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#### **GETTING ON WITH THE JOB: TENDER AWARDED FOR GULGONG MPS**

Another positive step has been taken for the benefit of Gulgong patients, with the tender for the town's Multi Purpose Service being awarded today, the Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, Jillian Skinner, said.

"Gulgong and neighbouring communities can now see progress being made with their health services, with the tender for the \$7 million Multi Purpose Service being awarded to National BuildPlan," Mrs Skinner said.

"The NSW Government is getting on with the job of delivering much-needed services for our communities, and this tender announcement is a great example of what we are achieving in rural health care.

"I'm delighted to see this project coming to another important milestone. We promised the community of Gulgong improved health facilities and we're delivering."

The Member for Orange, Andrew Gee, welcomed the announcement, saying local patients and their families will see real benefits from the construction of the Multi Purpose Service.

"This new MPS will link with the recently completed HealthOne Gulgong and will promote sustainability and integration of health services, including residential aged care services," Mr Gee said.

"I'm really pleased to confirm that the construction works are expected to begin later this year. This project demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to improving health services in our community."

Mr Gee said the new MPS will be located north of the HealthOne Gulgong building and is due for completion in late 2013.

At completion, the MPS will include:

- Four sub-acute beds
- Six residential aged care beds with provision to expand in the future. The facility will be suitable for people with low level dementia;
- Clinical and operational support services;
- Therapies to provide activities for aged care residents and non-acute patients receiving maintenance care or rehabilitation;

- Space for family members to meet with residents in a lounge area and courtyard;
- Separate entrances to the site for Ambulance and other service vehicles.

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