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Land purchased for life-changing Rocky rehab

The sale of the Music Bowl site has been finalised and tenders have been opened for the new residential rehabilitation centre in Rockhampton.

Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said after so much sweat and tears, the $14.3 million centre was one step closer to construction.

“I’ve been fighting hard to get this facility here in Rockhampton since I was elected,” Ms Lauga said.

“I know the devastating effects drug and alcohol abuse can have on individuals, families and communities.”

“I’ve listened to the feedback from our community the whole way though. Which is why it is really exciting to finally have an appropriate site locked-in.”

Ms Lauga said a tender had been released for the design and construction of the new facility.

Member for Rockhampton Barry O’Rourke said the centre would provide an important service in the region.

“This $14.3 million 42-bed residential drug rehabilitation and treatment facility will be the first of its kind in the Central Queensland region, providing residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management for parents and families,” Mr O’Rourke said.

“It will be an entirely voluntary service that will give people who know they need help, the rehabilitation they need.

“It has taken us a while to get here, but it is really important that we found the right site to ensure this is the best possible service.”

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Lives Lived Well will deliver treatment services at the residential rehabilitation centre and has already begun a day program.

Applications for the construction tender close on 31 July 2020.

Construction is expected to commence in late 2020.

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