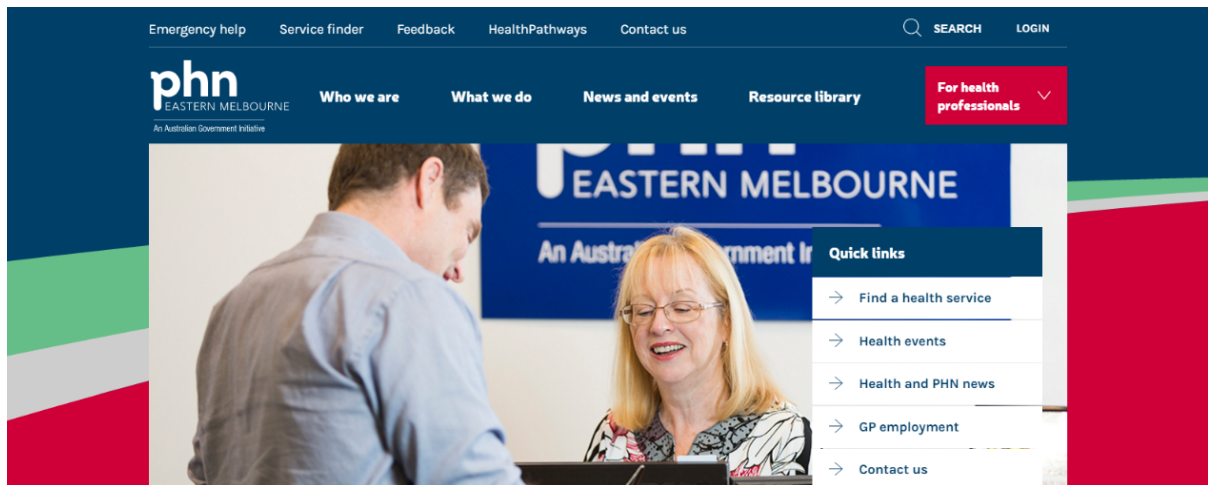


# GP Bulletin

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## We have a new website!



To better meet the needs of our stakeholders and reflect our future priorities, we have redeveloped our website, which launched earlier this week. The site uses the same URL as before, [www.emphn.org.au](http://www.emphn.org.au).

The site features our new branding and is structured in a more logical way to assist users to find what they need quickly.

Some of the features include:

- More information about Eastern Melbourne PHN and our services/programs
- A resource library, which we will build over time to be a valuable asset
- Integration with the NHSD through a service finder
- All the existing features available on our old website
- Huge scope to grow and develop the site into the future

If you have any questions about the new site, please contact us at [communications@emphn.org.au](mailto:communications@emphn.org.au)

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# GPs in Schools: helping young people access quality health care in Victoria

The Victorian Government Doctors in Secondary School's initiative was announced on September 1 as a pilot program to improve the health, resilience and educational outcomes of young people attending 100 disadvantaged secondary schools. GPs will be funded to provide health care and advice to students up to one day per week in purpose built clinical rooms. GPs will be provided with world class training in youth friendly care within school settings and ongoing peer support.

[Read more](#)



## Australia's Health 2016 report released

Last week, The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's 15th biennial health report was launched by the Hon. Sussan Ley MP, Minister for Health.

This edition of *Australia's Health* (2016), profiles current health issues in a collection of feature articles and statistical snapshots that cover a range of areas, including:

- The health status of Australians
- Health expenditure
- The major causes of ill health
- Determinants of health
- Health through the life course
- Health of Indigenous Australians
- Preventing and treating ill health
- Health system performance

The main publication is accompanied by a summary report, Australia's health 2016-in brief. Click on the links (below) to view the report and media release.

Media release: [85 out of 100 Australians say they're healthy-but are we really?](#)

Report: [Australia's health 2016](#)

Summary report: [Australia's health 2016-in brief](#)

# Encourage your patients to participate in the National Bowel Screening Program



## How does the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program work?

The Program mails eligible 50 -74 year olds bowel screening kits to complete at home. The Program is expanding in stages and by 2020 people aged 50-74 years will be invited to screen every two years. The ages at which people will be invited are:

Year	Eligible Ages
2016	50, 55, 60, 64, 65, 70, 72, 74
2017	50, 54, 55, 58, 60, 64, 68, 70, 72, 74
2018	50, 54, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74
from 2019	50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74

An on-line eligibility calculator is available at [www.cancerscreening.gov.au/eligibility](http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/eligibility). To access a range of resources to promote the program, [visit the program website](#). For more information, visit <http://www.cancerscreening.gov.au/bowel> or email the program at [NBCSP@health.gov.au](mailto:NBCSP@health.gov.au)

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## GPs working harder than ever - BEACH

GP workloads are climbing fast, fuelled by the twin challenges of an ageing population and an increasing prevalence of chronic diseases, two new reports have found.

The final reports from the de-funded BEACH research program show that GPs are delivering millions more services than they were a decade ago, despite the ongoing Medicare rebate freeze.

[Read more](#)

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# Antidepressants and pregnancy

A new study on antidepressant use in pregnancy is currently taking place in Victoria.

The five-minute survey asks GPs about their views and practices on the issue. Results will be used for a research paper that hopes to benefit GP's and improve patient care. GPs are encouraged to take the quick survey and contribute to the quality of this important study.

Complete the survey now: <https://antidepressantsandpregnancy.typeform.com/to/Q7iHbf>

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## Follow us on social media

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### Upcoming Events

**QUM Educational Visiting Program**  
[De-Mystifying Opioid Replacement Therapy](#)  
[Schedule 8 Management- permits without pain](#)

**Revised policy for maintenance pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence**

Thurs 22 September 2016  
Location: Nunawading  
Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
[More information](#)

**Immunisation schedule update - Forest Hill**

Wed 19 October 2016  
Location: Forest Hill  
Time: 7:00pm-9:30pm  
[More information](#)

### Technology in practice

Thurs 27 October, 2016  
Location: Mitcham  
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
[More information](#)

**Immunisation schedule update - Heidelberg**

Tues 8 November 2016  
Location: Heidelberg  
Time: 7:00pm-9:30pm  
[More information](#)