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POTTSVILLE HEALTHONE NOW A REALITY

Locals now have access to a one-stop-shop health service following the official opening of the \$3.7 million HealthOne at Pottsville by Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Tweed MP Geoff Provest today.

“This HealthOne has been a labour of love for many community members and it gives me great pleasure to be here today to open this \$3.7 million facility,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The Pottsville HealthOne will provide the local community with a variety of health services under one roof including general practice and community and allied health work such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, social work, indigenous care, dietetics, child and family health as well as a dental clinic.

“The NSW Government is getting on with the job of delivering better health care and we are committed to ensuring our regional communities have access to quality health services close to home - HealthOnes form a vital part of this commitment.

“Planning for this service began in 2003 and it has taken ten years and a change of government to be able to officially open this service to the public.

“Pottsville and surrounding areas are fortunate to have dedicated community members in their midst who have fought for local health service.

“It is with great happiness that the NSW Government has been able to support this community’s commitment to see their dreams of a HealthOne become a reality,” Mrs Skinner said.

Mr Provest said the HealthOne at Pottsville will provide services to other nearby communities including Bogangar, Burringbar, Cabarita, Crabbes Creek, Hastings Point, Mooball, and Wooyung.

Planning for the HealthOne Centre in Pottsville started in 2006 and was overseen by a devoted steering committee made up of local community members, community groups, representatives from the Tweed Shire Council and local health district representatives.

“It is rewarding to be here today with the Health Minister to see this service up and running and I look forward to seeing the positive results it will deliver for the community.

“Today recognises the significant achievement that can be made when government works hand-in-hand with the community to enhance the health services for the benefit of patients, their families, staff and locals,” Mr Provest said.

The Pottsville HealthOne is located in Elizabeth Street, next to the Neighbourhood Centre providing easy access to the local community.