

# Information Sheet

## GP CLUSTERS – ILLAWARRA SHOALHAVEN

GPs are integral to a patient-focused, efficient health system as they are the central point of contact for all health care. COORDINARE is committed to providing more opportunities for local GPs to have a greater say over issues that directly affect their ability to deliver safe, high quality and coordinated clinical services throughout the region.

### What are GP Clusters?

GP Clusters are local groups which bring GPs together to meet regularly to:

- provide a forum through which GPs can identify issues, determine solutions and co-design activities that will inform the annual plans of COORDINARE
- network with peers, access continuing professional development and have input into designing pathways that are efficient and easy to use. This includes the **HealthPathways** initiative, a partnership between COORDINARE and the Local Health District. Go to <https://illawarrashoalhaven.healthpathways.org.au> and enter username: *connected*, Password: *2pathways*

These meetings are resourced by a GP Cluster Leader, who is a local GP paid to plan and facilitate activities for their particular Cluster. GP Cluster Leaders are also members of the Clinical Council which advises the Board of COORDINARE.

There are six GP Clusters in the Illawarra Shoalhaven region. Please find below details of where they are and the contact details of GP Cluster Leaders:

- **Northern Illawarra:** Contact Dr Stephen Lyon on 4283 3433. Bi-monthly meetings, Bulli and Woonona.
- **Central Illawarra:** Contact Dr Anoop Jalota on 4274 0444. Monthly meetings in Wollongong.
- **Illawarra South:** (Dapto/Shellharbour area): Contact Dr Kathy Michelmore on 42977170
- **Southern Sector:** Contact Dr David Grant on 4232 1244. Meets 3rd Tues each month at Kiama.
- **Central Shoalhaven:** Contact Dr Jarrod Alkemade 4428 6666
- **Milton/Ulladulla:** Contact Dr David Charles on 4455 1291; Dr Declan Mulvaney on 4455 5755

GP Clusters are also operating in the Southern NSW region in Eurobodalla, Far South Coast, Cooma-Snowy, Queanbeyan, Yass and Goulburn.

### How you can be involved

You may choose to participate in a Cluster near your workplace or perhaps closer to where you live. If you provide your email details we will send you invitations to monthly meetings of your local Cluster or other nominated Cluster. Our website will have details of all Cluster meetings [www.coordinare.org.au/events](http://www.coordinare.org.au/events)

For further information about your local group please contact the relevant Cluster Leader shown above or phone COORDINARE on 1300 069 002 or email [info@coordinare.org.au](mailto:info@coordinare.org.au).