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Cygnnet Medical Centre EOI process concludes

The EOI process for the sale of the Council-owned Cygnnet Medical Centre has concluded. Through this process the Council has been unable to secure an expression of interest that is to the Council's satisfaction.

"The COVID-19 emergency has had substantial impacts on local medical centres and on Council, and due to the importance of medical services being provided for our community, Council has decided to lodge a request to the Commonwealth to review its obligations under the Commonwealth Funding Agreement," said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders.

The Cygnnet Medical Centre located at 14 George Street, Cygnnet, was originally developed by the Huon Valley Council in 2012 through a Commonwealth Funding Agreement to meet a need for medical services in Cygnnet that was not being met by private practices at the time. In September 2018, Council resolved to open an EOI process to see if there was interest in the building and land containing the Cygnnet Medical Centre. Having considered community concerns, the Council resolved to continue with the EOI process in December 2019.

"Council's goal is to ensure that consistent and stable medical services continue to be provided at the centre," said Cr Enders.

"Current lease arrangements at the Centre are expected to continue to February 2022. The Council is committed to fulfilling the Commonwealth Funding Agreement to provide secure medical services at the Centre until 2032 or beyond."

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