



Bonalbo Multipurpose Service Program Revitalising Rural Health

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Long-term Bonalbo resident Mrs Joan Tart cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Bonalbo MPS, surrounded by, from left, Nurse Manager Cheryl Ducat, Thomas George MP, Bundjalung elder Uncle Harry Mudine Walker, and Kevin Hogan MP.

Bonalbo MPS officially open

Residents in and around Bonalbo now have access to a state-of-the-art health facility, with the new Bonalbo Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) officially opened on 11 December 2018.

The opening marked an exciting day for the community of Bonalbo and surrounding region, especially for those who will live and work in the new facility.

Residents of the former Caroonia Uniting Care facility moved to the new Bonalbo MPS Residential Aged Care facility on 4 December and along with community members and health representatives, they joined State Member for Lismore, Thomas George MP, and Federal Member for Page, Kevin Hogan MP, to officially open the building.

The new MPS provides emergency care, acute care, and community health services as well as a purpose-built RAC facility.



Bundjalung elder Uncle Harry Mundine Walker.

Constructed in two stages, the new MPS replaces the former Bonalbo Hospital and Bonalbo Community Health Centre.

To contact the new Bonalbo MPS, or make an appointment with the GP, phone **6665 4100**.

For more information visit the MPS website:

www.mps.health.nsw.gov.au





Caroona Uniting Care residents make new home



Resident Thea Baldwin enjoys a relaxing cuppa following her relocation to her new home.

Residents of Caroona Uniting Care aged care facility are settling in to their new home, following relocation into the Bonalbo MPS Residential Aged Care (RAC) on 4 December.

The residents each selected their rooms prior to relocation, and have spent the past few weeks familiarising themselves with the new facility, which provides a lounge room, activities room, covered courtyard, and kitchen and dining room facilities.

The residents have brought with them a sense of liveliness to the facility as family, friends, and volunteers visit the RAC each day.

Schools donate items for MPS Time Capsule

The new Bonalbo MPS will have a Time Capsule buried at the main entrance, featuring items from local schools and the health community.

A Time Capsule was originally buried for the opening of the, then new, Bonalbo Hospital, in 1993, with the contents of that capsule added to the 2018 Time Capsule.

The Time Capsule will be opened in 2043 — 25 years from now.



From left, Bonalbo Central School Principal Desiree Moore, NNSWLHD Project Communications Manager Lee McDougall, and Bonalbo Central School Relieving Deputy Principal Kathryn Taylor.

THANKS!

The Bonalbo MPS Project Team would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the staff and community of Bonalbo and district for their patience and understanding during the two-year construction period. We hope you enjoy your new facility.