

COOLAH MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE PROGRAM

Community Update - October 2018

Residents move into their "lovely" new home

Stage 2 of the redevelopment of the Coolah MPS was handed over recently, paving the way for all the residents to move into their new homes. All of the Hostel residents have now moved up to the MPS, joining the existing residents there to fill the two new residential aged care wings of the MPS.

Prior to the move, families and carers joined the residents at an afternoon tea at the MPS to view the new facilities and have input into their room selection in the Magnolia House wing.



The new dining room opens into the new courtyard area, and also includes a large activities space (which can be seen in the photos over the page).



The new RAC entrance (witches hats a temporary feature!)

Everyone is settling in well and making use of the new facilities including the larger dining room, activities spaces, nooks, courtyard and deck areas. The photos on this page and over the page show some of the new facilities.

Some feedback from the residents on the new residential aged care facilities included:

- "very nice"
- "lovely"
- "rooms are big"
- "amazing what you see in the trees"

The final stages of the redevelopment are now underway, focusing largely on refurbishments of the GP clinic, administration spaces, landscaping and other minor works.

Once the redevelopment is completed the Coolah MPS will be a more modern and equipped facility for the future.



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Art workshop brings together ideas and creativity

The new dining and activities area has hosted its first event in the form of an art workshop between the residents and local school children. The workshop was run by artist Sandon Gibbs-O'Neill, with the participants learning about traditional Aboriginal art and its creation. We look forward to unveiling the work following it's installation in the new residential aged care facilities.

The photo at right shows the group in the new dining and activities room before unleashing their creative genius.







Photos above showing the residents and children using the techniques to create the unique dot artwork.