



Hyacinth Cottage-Transitioning rural and remote patients to return home

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- Concord Burns Unit catchment area covers a population of over 5 million people
 - includes the following LHD's-Illawarra Shoalhaven, Nepean Blue Mountains, Sydney, South Eastern Sydney, South Western Sydney, Western Sydney, Far west, Murrumbidgee, Southern NSW and Western NSW.
- Burns patients are transferred from primary health services outside regular referral boundaries, ie regional, rural and remote areas.
- There is a delayed discharge of patients to rural and remote areas due to
 - Lack of burn expertise and multidisciplinary services locally
 - Limited access to affordable accommodation in Sydney
- > 20% of admissions are from rural and remote areas
- Hyacinth Cottage is a 3 bedroom heritage listed home set on 14 hectares of parkland. The cottage opened in November 2016 as a transitional care destination for suitable rural and remote patients and their families
 - Allows patients to stay with family and re connect
 - Continue to receive care within the Burns Ambulatory Care Clinic
 - Allows transition to home
- Temporarily closed for 8 weeks for plumbing repair and heating installation
- To date 6 patients and families have stayed at Hyacinth Cottage
- Care and food package provided by Burns Unit
- Cost to family \$250 per week.



- Dale Hennessey from Trangie, in the states west, sustained 15% TBSA flame burns and was the first patient to reside in the cottage with partner Bronwyn Sharpe and 6 year old daughter Madison for 1 week.
- Dale felt it allowed them to return to normal life sooner.
- "It's better than a motel room, you can cook your own meals and I can be with my family. We are a long way from home so it's been really good in the cottage. Maddy and I take walks around the estate and it's spectacular "

