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A true community asset

Gunnedah Rural Health Centre finally a reality

TWELVE months after the first sod was turned by Federal Minister for Health, Nicola Roxon and Member for New England Tony Windsor, the Gunnedah Rural Health Centre will open its doors to the public.

The whole community is invited to attend an open day this Sunday, from 2-4pm, to see the new centre before the first patient comes through the doors on Monday.

The Mercy Associates and Friends, who have been longterm fund-raisers for the centre, will be providing afternoon teas and conducting trading tables.

The quest to build the centre has been a "labour of love" for the volunteer committee which has been earnestly supported by the Gunnedah community.

The project was given a huge financial boost when Shenhua Watermark Coal donated \$1 million to the project as part of its community funding commitment.

One wing of the new state-of-the-art GP Super Clinic will be named after the company in recognition of its generous contribution.

Acting CEO of Shenhua Watermark, Li Gang, was given a guided tour of the centre by committee chair, Penny Crawford, yesterday and was very impressed.

"Shenhua is extremely proud to support a facility that will benefit all members of the community for many years to come," Mr Li said.

"Never before have I seen such a commitment and passion from the local community - you can see that a lot of love has gone into every aspect of the building.

"Congratulations to all the volunteers and community members who have given their time and love to help build such a wonderful facility - you should all be very proud."

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STAFF will throw open the doors to the Gunnedah Rural Health Centre this Sunday so the community can see for themselves, just what their generosity created.



ACTING CEO of Shenhua Watermark Coal, Li Gang, inspecting the new wing at the Gunnedah Rural Health Centre GP Super Clinic, which will be named the Shenhua Wing recognising the company's \$1 million contribution to the project. Mr Li is pictured with GRHC Chair Penny Crawford.