

ST GEORGE & SUTHERLAND SHIRE

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FREE

Rockdale's historic Lydham Hall reopens its doors to public

Historic Lydham Hall, one of the oldest homes in the St George area and the only dedicated museum in Bayside, reopened on Sunday, February 4 following extensive renovations undertaken by Bayside Council. Lydham Hall, built in the 1860s, was also the home of noted naturalist David Stead and his daughter Christina the famous novelist.

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From left, Kristy Archer and St George Historical Society members Laurel and Bob Horton in costume outside Lydham Hall. Picture: John Veage

A clinical solution

THE St George community can now access healthcare in a more timely way, and avoid unnecessary trips to the emergency department (ED), thanks to a new Urgent Care Service (UCS) at Carlton which opened its doors to patients last week.

The service is designed to treat a range of illnesses and injuries that are deemed urgent, but not life-threatening, such as minor wounds that need stitches, suspected

broken bones and skin infections that need antibiotics.

The Carlton Urgent Care Service will be open 365 days a year, from 8am to 8pm, and will be staffed by General Practitioners and nurses with important diagnostic services available including pathology and radiology.

Community care

The community can access the service by calling Healthdirect on 1800 022

222 and treatment is free for Medicare card holders and community-based asylum seekers. Callers speak with a registered nurse who asks questions to assess the patient's condition, before guiding them to the care they need. The nurse can make a booking on the caller's behalf. If a caller needs language support, they can call TIS National on 131 450 and ask for Healthdirect.

The Carlton Urgent Care

Service will integrate with other health services and organisations in the St George region, including local primary care providers, NSW Ambulance and St George Hospital.

NSW Health has partnered with primary health networks to deliver additional urgent care services across the state, in an effort to ease pressure on busy hospital EDs.

"The new Carlton Urgent

Care Service will mean the local community can receive care quickly for conditions which can be safely and appropriately treated outside of our busy EDs," NSW Premier and Kogarah MP, Chris Minns said.

Bridging the gap

"Urgent Care Services make it simple and easy for patients to access high quality care."

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Primary Health Network CEO Nathalie Hansen said the service is designed to bridge the gap for patients between primary care and emergency care, ensuring patients not able to see their usual GP receive fast access to urgent care without waiting in the emergency department.

The clinic is located at: Eastbrooke Medical Centre at 354 - 356 Railway Parade, Carlton.



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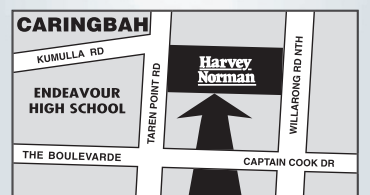
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