

23 May 2018

Let's keep talking about cancer



Even more of Melbourne's west will be talking about cancer this winter, with the announcement of a new Let's Talk About Cancer pop-up shop coming to Caroline Springs this June.

Following on the success of the inaugural shop in Sunshine earlier this year, the new shop will be open at CS Square shopping centre between 5 June and 30 June 2018, providing a welcoming space for people to come in and talk to a nurse and friendly, trained volunteers about how to prevent and detect cancer.

More than 250 people spoke with our cancer nurses at the shop in Sunshine Plaza, in addition to thousands of conversations with volunteers. Over 75% of those interviewed afterwards said they intended to act to prevent cancer, such as changing their lifestyle, talking to family and friends, or getting cancer screening.

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network CEO Adjunct Associate Professor Christopher Carter said if even one of those people took action that helped them prevent or detect cancer, then the pop-up shop was more than worth the effort.

"We had a really positive community response to the first pop-up shop, and we're excited to be able to keep spreading the word throughout the west," A/Prof Carter said.

"Talking about cancer doesn't have to be scary, and a simple conversation can be the spark that changes, or even saves your life. More than one-third of cancers are preventable, and early detection allows for the best treatment for those who do get cancer."

Event: Let's Talk About Cancer pop-up shop

Date: 5 – 30 June 2018

Time: 10am – 4pm, Tuesdays to Saturdays

Location: CS Square Shopping Centre, 29 Lake Street Caroline Springs

People will be able to talk with a Western Health cancer nurse about lifestyle changes that can help to prevent cancers, their family history, screening services available and symptoms and signs to talk to their doctor about.

Let's Talk About Cancer is a partnership between the State Government of Victoria, North Western Melbourne PHN, Cancer Council of Victoria, Western Health, and IPC Health, to help reduce the incidence of cancer in our community and increase early detection rates.

Follow Let's Talk About Cancer on Facebook for regular updates, and watch our pop-up shop video for more <https://www.facebook.com/talkaboutcancerVIC/videos/2194512477442754/>

For all enquiries:

Jeremy Kennett

Communications Coordinator

Phone: (03) 9347 1188

Email: jeremy.kennett@nwmpnh.org.au or newsletter@nwmpnh.org.au

Web: www.nwmpnh.org.au

Don't forget to find us on:



@NWMelbPHN and on



<http://www.facebook.com/nwmpnh>

or



[linked in](https://www.linkedin.com/company/nwmpnh)

ABOUT PHNs

Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, PHNs began operation on 1 July 2015 and are responsible for coordinating primary health care and facilitating improved health outcomes in their local community. Melbourne Primary Care Network operates the North Western Melbourne PHN.

While the Australian Government Department of Health has contributed to the funding of this material, the information contained in it does not necessarily reflect the views of the Australian Government and is not advice that is provided, or information that is endorsed, by the Australian Government. The Australian Government is not responsible in negligence or otherwise for any injury, loss or damage however arising from the use of or reliance on the information provided herein



We acknowledge the peoples of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which our work in the community takes place. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

T (03) 9347 1188 | **F** (03) 9347 7433 | **E** nwmpnh@nwmpnh.org.au | **W** nwmpnh.org.au
ABN 93 153 323 436 | **Level 1, 369 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052** | **PO Box 139, Parkville VIC 3052**