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NEW SKIN CANCER SCREENING CLINIC IN MINGENEW FILLS 100 PLACES

In partnership with Rural Health West and Suncity Skin Cancer Clinics, Silver Chain has organised a Skin Cancer Screening Clinic for Mingenew residents which seeks to enhance medical services in rural areas.

To be held at the local Silver Chain nursing post in Mingenew tomorrow, Tuesday, 27 July 2010, the Skin Cancer Screening Clinic will be conducted by two skin cancer specialists and a skin cancer trained nurse practitioner from Suncity Skin Cancer Clinics. Medical students with an interest in rural and remote medicine will also be assisting and the team will be demonstrating new dermoscopic, mole mapping and diagnostic technologies to patients.

Silver Chain Clinical Manager and Remote Area Nurse in Mingenew, Ms Lucy Mutimer, noted the importance of having regular check-ups for those outside of metropolitan Perth.

“We see an increased amount of sun damaged skin from the outdoor lifestyle of our workers and residents and this leads to increased risks for skin cancer. Early detection and treatment is critical for patients and this is just one way we can assist,” said Ms Mutimer.

“The community banded together to support a fly in clinic and we now have over 100 patients from Mingenew scheduled for the initial screening with more on a waiting list for next time.”

Dr William Ardrey, Chairman of Suncity Skin Cancer Clinics, commented that the response from Mingenew residents exceeded his expectations.

“The community support in Mingenew was so overwhelming that we have had to organise additional staff to manage the demand and ensure as many people receive the benefits of the Skin Cancer Screening Clinic, as we can manage in a day,” Dr Ardrey said.

The Clinic will be under the medical direction of Dr Stuart Adamson, Director of the Western Australian Institute of Skin Cancer Medicine and Rural Research.

The Skin Cancer Screening Clinic is an initiative of Silver Chain Mingenew Health Centre, sponsored by Silver Chain Mingenew Fundraising Committee and supported by Rural Health West. The skin cancer screening technology is further supported by a Batavia Coast Veteran, Classis Vehicle Club (Inc) and the Country Women’s Association of Walkaway.

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