



Amanda Rishworth MP

Member for Kingston

MEDIA RELEASE

GRANTS MAKE MORE AFTER-HOURS GP SERVICES AVAILABLE

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth today announced that Huntfield Heights residents will have better access to after-hours GP services following a grant of almost \$100,000 under the *General Practice After Hours* Program.

“I am delighted that Huntfield Heights through the Hackham Medical Centre is one of 100 Australian communities to be offered Government funding for after-hours GP services,” Ms Rishworth said.

“The Government’s *General Practice After Hours* Program is helping to build and strengthen after-hours care by general practitioners across Australia,” she said.

General Practice After Hours grants of up to \$100,000 over two years are available on a competitive basis to support after-hours services.

Ms Rishworth went on to say, “The grants recognise both the long and demanding hours frequently worked by the nation’s doctors and the difficulties patients have in getting access to after-hours GP care.

“The Government’s investment will ensure that as many people as possible in Huntfield Heights will have access to high-quality GP services when they need them.”

“The *General Practice After Hours* Program will make it easier for the community to find a doctor after hours.

“Good primary care in local communities means people stay healthier, manage chronic disease and illness more effectively, and stay out of hospital.”

“The program has the support of local GPs. The grants can be used to help with costs such as on-call allowances, training and running costs,” Ms Rishworth said.