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**New Community Rehabilitation Centre at ERH**

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Construction of the new Community Rehabilitation Centre commenced at Echuca Regional Health on Monday 18 June. The contract to build the new Community Rehabilitation Centre has been awarded to Echuca building company SD and EM Bourke following a public tender process. Board Chair Mrs Di McFarlane stated. "We are delighted to see the construction of the new Community Rehabilitation Centre begin following a detailed planning process for the project. The Board of Management and staff involved in the project to date are pleased the tender process conducted by our architect resulted in a design that will meet service requirements and budget allocation.."

The new building costing \$2,8m including construction costs, consulting fees and furniture and equipment, is to be constructed on the Leichardt street side of the ERH campus on the same site as the previous Community Rehabilitation Centre which was demolished in January this year. The new Community Rehabilitation Centre will allow for expanded rehabilitation programs for people suffering chronic diseases or recovering from surgery. The larger facility will also allow for increased and more efficient services to be provided to the community.

The new Community Rehabilitation Centre is due to be completed in approximately twelve months and the total cost is funded by the Australian Government's Pathways Home Program and auspiced by the Victorian Government.