

Big changes: Rylstone MPS

IF YOU'VE driven by or been into the Rylstone Multipurpose Service (MPS) recently you would have noticed a few changes.

Rylstone MPS Health Service Manager, Susan Gawthorne said the redevelopment project is now several months into the construction phase with physical progress visible at the existing HealthOne and Residential Aged Care (RAC) sections.

"There are several components to the project and they are being staged to ensure minimal disruption to our residents, patients and staff. We thank everyone for accepting some temporary changes while the building works are occurring, which when complete will deliver a fantastic upgraded facility for our community," she said.

The Rylstone MPS redevelopment project involves extensions and refurbishment to several areas of the MPS, including new residential aged care rooms and dining area, a reconfigured acute area, modification to the Health One building and a new staff accommodation building. The redevelopment's aim is to ensure the Rylstone MPS continues to serve the needs of the community into the future.

"Building works started earlier this year, with most work to date focusing on the extensions to the existing HealthOne building and the

refurbishment of the existing RAC dining and recreation area," said Susan.

"The foundations for the HealthOne extension were complete in mid-April, followed by the wall and roof framing, with the external walls and roofing nearing completion.

"Similarly, the refurbishment works to the existing Residential Aged Care dining and recreation area had the new wall and roof frames finalised in April, roofing complete in May and wall cladding will be underway soon to complete the external walls.

"The extension to HealthOne can be seen from the main road and it's generated quite a bit of curiosity. We look forward to being able to share with the community our upgraded facility, once the project is complete."

The Rylstone MPS redevelopment contract was announced in November 2016, with the build awarded to Zauner Construction, after the project was fast-tracked to move from planning to delivery. They were also awarded the contract for the Coolah MPS redevelopment. The redevelopment project is part of a NSW-wide program of works to upgrade existing or build new MPS facilities in a number of rural and remote communities. mps.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/rylstone.



The footprint for the existing recreation and dining area of the Residential Aged Care section at the MPS is being expanded, as seen from inside the new structure.



The extension to the existing HealthOne at the Rylstone MPS, as seen from Ilford Road.



Jessica Nipperess won the Encouragement Award.

Gulgong: Schools compete in speech

THE 37th Prince of Wales Eisteddfod held the speech section schools day on Friday, May 19. 821 performers from Gulgong Public, St Matthews, Mudgee Public and Kandos Public gathered at the Gulgong Memorial Hall.

Major prize winners included: Best Dramatic Sketch: Kandos Public, Best Choral Kindergarten Verse Speaking: St Matthews, Best Choral Infants Verse Speaking: St Matthews, Best Choral Junior Verse Speaking: St Matthews and Best Choral Senior Verse Speaking: Mudgee Public.

The entertainment continued at the Opera House, with solo and duo performers. With entries at a record high, there were 346 performances over the two days. Award winners: Jasmine Russell - Most Promising 15 Years and Over Art of Speech Performer, Tara Sandy - 15 Years and Over Art of Speech Encouragement Award, Jessica Nipperess - Encouragement Award for Performer who resides in the Mid-Western Region and Sarah Gately - Drama Daze Best Senior Monologue.

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