

The **each podiatry service** is available to people who are frail and to those with chronic health conditions that affect their feet.

The focus of the podiatry service is on education as well as treatment.

Clients are encouraged to be responsible for maintaining their foot health.

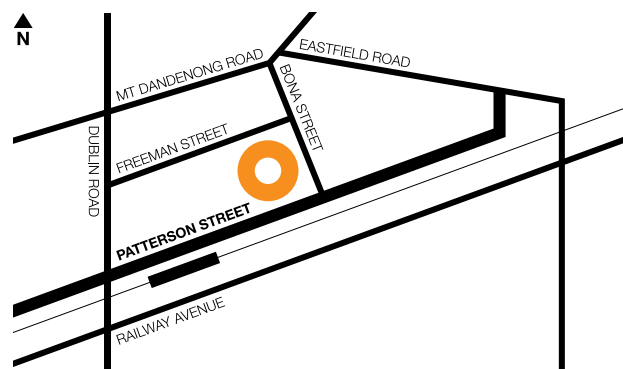
parking

Limited parking is available at the back of Maroondah Social and Community Health Centre via Freeman Street. Street parking is available in the surrounding streets but it is limited to two hours.

The Patterson Street entrance has a circular driveway for drop off and pick up. Parking bays for the disabled are also available and are located adjacent to the main entrance.

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each podiatry



the first appointment

Clients attending for their first appointment will have an assessment of their condition. This may include education and advice on the management of the problem, and treatment, if it is appropriate.

Clients who are ineligible for further treatment will be referred to other podiatry services.

Priority is given to clients who have a medical condition that significantly affects their feet, such as:

- diabetes
- peripheral vascular disease
- peripheral neuropathy
- chronic ulceration or infection
- people with foot deformities such as arthritis
- neurological conditions
- people using an anti-coagulant therapy.

Follow up appointments are not necessarily made at the time of treatment. We encourage people to take responsibility for monitoring their feet and contacting the podiatrist when they need further treatment.

Home visits are available for eligible clients.

what to bring to an appointment

The following items should be brought to the first appointment if available:

- a doctor's referral or health professional's letter
A doctor's referral is not required, but is helpful for the podiatrist when assessing problems.
- a written list of current medications
- footwear/shoes that are usually worn
New footwear can be assessed for suitability before wearing.
- x-rays
- orthoses (insoles).

cancellations

Please call 9837 3999 to advise reception if you need to cancel your appointment.

If we are given 24 hours notice, someone else has the chance to see the podiatrist, and another appointment time can be organised.

eligibility

Priority is always given to people who are most in need and experiencing disadvantage.

People can refer themselves or be referred by family, friends, carers, GPs, hospital or other health professionals.

Residents of nursing homes or hostels are not eligible to receive this service.

Contact the Intake Worker on **9837 3999** for information about eligibility or to make a referral.

fees

Fees are based on income level and ability to pay. Currently, the fees are:

- \$8.00 for Health Care Card/Pension Card holders or people on low incomes
- \$12.00 for people on medium level incomes.

Fees are charged in line with the Department of Human Services recommendations.

People experiencing difficulty with the fee payment are encouraged to discuss this with the treating podiatrist.