

# Health Services in Your Community

## Morawa Perenjori Health Service

### Morawa Health Service

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### Business Hours

8.30am - 4.30pm

**24 Hour  
Emergency Service**

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Perenjori became part of a Multi Purpose Service (MPS) in February 2003. This community driven decision has enabled pooling of Commonwealth and State health and aged care funds within the areas of Morawa and Perenjori, and apply these funds flexibly across all health and aged care programs.

The MPS enables communities to have:

- The ability to operate all health and aged care services under one organisation, with improved co-ordination and opportunities for greater flexibility and better targeting of services to meet community needs.
- The ability to be innovative in service delivery.
- The opportunity for small communities to access Commonwealth funds to meet aged care needs.
- The opportunity to attract and retain staff by offering them flexible and multi-faceted roles.

The Morawa Perenjori MPS provides services aimed to prevent illness, reduce the impact of disease or trauma, and to promote healthy lifestyles for individuals and families.

## Acute and Emergency Care

An outpatient service is available only at the Perenjori Medical Centre. Assistance with all Emergencies and Acute enquiries is available at the Morawa Perenjori Health Service in Morawa.

**Available: 24hrs a day**

**Contact: 9971 0200**

## Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATs)

PATs is available to assist people living in the country, who are required to travel more than 100kms (one way) to obtain the nearest available specialist or obstetric treatment that is not available locally or from a visiting service.

People who live between 70 and 100kms from the treatment centre and who require regular oncology or dialysis treatment which is not available locally, can also access PATs.

**Contact Morawa Health Service:**

**9971 0200**

## Community Care

Community Care support incorporates practical and flexible services to assist members of the community, particularly frail older people, people with disabilities and their carers to maintain independence and a quality of life within their home. Services include:

### Community Care Services:

- **Home Care:** assistance with tasks such as cleaning and food preparation along with assistance in attending appointments, banking, shopping etc.
- **Home Maintenance:** minor maintenance and gardening is available to eligible clients.
- **Meals on Wheels:** provide a home delivered hot/cold three course meal, five days a week, to eligible clients.
- **Podiatrist:** provides a bi-monthly visiting service to Perenjori. Appointments can be made through the Community Care Coordinator.
- **Social Support:** is for people who are socially isolated. This service also facilitates access to transport, facilities and activities.
- **Transport:** assistance is available to access medical and allied health appointments either locally or in Geraldton.

**Adult Day Centre:** This service offers a varied range of activities that are meaningful, relevant, and age appropriate. It provides the opportunity for clients to socialise with persons of a similar age and circumstance, in a friendly and comfortable environment.

**Aged Care Facilities:** Aged Care support is available to assist people wishing to stay in their own homes, as well as support within a residential care facility located at Morawa.

**Respite Care:** Carer Respite Centres are committed to supporting carers and those for whom they care for in the community. The centres assist in coordinating flexible and innovative respite for carers, which allows carers to take a break from their caring role.

**Palliative Care:** A service is provided assisting individuals and families affected by terminal illness.

For more information contact: **Community Care Coordinator**

**9973 1310**

## Population Health

The staff of Population Health can assist you to make healthy choices and prevent illnesses. Community Nurses, Health Promotion professionals and Allied Health practitioners are all part of the Population Health team and can provide information about a range of health issues.

**Community Health:** This service aims to provide a broad range of programs and services for the general community, including Chronic Disease Management, Child & Maternal Health Services, Immunisation, parenting support & education, school health screening & education, and womens', mens' and youth health education & support.

# Population Health

**Allied Health:** Support is available from on-site and visiting professionals and may be provided on a one to one basis or within a number of different programs. Allied Health services include:

**Asthma Educator:** An Asthma Educator is available for education including the use of inhaled medications, Asthma first aid, and assistance with home oxygen for those people managing Asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

**Audiology:** The Audiologist provides professional assessment and treatment of those with hearing difficulties, including full audiological assessments, consultation with Ear Nose and Throat Specialists, regular liaison with Speech Pathologists, Community and School Nurses, and referral to the Office of Australian Hearing Services.

**Diabetic Educator:** A Diabetic Educator is available for education and support of people with Diabetes.

**Dietitian:** The staff of the Nutrition and Dietetic Department are available to provide assessment and treatment for a range of dietary conditions. The Dietitian will provide education and support for those requiring treatment for Cardiac Rehabilitation, Diabetes Education, Stroke Rehabilitation, and eating disorders.

**Health Promotions Officer:** Staff work with many different groups within the community to promote good health and the prevention of disease.

**Occupational Therapy:** Therapists work with children and adults to overcome limitations caused by injury or illness, psychological or emotional difficulties, developmental delay or the effects of aging. Support can include direct therapy intervention referral to different agencies, environmental assessments and provision of supportive equipment.

**Physiotherapy:** Physiotherapists provide assessment and treatment for a variety of complaints, disorders or delays, providing group education for Injury Prevention, Health Promotion, Growth and Development, School Education – back care, school bag weights, sports injury. Consultations are available for any age group.

**Podiatry:** Podiatry is a specialised field dealing with foot health and care. This service is especially beneficial to those with Diabetes, age related complications, and children.

**Social Work:** Social Workers are available to assist individuals and families and offer counselling, referral to services, help with assessing resources and liaison with other agencies on your behalf.

**Speech Pathology:** Speech Pathologists are available to provide assessment and treatment of swallowing or communication difficulties.

**For more information contact the  
Morawa Perenjori Health Service:**

**9971 0200**

## Visiting Health Services

**Central West Mental Health Service:** Central West Mental Health Service provides confidential assessment, treatment and management of all major mental health illnesses. Supportive counselling, therapeutic interventions and liaison and consultation with other services and agencies are offered.

The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team specialises with children and their families.

**Contact Central West Mental Health Service:** 9956 1999

**COMPARI:** A visiting service is available on an as-needs basis offering support, advice and education on Drug and Alcohol Issues for individuals, families and groups.

**Contact COMPARI:** 9965 4277

## Other Health Related Providers

**Disability Services Commission:** Providing support and advocacy for people with disabilities within the Midwest Region 9964 3455

**Doctors Surgery:** Perenjori Medical Centre 9973 1031  
Or Morawa Medical Centre 9971 1103

**Health Direct:** Health Direct is a 24 hour, seven day a week statewide health advice line 1800 022 222

**Health Info:** Health Info is a health information and resource line. Operators can assist you to identify and contact the health service you need 1300 135 030

**Northern Districts Community Support Group:** Education, information and counselling for families and individuals experiencing personal and relationship problems. 9971 1030

Northern Districts Community Support Group also provide a counselling service for farmers and farm-related small businesses, and offer support for anything of a financial nature. 9971 1294

**Rural Link:** Helping people finding it difficult to cope or in crisis 1800 552 002

**St John Ambulance Service:** Emergencies 000