



# **Amanda Rishworth MP**

## **Member for Kingston**

### **Media Release**

#### **Additional Money for After Hours GP Services in the South**

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The Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth announced today that additional *General Practice After Hours* grants have been provided to support after-hours GP services in Morphett Vale, Aldinga and Sheidow Park.

“I am pleased to announce that these communities are three of the 100 Australian communities to be offered Government funding for after-hours GP services,” Ms Rishworth said.

“The grants worth \$82,650 to GP Connect Southern Clinic in Morphett Vale, \$100,000 to GP Connect Aldinga and \$100,000 to Southcare Medical Services in Sheidow Park will help to build and strengthen after-hours care by general practitioners in these communities,” she said.

This announcement comes in addition to the announcement made earlier this month that the Hackham Medical centre in Huntfield Heights received \$100 000 from the General Practice After Hours program.

“The grants announced today will assist general practitioners provide out of hours services to the local communities and will enable as many people as possible in Morphett Vale, Aldinga and Sheidow Park will have access to high-quality GP services when they need them.” Ms Rishworth said.

“Good primary care in local communities means people stay healthier, manage chronic disease and illness more effectively, and stay out of hospital and these federal government grants will assist to achieve this.” She said.

The *General Practice After Hours* Program provide for grant of up to \$100, 000 over two years and are available on a competitive basis to support a range of after hours services to local communities including assisting with costs such as on-call allowances, training and running costs.

The program has the support of local GPs.