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PARTNERS IN A UNIQUE REHABILITATION CLINIC

Ben Whittaker of Roslyn Lodge aged care facility, Taryn Jones from Griffith University, Neil Bell of Physique Physiotherapy and Cr Nigel Waistell at Roslyn Lodge last week to discuss the establishment of a unique student-led neurological rehabilitation clinic that will be tailored to meet the specific needs of Tamborine Mountain. Story Page 3



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Physique Physiotherapy, in conjunction with Griffith University and Beaumont Care, is developing a student-led neurological rehabilitation clinic that will be tailored to meet the specific needs of Tamborine Mountain.

This partnership between private business, aged care and university represents a unique and exciting opportunity.

The clinic will run for 15 weeks from 13 May to 23 August at Beaumont Care's aged care facility, Roslyn Lodge.

It aims to provide a service that enables community members with a neurological diagnosis to access free rehabilitation services in a local setting.

The students, from the Griffith University School of Physiotherapy, will be under the direct supervision of a clinical educator, employed by Physique Physiotherapy, who is experienced in neurological and community-based rehabilitation.

Conditions that are eligible to be treated at the clinic include:

Alzheimer's Disease; amputees; Parkinson's Disease; brain aneurysm; brain tumour; brain injury; cerebral palsy; dementia; Gullian-Barre Syndrome; motor neurone disease; multiple sclerosis; muscular dystrophy; spinal cord injury; stroke; vertigo; patients at risk of falls; and elderly patients requiring rehabilitation due to deconditioning as a result of a fall, hospital admission, injury or surgery.

"It is not necessary for these to be acute or recent conditions," said Neil Bell, of Physique.



Ben Whittaker of Roslyn Lodge aged care facility, Taryn Jones from Griffith University, Neil Bell of Physique Physiotherapy, and Cr Nigel Waistell

"It is assumed that some patients will participate for the full 15 weeks and others will undergo a shorter, more intense rehabilitation phase lasting five weeks.

"Patients will access a wide variety of opportunities to rehabilitate, including one-on-one therapy sessions, small group therapy sessions and larger rehabilitation classes.

"The clinical educator and students will devise an individualised plan based on each client's specific needs.

"A GP referral is not required to attend the clinic. However, if your GP thinks that you will be eligible, they will refer you to Physique Physiotherapy.

"You can contact the practice directly to express your interest in attending the clinic.

"Once you have contacted us and we have all your details, we will determine if you are eligible and we will contact

you to let you know if you have been accepted into the clinic.

"The clinical educator will contact you about four weeks before the clinic is due to start and let you know everything that you need to know. At this stage you will be given ample opportunity to go through any questions you would like to ask."

Scenic Rim Regional Council Planning and Development Committee Chairman, Cr Nigel Waistell, said Tamborine Mountain Community Care was very pleased to be part of the project.

"Not only can TMCC assist in the training of students but TMCC clients can benefit from the offer of these free or low-cost rehabilitation services. This is an exciting opportunity to develop a unique service that firstly supports the residents of the Mountain but also the training of future physiotherapists.



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