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New Urgent Care Clinic Opens

Health Minister Kon Vatskalis today officially opened the Darwin Private Hospital’s new urgent care medical clinic.

Link Health Swiftcare will be open seven days a week from 1-9pm, providing Darwin people with access to extended hours and a complete range of urgent medical care.

“This is great news for Top End residents, providing additional access to medical facilities after hours, as well as treatment of walk-in cases,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“This facility will certainly complement Royal Darwin Hospital’s Emergency Department, which is one of the busiest ED’s across the country.

“It will assist to reduce the pressure on the Emergency Department for non-life threatening conditions, and in turn reduce waiting times for emergency care.”

Mr Vatskalis said the facility is equipped to deal with a wide range of injury and illness such as broken and fractured bones; cuts requiring stitches; minor burns; sporting and workplace injuries.

“The location of clinic at the Private Hospital also means patients will have the benefit of direct access to on-site x-rays, blood tests, medical and surgical specialist and physiotherapists.

“It also allows a streamlined admission to Darwin Private Hospital if needed.

“I wish to congratulate the Darwin Private Hospital on the establishment of the Link Health Swiftcare Clinic, which demonstrated the hospital’s continued commitment to providing high quality medical services.”

This adds to the range of medical services available after hours, including the Palmerston GP Superclinic and the private GP clinics across the Top End.

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