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Rocky's rehab centre taking shape

The first patients of the Rockhampton's Alcohol and other Drug Rehabilitation Centre could be receiving treatment as soon as August 2021, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

Construction of the facility, at the back of the former Music Bowl site, has now begun.

Ms Lauga said Woollam Constructions began early site works last week and construction of the 42 bed units will commence in January.

She said the project would create 48 construction jobs.

"It's great to know that Woollam Constructions has a strong presence in Rockhampton and will be using local trades and suppliers wherever possible," she said.

"Supporting new infrastructure like this will boost services and is a continuation of Queensland's plan for economic recovery from COVID-19."

Member for Rockhampton Barry O'Rourke said the start of civil works was a big step towards getting better services for the Central Queensland community.

"The residential rehabilitation and withdrawal management centre will provide live-in treatment for adults seeking to address their substance use," he said.

"It will also deliver two family units as part of the new centre to provide accommodation for parents with young children so they can access the treatment program."

Woollam Constructions has had a presence in Rockhampton since 1963 and is a well-established contractor which has delivered projects such as Rockhampton Hospital carpark and has committed to using local sub-contractors and suppliers wherever possible.

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