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HEALTH CARE GROUP BUILDS NEW MEDICAL CLINIC

Work on a new \$2.7 million medical clinic in Horsham will start this month.

Horsham company Locks Constructions has been awarded a contract to construct the clinic which is due to be completed by the end of the year.

Chief Executive Chris Scott said that the 942 square metre state-of-the-art development in Read Street, would enable the health care group to offer a wide range of services and facilities under one roof.

“Until now, medical specialists have been spread across Horsham. The new facility will provide our patients with a one stop shop, close to all our other services in Horsham” he said.

The new clinic will accommodate approximately 25 clinical personnel and support staff. There will be specialist, general practitioner, student general practitioner, visiting specialist, procedure and nurse practitioner rooms. The facility will also incorporate a stress test room and meeting and waiting rooms.

“It is exciting to see the project finally coming to fruition after five years in the planning” Mr Scott said.

Mr Scott said that the new clinic would help Wimmera Health Care Group to secure a sustainable and stable medical workforce into the future, not only in Horsham but also in the more rural and remote areas of the Wimmera.

“Recruitment of medical professionals to rural Victoria has been a major issue in recent years but I have no doubt that the new facility will greatly assist in attracting more medical professionals to the region.”

“Statistics show that Horsham’s population is growing continuously and the community is ageing as more people choose to move into town from outlying areas in their retirement years. The new clinic will give locals confidence in knowing that top quality services are available close to home” he said.

Wimmera Health Care Group has received \$1 million in State Government funding, \$500,000 from Deakin University and the Health Care Group will contribute a further \$300,000.

Mr Scott said that a \$500,000 gift from ACE Radio Network owner Geoff Handbury had secured the project. "Geoff's generosity has enabled us to sign off on a fantastic community asset for future generations" he said.

"We are also hopeful of a successful submission from the Commonwealth Government's National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program to help us finish off the project nicely."



Lock's Constructions' Craig O'Connor runs through plans for the new medical clinic with Wimmera Health Care Group's Alan Wolff and Chris Scott

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