

A “wow” day for the Rylstone MPS and community

The Rylstone community gathered in late October for the official opening of the MPS redevelopment project to celebrate the improvements to their much loved facility.

Health Service Manager Susan Gawthorne was joined by Member for Bathurst Paul Toole, Mid-Western Regional Council Mayor Des Kennedy and Chief Executive of the Western NSW Local Health District Scott McLachlan for the ribbon cutting honours (photo below).

Susan said it was a “wow” day for all the staff, residents and community, The opening also featured the unveiling of local art and photos, and ‘way-finding’ signage translated into local Aboriginal language. Peter Swain, an Aboriginal artist who was born in the MPS, spoke about his

‘songlines’ mural that can be viewed within the MPS. The colourful songlines depict our ‘walk paths’ – the past, present and future – and physically guide people to different areas of the MPS using different colours.

Peter also painted a legend for the mural which is located in the main entry waiting area. Everyone was offered the opportunity to add their fingerprint to the mural. See over the page for the photo gallery from the opening.

The redevelopment was part of a \$300 million state-wide program to upgrade or build new MPS facilities.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while the MPS has been a construction zone, it’s now back to business as usual.



Snaps from the official opening



Right: Karon Grant with one of her beautiful photographs on display.

Below: one of the new residential aged care rooms.



Above and below: adding a fingerprint to the colourful 'Songlines' mural, which is seen along the acute hallway below.

