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CELEBRATIONS AS \$30 MILLION MONA VALE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Pittwater Rob Stokes today officially opened the purpose-built, \$30 million Mona Vale Community Health Centre.

Staff and community members joined in the opening ceremony, which included the unveiling of a triptych (*Pink Haze, Good Morning and Thongs*), created and donated by local photographer Corinne Hunter.

“What a fantastic addition to Mona Vale Hospital campus - and to health services on the northern beaches,” Mrs Skinner said. “Community health services play a crucial role in reducing the pressure on our health system by keeping people out of hospital and functioning at their best in the community.”

Services offered at the Mona Vale Community Health Centre include community nursing, paediatric occupational therapy, paediatric speech pathology, child and family health, adult mental health, community drug and alcohol, rehabilitation and aged care, chronic disease and rehabilitation.

Mr Stokes said: “The Mona Vale Community Health Centre is the largest and most significant infrastructure project completed at Mona Vale Hospital in decades.

“It’s fantastic we’re now seeing major investments in our local health facilities and the opening of state-of-the-art buildings. This new centre will play an important role in the future of health service delivery on the northern beaches.”

The Mona Vale Community Health Centre - and two new community health facilities at Brookvale and Seaforth (Dalwood) - will complement the new Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) at Frenchs Forest, which is scheduled to open in 2018.

The redeveloped Mona Vale Hospital will also complement the Northern Beaches Hospital, specialising in a range of high-level, sub-acute services including inpatient rehabilitation, aged care, palliative care and community health, while also featuring a 24-hour Urgent Care Centre and helipad.