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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New Providers for Cygnet Medical Centre**

The Huon Valley Council is pleased to announce Ochre Health Pty Ltd as the operator of the Cygnet Medical Centre premises.

Acting Mayor Sally Doyle welcomes Ochre into the Cygnet community after having acquired the Huon Medical Group practices in the Huon Valley.

“We’d like to thank the Huon Medical Group for the service they provided to the Cygnet community over the past five years. They were extremely well supported by the community and have provided a high-quality primary health care service.

“The Council will now work through the outcomes of the expression of interest process for operating the Centre and the arrangements made will reflect our commitment to fulfilling the Commonwealth Funding Agreement to provide secure medical services at the Centre until 2032 or beyond.”

The Cygnet Medical Centre, located at 14 George Street, Cygnet, was originally developed by the Huon Valley Council in 2012 through a funding agreement to meet a need for medical services in Cygnet that was not being met by private practices at the time.

The Commonwealth’s Health and Hospitals Fund helped to establish medical services within regional areas of Australia.

Council operated the Centre for five years, and in 2017 the Centre was leased to a private provider, Huon Medical Group.

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