

New COVID-19 vaccination and testing clinic opens in Noosa

The Noosa Shire now has a combined COVID-19 testing and vaccination hub, with community outreach champions Sunny Street unpacking their mobile health care clinic into a premise in downtown Tewantin for the next year.

The Sunny Street Sunshine Coast Respiratory Clinic at 10 Pelican Street, Tewantin is the only GPRC on the northern end of the Sunshine Coast.

Sunny Street co-founder Dr Nova Evans said the clinic will offer respiratory clinic services including COVID-19 testing for the assessment and treatment of symptomatic patients, as well as COVID-19 vaccinations.

“We are so thrilled to be here in Tewantin - we have been in the area at various locations since August last year and in that time completed more than 10,500 COVID tests and vaccinated over 1000 locals,” Dr Evans said.

“Our new respiratory clinic is set up with two very distinct spaces so that symptomatic people coming in for COVID-19 testing are kept very separate to the general public and those who are coming in for a COVID-19 vaccine.

“With the risk of outbreaks ever-present like we’ve just seen in Victoria, it’s vital we provide both services to the highest clinical standards, along with trusted information and support.

“In addition to COVID-19 testing and vaccination services, we can also refer patients for imaging and treatment as clinically indicated, as well as a dose of happiness and sunshine.”

The Sunny Street SCRC is funded the Australian Government and Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN.

Primary healthcare senior manager Robb Major said the opening of the Sunny Street SCRC was a much-needed shot in the arm towards vaccinating the community against COVID-19.

“There’s been a bit of confusion and misinformation around the COVID-19 vaccination and the continued need for testing for those with even the mildest of symptoms, like a sore throat or a runny nose” Mr Major said.

“The Sunny Street Sunshine Respiratory Clinic is run by highly qualified medical practitioners and their team are on hand to give people as much conversation, education and information as people need during their visit.

“They can also help with any IT issues as the best way to book a COVID-19 vaccination is still online via the Eligibility Checker or by phoning the National Coronavirus and COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 1800 020 080.”

Located on the corner of Poinciana Ave, the Sunny Street GPRC is conveniently located next door to Tewantin Post Office and opposite the Noosa Shire Council chambers.

Noosa Mayor Clare Stewart applauded the work of Sunny Street doctors and nurses.

“The way our community has responded to the COVID challenge has been amazing and the work of Sunny Street has been exceptional,” Cr Stewart said.

“It’s fantastic to have a community vaccination site in Noosa which will go a long way to increasing the rate of vaccinations to those eligible.

“I encourage residents to take advantage of the new central location in Tewantin.”

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Anyone currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as per the current government roll-out is welcome to make an appointment using the [Eligibility Checker](#).

The Sunny Street Sunshine Coast Respiratory Clinic is located at 10 Pelican Street, Tewantin.

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