

Gunnedah Rural Health Centre Update

October 2010

Construction

A call for tenders by project management consultants Kelley Covey will be issued next month. This follows the finalisation of all interior and exterior details and fittings.

The \$6 million building will be constructed of a flat face neutral coloured brick supplied by the Namoi Valley brickworks and a slate grey colorbond roof. The building colours have been chosen to complement the existing hospital buildings and neighbouring Alkira while maintaining its own identity. This is in accordance with the planning certificate granted by Gunnedah Shire Council.

Interior designer Chris Cole-Clark, who worked on the refurbishment of the Town Hall interior, the council chamber and Lundie House, has been advising the board on colours and interior fittings.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2011.

New Board Member

Aboriginal Health Worker, Ms Gina Field has accepted an invitation to join the board of Gunnedah Rural Health Ltd. She becomes the 10th board member.

Board Training

Board members have spent two weekends in recent months undertaking strategic planning workshops. As a result board responsibilities have been re-defined with a number of specialist sub-committees being formed. Governance issues were dealt with in detail and items such as confidentiality agreements, a code of conduct, risk management and future management structure have been discussed and studied in detail.

AGM

The GRH Ltd AGM is scheduled for 16 November in the Hospital Education Centre, members will receive shortly a meeting notice and Annual Report.

Community/Fundraising

Thank you to the community for your ongoing support to this project. More than \$90,000 has been raised.

In the last two months, there have been several successful events, including an open garden day at Pilatus", Emerald Hill and a ballroom dance in the Town Hall. The fundraising focus is now shifting to the interior fit-out of the building. If there are any community groups that would like to help in any area of the building ie medical equipment, children's play area, waiting area, education wing or exterior landscaping, please contact GRHC fundraising co-ordinator Harvey Stoneman 6742 1667 hjdks@hotmail.com

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