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\$16m rehab centre ‘ready soon’

Rockhampton’s new \$16 million Alcohol and Other Drug Rehabilitation Centre is on track to be completed by the end of October, with the first clients set to receive treatment by the end of the year.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said construction of the facility, at the back of the former Music Bowl site in North Rockhampton, has been underway since December 2020.

She asked Health Minister Yvette D’Ath about the status of the project during the last Parliament and was told construction was on track and would be “ready soon”.

Minister D’Ath said “The first part of delivering on this commitment was to set up a new program providing individual and group counselling and case management for young people aged 12 to 25 years in the Rockhampton Central Business District in July 2020.

“The second part of delivering on this commitment is the construction of a new 42-bed residential service in North Rockhampton.

“I am advised the service will offer eight places for withdrawal, 32 places for individual rehabilitation and two family units to allow parents to stay with their children while accessing treatment.”

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Ms Lauga said she was pleased the builders Woollam Constructions had been using local trades and suppliers wherever possible creating 48 construction jobs.

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

“I have worked long and hard for this facility after first meeting several years back with families of loved ones who use drugs.

“I believe it will be a positive intervention for those seeking recovery and hopefully bring families together again.”

Ms Lauga said Rockhampton is one of four such centres to be built by the Palaszczuk Government.

She said following completion of construction and then fit-out of the new facility, Lives Lived Well, a non-government provider, will commence phased establishment of services.

Lives Lived Well and the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service have been actively engaging with local services and stakeholders to support the integration of this new alcohol and other drug service into the local service system

Lives Lived Well CEO Mitchell Giles said with the three treatment options available, the new service would provide wrap-around support helping people to transition from withdrawal to rehabilitation, as well as offering accessible support for families with young children.

He said the service would also provide for about 20 ongoing jobs in clinical areas such as nursing, social work and psychology as well as in administration and cleaning.

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