

## Cheers as the redeveloped Coolah MPS is opened

A large and joyful crowd filed into the Coolah MPS to celebrate the official opening of the redevelopment on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

The opening took place in the new dining and activities room, with the traditional smoking ceremony occurring in the new courtyard. The crowd heard from the Health Service Manager, Sue Berry, Aboriginal Elders Suellyn Tighe, Casey Dowd and Patty Chatfield, Chief Executive of the Western NSW Local Health District, Scott McLachlan, and former Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries.

It was fantastic to have the Coolah Central School students attend the opening, with some speaking about their involvement in the new art for the MPS, and others involved in the smoking ceremony.

The redevelopment of the Coolah MPS consolidated the 20 existing Residential Aged Care (RAC) in Coolah into one location at the MPS. This included the construction of 14 RAC bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, as well as new dining and activities areas and a new courtyard for the residents.

The redevelopment also delivered upgrades to the acute care areas including patient care rooms and support areas, and a refurbishment to the GP clinic.

The main construction works contract was awarded to Zauner Construction in October 2016, and construction was completed in December 2018.

Thank you to the Coolah community for your support and patience while your beloved MPS was a construction zone.



*Members of the Coolah Health Council, with Scott McLachlan from the Western NSW LHD*





### Photo gallery from the official opening

