

Our Team

Our GP's

Dr Daphene CONNOR MBBS, FRACGP, FAMAC, Dip Skin Cancer



Dr Connor is an experienced Supervisor with RACGP and ACRRM accreditation.

Dr Connor has a Diploma in Skin Cancer. Please make an appointment for your next skin check. Appointments available for biopsy and excisions of all skin cancers.

Dr Connor is an experienced medical acupuncturist. Please make an appointment to discuss acupuncture as an alternative pain relief alternative.

Dr Lorna Montgomery MBChB, FRACGP



Graduated Edinburgh University in 2012.

Has worked in a variety of specialties in Scottish hospitals for 2 years before moving to Australia.

Dr Lorna worked in EDs in Mackay and on the Sunshine Coast before discovering her passion for rural family practice.

Lorna joined the team in 2018.

She is currently working Monday and Tuesday at Blackbutt Medical.

Dr Paul Kennedy MBBS MHA



Graduated in 2012.

Over 20 years experience in hospital and general practice.

Currently working Thursday and Friday.

Dr Hla Myat MBBS



Graduated from University of Medicine 1, Yangon, Myanmar in 2010

Has worked in Jamaica for 2 years before starting a medical journey in Australia in 2015

Worked in various specialties at different hospitals in Queensland including 3 years of practice in emergency medicine.

Interested in family medicine, diabetes, skin and minor procedures.

Admin

At Blackbutt Medical Centre experienced reception and office admin staff are keen to welcome and assist patients and their care. Nothing is too much trouble. Catering for the high level of diversity in patient health needs is a high priority.

At Blackbutt Medical Centre the Admin staff recognise that patients are all different with different personalities and backgrounds, varying health needs and points of difference but with a common desire to make the patients' health visit to the Blackbutt Medical Centre, the most welcoming and memorable.

Our Office Manager has a wealth of knowledge and is the "go to" person for everything Best Practice software, emailing and faxing, Medicare, and generally all things "office".

Our Practice Nurse has been with the practice for many years. She brings a wealth of experience in skin cancer management and removal, bandaging and wound dressing, health assessments, childhood adult immunizations and general practice nursing. She is an invaluable resource for registrars in everything "treatment room" – recall, Australian Immunization Register, spirometry, clinical computer usage, results and where to find everything.

The Practice Manager is an ex-school principal who has an "open door" relationship with all staff, GPs and patients. He manages everything for the practice from writing up this profile to the internal day to day workings of the practice and short and long term needs of both the staff and patients. He is committed to acknowledging and endorsing the strengths and expertise that each member of staff brings to the practice. He is equally committed to engaging contact with patients early in areas of conflict and complaint.

Blackbutt Medical Centre is well placed within an active and vibrant rural community to support the growth and refinement of the clinical and administrative staff's knowledge and expertise. Patients feel valued and appreciated as supportive participants in both their own health journey as well as in the practice's journey. Our practice offers an alive and vital patient community who value "hands on teaching and learning" and want to be a part of the training of the doctors of the future.

Training Post

- Registrars

At Blackbutt Medical Centre our mission is to provide a rural clinical training post that will ensure medical registrars can experience at least one year of their clinical training in a very warm, friendly, fun and supportive rural setting.

The Blackbutt Medical Centre team are committed to work alongside registrars to provide a multidisciplinary, professional working and learning life experience during which they will

have the opportunity to grow as practitioners and individuals in an environment of continuous innovation and improvement.

Blackbutt Medical Centre is a teaching focussed practice where registrars are offered a quality educational and community focussed experience. We believe that the best possible learning experience will grow from a workplace that can be fun and flexible while catering for high community expectations and “best practice” professionalism.

At Blackbutt Medical Centre the quality and value of the learning experience is the responsibility of the whole team from the administrative pile of paperwork that precedes any appointment, to orientation to the practice and community and ultimately supporting the registrar to getting maximum value out of the clinical workload. At Blackbutt Medical Centre we “play to our strengths,” with training occurring at all levels within the practice and community. All staff play a vital role in fostering a culture of learning that is two way with an acknowledgement that GP Registrars come to our practice with a great deal of expertise and knowledge. Our goals is to capture that knowledge and expertise and share it within the practice.

Blackbutt Medical Centre is fortunate to have Dr Daphene Connor as the leader of an experienced clinical teaching and training team. Dr Connor as FRACGP has been actively involved in GP registrar and medical student training. She is also an accredited skin cancer GP (Dip Skin Cancer) and Fellow of AMAC (Australian Medical Acupuncture College). Dr Connor provides a broad spectrum of teaching fields for GP registrars and students who are interested. She is committed to the individual needs of registrar teaching, training, and support. As the principal supervisor in a small rural practice where normally only one first year GP registrar is working, Dr Connor guarantees “one on one” dedicated support for each registrar placement. While the registrar will have the opportunity to experience and interact with other GPs at the practice, supervision will be provided by one person – Dr Connor. Dr Daphene Connor has been a GP Registrar Trainer for 11 years (first with QRME and since 2016 with GPTQ) and has been teaching medical students for over 15 years. Dr Connor brings to the “teaching/learning table” her experience, training and expertise with skin cancer management, acupuncture, and general medicine.

- Medical Students

Medical student education is an important part of the training program at the clinic. We accept students from the University of Queensland (UQ) and Griffith University. They have an opportunity to participate in formally assessing patients with chronic and complex diseases including diabetes, medical assessments etc. They also have an opportunity to experience various procedural skills including skin excisions, venepuncture, immunisations and wound care. They have the opportunity to enhance the preventative care literature and resources that the medical centre can make available to patients.

We also have medical students visiting periodically for work experience during term breaks. They all enjoy obtaining practical knowledge of General Practice.

We are grateful to those patients who allow the student doctors to be involved in their care. It is a tremendously valuable learning opportunity and we know that the students and the University hold the training in high regard.

A regular feature of all medical student visits is to learn more about and to produce literature and links for our website and Facebook page that address events, happenings and resources of personal health information. Look to the News and Event Calendar for these postings.

- Secondary and TAFE Students

We occasionally cater for high school students looking for work experience in the health profession and all have been an outstanding success.

While primarily employed to attend to simple tasks, the students are also educated in privacy law and office procedures.

The experience and training gained gives the students skills that they can build on in their further studies and employment.

We accept work experience secondary students and those keen to enter a medical career.