



MEDIA RELEASE

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Coffs Harbour GP Super Clinic to be built on Stadium Drive

Coffs Harbour residents are another step closer to better community healthcare with an ideal site found on Stadium Drive for the construction of the Commonwealth funded, Coffs Harbour GP Super Clinic.

"We are really pleased to have found such a perfect site", said Leavina Reid, CEO of the Coffs Harbour GP Super Clinic's parent organization, Bawrunga Aboriginal Medical Service.

"It is a short drive from the centre of Coffs Harbour and neighbouring towns, is accessible by public transport, and is close to the sporting complex, education campus and Base Hospital."

In a single, convenient location, the GP Super Clinic will deliver better access to health services for the entire Coffs community, both indigenous and non-indigenous.

With a strong emphasis on chronic disease and preventive health care, the GP Super Clinic will offer a range of allied health services, including psychology, physiotherapy, podiatry and exercise physiology as well as provide access to a health promotion officer.

Ms Reid said that the Super Clinic would also work closely with the local Base Hospital in coordinating services.

"The GP Super Clinic aims to reduce the demand on the nearby Base Hospital through better coordination of chronic & complex patients, as well as providing a close, alternative location for patients with lower acuity injury and illness to receive treatment."

Ms Reid has been working with the landowner and Coffs Harbour City Council on the Development Application for the Stadium Drive site, which was lodged this week.

"We look forward to now moving to the construction phase of the project and to working together with Council, Aboriginal communities and organisations, the Base Hospital, GPs and others committed to the health of the local community."

"It's exciting to be part of a project that is focused on keeping the community well, rather than just looking after people when they are sick", said Ms Reid.

The Coffs Harbour GP Super Clinic is scheduled to open in mid 2013.

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