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Health Boost for Cox Peninsula

The Territory Government has established a new health service for residents of Cox Peninsula.

The Health Minister Chris Burns today officially launched an outreach clinic at Wagait Beach.

“I am very pleased to officially launch the service which operates two evenings a week for three hours,” Dr Burns said.

“The clinic will mean the 400 residents of Mandorah and Wagait Beach will now have access to health services closer to home.

“Ensuring increased health services in the communities where people live is a key plank of the Government’s Building Healthier Communities framework.”

The clinic is staffed by a nurse and an assistant and will operate from 5pm to 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Emergency and acute care, chronic disease and child health screening, and health education will be available through the clinic.

Dr Burns said the Cox Peninsula Local Government Council built an $800,000 multi-purpose building with help from the Territory and Australian governments.

The building houses the medical centre, cyclone shelter and meeting room.

“I want to congratulate both the Cox Peninsula Council and the Health Department for working collaboratively to achieve this great outcome for local residents,” Dr Burns said.

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