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Cygnnet Medical Services lease awarded

At the meeting held on 14 November 2016, Council resolved to call for Expressions of Interest for the lease of the Cygnnet Medical Services building and car park.

Huon Valley Council Commissioner, Adriana Taylor says the time was right to test the market.

“We had notification of interest from private enterprises keen to operate from the premises. Two medical providers currently operate in the area and a third has indicated they would like to start operating in February 2017.

“The special meeting considered providing the building to a private operator on commercial terms, provided they guarantee they will continue to provide services into the future,” Ms Taylor said.

After assessing the applications, it has been resolved that lease be awarded to the **Huon Valley Health Centre** and that negotiations be commenced to finalise the lease.

There are some conditions associated with the lease that are required to be met for the duration of the lease. The centre must remain open for the duration of the lease providing full medical services, it must provide allied health services and also be used as a training facility.

Council established Cygnnet Medical Services in 2012 after concern was raised about the provision of general practitioner services in the long term for the Cygnnet community. The single storey purpose-built building was constructed with Australian Government funding.



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“Council will continue to own the building, but it’s heartening to see private providers are interested in using a modern purpose-built facility to run their business.

“We’re happy that the people of Cygnet will continue to be provided services at the Medical Centre, and that they have a choice when it comes to medical services,” Ms Taylor said.

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