



# Jillian Skinner MP

## Minister for Health

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#### **FOUNDATION LAID FOR \$30 MILLION MONA VALE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Pittwater MP Rob Stokes today visited Mona Vale Hospital to see the foundation laid for the \$30 million Community Health Centre.

Over 50 trucks delivered a total 450 cubic metres of concrete to the site for the ground-floor pour.

“Last year I joined Rob Stokes to open the \$12 million, 26-bed Beachside Rehabilitation Unit at Mona Vale Hospital and I am delighted to return today to mark another important milestone for this hospital,” Mrs Skinner said.

“The future of Mona Vale Hospital is bright. When the Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest opens in 2018, Mona Vale Hospital will specialise in sub-acute rehabilitation and aged care services - including palliative care - and family and community health care.

“It will also have a new 24-hour Urgent Care Centre and a helipad, ensuring it can deliver high-level care to the community.”

The Mona Vale Community Health Centre will deliver a comprehensive range of health services, including:

- adult and paediatric oral health
- adult and paediatric occupational therapy
- paediatric speech pathology
- chronic disease and cardiac rehabilitation
- musculoskeletal physiotherapy
- child and family health
- community nursing and acute post-acute care
- community rehabilitation and aged care

Mr Stokes said: “I am proud the NSW Government is investing heavily in Mona Vale Hospital to ensure it will provide vital care to our community for many years to come.”

About 40 people are currently employed on the construction project, including structural engineers and tradespeople.

The roof and façade of the 4100 square metre building is scheduled to be erected in August 2015. The centre is due to open towards the end of this year.

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