

DOCTORS:

Dr Michael O'Halloran - MBBS, University of Sydney, Dip RACOG. Specific interests includes general family medicine, antenatal and paediatric care, adolescent health, occupational health and safety, aged care and palliative care.

Dr Peter Floro - MBBS, University of NSW. Specific interests include general family medicine, sports medicine, aged care and acupuncture. Dr Floro speaks Italian.

Dr Min Ko Ko Thaug – MBBS, MRCGP, DFFP, DRCOG, PG Cert Med Ed, MBA, FRACGP. Specific interests include general family medicine, antenatal and paediatric care, adolescent health and aged care. Dr Min speaks Burmese. "*Currently on leave*"

Dr D. Talic – FRACGP, MBBS (UNSW). Interested in all aspects of general health. Her main interests are in women's health and geriatrics.

Dr S. Khadka – MBChB (UK), MRCGP (UK), FRACGP. Interested in holistic medicine. Main interest lies in men's health, mental health and aged care medicine. Dr Khadka speaks Nepali.

Dr H. Milenkovski – MD, MRCGP, FRACGP
Special interests in general family medicine and also general internal medicine, chronic disease management, sports medicine, mental health, men's health and aged care.

PRACTICE STAFF:

Practice Manager - Sharon Hurry
Receptionists – Hannah, Rebecca, Jaklina, Elke, Bianca, Elizabeth
Practice Nurses – Shale (RN), Louise (Women's Health Nurse, EN), Brad Toole (RN)

ALLIED HEALTH:

Dietitian - Beatrix Ikeda Podiatrist – Sarah Watty
Counselling – Ken Davis Audiologist – Audika

Surgery Hours

Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5.00pm
Saturday closed

Please phone for an appointment
(02) 4275 1800

After Hours

Doctors of this Practice are members of the **Radio Doctor Illawarra**, a cooperative medical service that is not for profit organisation. A doctor will visit your home after hours - evenings and weekends. To maintain continuity of care information about the consultation is communicated to your doctor from the service. Medicare fees are only charged.
Please contact this service after normal business hours.

Phone (02) 4228 5522

Warrawong Medical Centre provides the following services:

<i>Family medicine</i>	<i>Preventative health</i>
<i>Family planning</i>	<i>Sexual health</i>
<i>Antenatal shared care</i>	<i>Paediatric health</i>
<i>Adolescent health</i>	<i>Womens' & Men's' health</i>
<i>Immunisation</i>	<i>Vaccination</i>
<i>Travel medicine</i>	<i>Minor surgery</i>
<i>Wound care</i>	<i>Smoking cessation</i>
<i>Workcover</i>	<i>Industrial medicine</i>
<i>General medicals</i>	<i>Pre employment medicals</i>
<i>Mental health</i>	<i>Chronic conditions & care plans</i>
<i>Indigenous health</i>	

We can also provide the following services on site:
Electrocardiograph, hearing testing, blood collection, spirometry and holter monitoring.
X-ray services is available close by.

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Dr Peter Floro
Dr Min Thaug (*on leave*)
Dr D. Talic
Dr S. Khadka
Dr Hristijan Milenkovski

WARRAWONG MEDICAL CENTRE

Practice Information For Patients

43 King Street
Warrawong NSW 2502

Phone: (02) 4275 1800

January 2023

General Information

This Practice has been established in Warrawong for 50 years. We are committed to providing the highest quality medical care to our patients by providing comprehensive general medical care to all individuals and families in the community. There is access to 24-hour medical care.

The Practice is accredited, actively involved in the activities of the Primary Health Network (PHN), and all doctors are involved in continuing medical education through the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

We pride ourselves on being a 'family medical practice' and indeed in many instances we have three generations of families attending.

Appointments

- Generally, patients are seen by appointment and we try to accommodate all short notice appointments.
- Urgent cases will always be seen at short notice, if necessary, without appointment.
- The doctors aim to run to time, however there will be times when due to unforeseen circumstances and emergencies, your doctor may run late. We apologise for this as we appreciate your time is important.
- Should you require a longer appointment please discuss this with the reception staff when making your appointment.
- We appreciate you contacting us if you need to cancel your appointment.
- Interpreter services and AUSLAN services can be arranged.
- Our practice has access for patients with disabilities and special needs.

Accident and emergencies

- In **extreme emergencies** such as severe chest pain or breathing difficulties **phone 000** for an ambulance.
- If uncertain contact the medical centre for assistance and direction. Clearly state you have an **emergency** and give full details so that staff will inform the doctor.

Communication with the doctor

- Most problems are best dealt with in a consultation.
- Patients are able to obtain advice or information related to their care where the doctor determines that a face-to-face consultation is unnecessary via telephone.
- Our telephones are answered by trained staff.
- Please give staff as much information as possible so that the most appropriate assistance is given to you.

- Electronic communication (emails, fax) is not a preferred option and is not encouraged.
- Please advise of any change in address or personal details to assist in keeping our records up to date.

Arriving and leaving the medical centre

- On arrival to the medical centre please register with our reception staff.
- Following your consultation with the doctor, nurse or allied health please see the reception staff before you leave so your account can be settled.

Home visits

Home visits are available to our regular patients on a needs basis and is at the discretion of the doctor. Our doctors make regular visits to aged care homes including Coniston Nursing Home and Wollongong Nursing Home

Medical certificates

Medical certificates are legal documents, and you will need to consult with your doctor to discuss your needs.

Prescriptions

- We are committed to your care, and it is usual for patients to make appointments to be seen by the doctor for review of medical conditions and prescription renewals.
- Please discuss with your doctor if you have any questions or special needs.

Referral to specialists

- Referrals are legal documents that allows you to claim benefits from Medicare.
- Prior to being referred to a specialist it is necessary to see your doctor who will assess your medical care needs and discuss with you the most suitable referral based on your medical history and presentation. There are potential out-of-pocket costs for referred services.
- Please discuss with your doctor any questions you may have about referrals.

Test results and general enquiries

- Due to busy phone lines, we prefer general enquiries to be made between 10 am and 4 pm Monday to Friday.
- Your doctor will normally require you to attend an appointment for test results and follow up.
- In some circumstances the doctor will advise you that it is appropriate for you to call the medical centre for results of investigations. Check with your doctor.

Ongoing care and privacy

All patient's consultations and medical records are kept strictly confidential. Responsibility for ones' own health is important and we aim to educate and assist patients understand and manage their health issues. However, at times reminders can be helpful so please check with your doctor about our reminder system for PAP smears, immunisations, and chronic disease management. If you do not wish to be included in our Recall and Reminder System, please advise the reception staff or your doctor. This practice complies with The Health Records & Information Privacy Act (HRIP) 2002.

A copy of our privacy policy is available on request from reception.

Engaging with Other Services

In order to provide optimal care to our patients, our practice communicates with other medical services including diagnostic services, hospitals, specialist consultants, primary healthcare nurses, allied health services, pharmacists, disability & community services, health promotion and public health services and programs.

Suggestions and complaints

- The Practice constantly strives to give you the best possible care and attention. If you have any suggestions, please use our "suggestions box" or you are unhappy about any aspect of our service, please talk to the Practice Manager or the doctor. We take your concerns seriously.
- For unresolved complaints you may contact Health Care Complaints Commission, Locked Bag 18, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012
Ph: (02) 9219 7444 Free call: 1800 043 159.

Payment/fees

- From 1 February 2023 we will be moving to Mixed Billings. We will continue to bulk bill patients that have a current health care card, pension card, <16 years of age, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
- Consultation fees are payable on the day. \$75 for a standard consultation of <20 minutes, \$125 for a longer consultation of >20 minutes.
- We bulk bill a variety of Australian Government Health Initiatives that includes Indigenous (Closing the Gap), health assessments, care plans, chronic disease management and referrals to allied health.