**Thames healthcare providers prepare for Summer rush**

With the summer holidays just around the corner, Waikato DHB is preparing for a surge in visitors to the Coromandel Peninsula.

Waikato DHB is teaming up with iwi primary care provider Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki to provide a summer clinic, offering healthcare to all those who need it.

The clinic will be based at Thames Hospital from Monday 14 December (excluding weekends and statutory holidays) with Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki providing non-urgent services Monday to Friday between 8am and 4.30pm. No appointment or enrolment is needed.

Thames Medical Centre will also continue to provide a Saturday emergency General Practice clinic at Thames Hospital ED from 9am to 3pm.

All five Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki General Practice clinics and Thames Medical Centre will also remain open except for weekends and public holidays for casual and enrolled patients.

Thames Hospital Emergency Department will continue to operate 24/7 for emergency care.

Any patient with COVID-19 symptoms or who requires a test should free call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki on 0508 835 676 first.

We're proud to work with our partners to help keep our community and visitors safe over the summer period.

Charges may apply for the summer clinic:

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| **Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki enrolled patients** | **Age** | **Price** |
|  | Under 18 | No charge |
|  | 18-65 | $18 |
|  | Over 65 | $12 |
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| **Casual patients** | Under 18 | $20 |
|  | 18 and over | $40 |

**Notes:**

* Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki is a rural iwi-based, not-for profit, incorporated society providing health and wellness services across the region. Their services include doctor and nurse clinics, prevention, early detection, treatment and management, education, wellness care, mental health services, whānau support, health promotion and public health services  <https://www.korowai.co.nz/>
* Thames Medical Centre provides a wide variety of general medical services as well as specialised nurse-lead services locally. The service offers an Emergency GP Clinic every Saturday throughout the year and some Public Holidays from 10am-4pm at Thames Hospital  <http://www.thamesmed.co.nz/>

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