



A new home for Molong MPS aged care residents



Molong MPS Nurse Manager Shinton Jacob with Molong MPS Health Service Manager Deb Kenna opening the doors to the new building for the first time.



New Residential Aged Care wing officially “welcomed”

Despite the cold and wet conditions, approximately 120 people recently attended a special event at the Molong Multipurpose Service (MPS) marking the completion of Stage 1 of the redevelopment project.

The “welcoming” event included a cultural smoking and cleansing of the new Residential Aged Care (RAC) wing and courtyard, which was followed by welcoming songs and dancing performed by Aboriginal Elder Lewis Burns.

A memorial piece was also unveiled in the courtyard, incorporating bricks and a marble plaque from the former Maternity Ward opened in 1929. The memorial was kindly organised by the Molong United Hospital Auxiliary to provide a permanent reminder of the Maternity Ward which has made way for the new RAC wing. It was unveiled by former Matron Margaret Starr (28 years’ service), current long-serving nurse Rosie Blowes (44 years’ service and counting!), and Julie James representing the Molong United Hospital Auxiliary.

Special guests at the welcoming event included the residents of Yuranigh House at Molong MPS, their families and carers, former Matron Margaret Starr, staff of Molong MPS, members of the Molong United Hospital Auxiliary, Molong Health Council, and local elected members.

The feedback on the new building was incredibly positive. After the formalities, small groups were taken on tours to view the new single rooms with ensuites, dining and recreation areas, hairdressing salon, and quiet areas with magnificent views over the township of Molong.

The redevelopment will now move into Stage 2 which includes refurbishment works of the existing RAC section and Hospital areas. This will be followed by Stage 3 works including a new front entry to the MPS.

The Molong MPS redevelopment project is part of a greater \$300 million program of works to upgrade existing or build new MPS facilities in a number of rural and remote communities across NSW.



Photo: The Molong MPS team with Western NSW Local Health District executive and other special guests during the “welcoming” event.



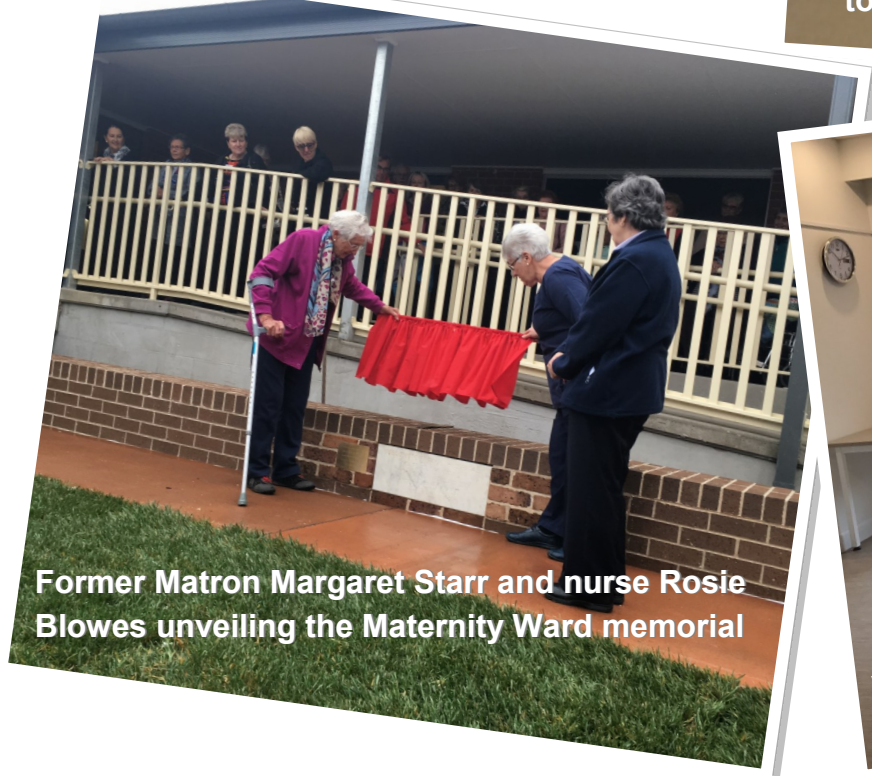
Photos from the Molong MPS “welcoming” event



Key handover of the new wing to the Molong MPS



A cultural smoking of the new building to cleanse and welcome



Former Matron Margaret Starr and nurse Rosie Blowes unveiling the Maternity Ward memorial



One of the new single RAC rooms with views over Molong



More photos from the Molong MPS “welcoming” event

Yuranigh House resident Jenna Miller speaking to the media about the big move!

Members of the Molong Health Council cutting the cake, with HSM Deb Kenna

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A beautiful cake made by one of the Molong MPS staff members

Molong MPS staff at the welcoming event