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#### **WORK TO START ON RAYMOND TERRACE GP SUPER CLINIC/HEALTHONE**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Port Stephens Craig Baumann today announced the successful tenderer for the \$15 million GP Super Clinic/HealthOne at Raymond Terrace.

National Buildplan Group will build the facility at Jacaranda Avenue beside the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club.

“This is an exciting time for the Raymond Terrace project with another milestone being reached to deliver better health outcomes for the local community,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The builders are expected to be on site in the coming weeks so it won’t be long before we see this project, which was championed by the local community and Craig Baumann, become a reality.”

Craig Baumann commended all who had worked since 2006 to develop the project, which began as discussions between HNE Health and Raymond Terrace Family Practice about providing more integrated health services for the town.

“I know many local patients will appreciate the ability to be able to access an increased range of health services closer to home,” Mr Baumann said.

“The new facility will be more accessible and convenient for the community and will no doubt attract quality clinicians and nurses

“The Raymond Terrace community can now look forward to an integrated, patient focused health service in a modern facility.”

Work on the new facility is expected to be complete by March 2014. The GP Super Clinic/HealthOne has been made possible with \$8.15 million funding from the NSW Government and \$7 million from the Commonwealth Government.

“The builder is expected to be on site early this month, so it won’t be long before this GP Super Clinic is well under way and people in Raymond Terrace will have access to great health care where they need it, when they need it,” Federal Minister for Health, Tanya Plibersek said.

Services planned for the centre include community health, child and family, oral health, renal dialysis, chronic disease management, pathology, aged and chronic care, mental health, maternal and infant care, and visiting specialists.

The facility will also provide for the training and education of doctors and other health professionals.