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## FAR NORTH COAST DEMENTIA OUTREACH SERVICE

FOR ADVICE ON THE ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT OF EARLY STAGE DEMENTIA. COVERING THE RICHMOND, TWEED & CLARENCE VALLEYS.

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## Memory loss? Help is at hand

If you have concerns about memory loss and how it impacts on your every day life, or if you know someone who is affected by memory problems, then you should attend the memory clinic to be held at the Brunswick Valley Community Centre on April 29.

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The clinic is a free and confidential service offered to adults of all ages. Health professionals can make referrals to the clinic if a client has memory loss and community services, specific to memory loss, are not in place.

The Memory Clinic's aims include identifying memory impairment, making suggestions for further assessment, liaison with the person's GP and providing support to the person at an earlier stage in their dementia than they would have otherwise experienced. The clinics have specialist staff (social worker, clinical psychologist and registered nurse) whose knowledge and expertise are pooled together to give a multidisciplinary assessment, which will be more accurate because of the detailed amount of information gathered.

Some people who attend the Memory Clinic will be the 'worried well' – after assessment, they can be reassured that they do not have a cognitive impairment and can be given advice on memory consolidation. Those people who do have a cognitive impairment are offered referral to appropriate medical and support services. They are offered ongoing contact with the <u>Dementia</u> Outreach Service.

Dementia is a growing health concern in Australia, with predictions that it will increase by three and a half times in the next forty years as the very elderly become the fastest growing segment of the population.

Bookings for the Memory Clinic in Brunswick Heads are essential and can be made by phoning Kathryn Pigott on 6623 3547.

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