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HEALTH MINISTER TURNS THE FIRST SOD ON PEAK HILL MPS PROJECT

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Dubbo MP Troy Grant today visited Peak Hill to turn the first sod on the \$12 million Peak Hill Multi-Purpose Service project.

“This is an exciting day for Peak Hill, as well as Troy Grant and I. The start of construction on this important facility marks a major milestone in enhancing patient care for this community,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Multi-Purpose Services play a vital and complementary role in ensuring patients receive quality care closer to home and it is wonderful to be here today to mark progress on this important project.”

The visit to Peak Hill MPS is part of Mrs Skinner’s two-day visit to hospitals and health facilities in Western NSW.

Mr Grant said the Peak Hill MPS project is scheduled for completion in early 2015.

“I join the community in its excitement to see this project getting off the ground,” Mr Grant said.

“It’s been a long journey to see this project become a reality and before long we will have a wide range of health services at our fingertips.”

The Peak Hill MPS will include:

- Four sub-acute beds including respite and palliative care;
- A Rural Emergency Care Service;
- A wide range of community-based services;
- 10 high care residential aged care beds flexible in usage to accommodate residents with low level dementia;
- Respite care;
- Dementia specific services;
- Diversional therapy;
- General Practitioner services;
- Clinical and operational support services;
- Chronic Disease Management programs and clinics;
- Ambulatory and community acute/ post-acute services;
- Capacity for a facility based self-care renal dialysis space; and
- Refurbishment of existing staff accommodation.

This major project milestone follows the recent appointment of building contractor Total Construction to complete early works.

The early works program is making important progress:

- Demolition of the old ambulance garage has been completed ready for construction of the new ambulance garage;
- Staff accommodation has been relocated;
- The demolition of a number of single storey weatherboard and brick buildings including the Community Health Building has been completed; and
- Excavation for the new MPS building is in progress.

Also included in the early works is:

- Installation of hydraulic stormwater and electrical services for future connections;
- Supply and installation of new fire hydrant tanks; and
- The relocation and protection of certain mechanical services.