



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Geeveston Medical Centre turns 10**

Staff at the Huon Valley Council's Geeveston Medical Centre are celebrating 10 years of caring for Geeveston residents in the coming week.

Huon Valley Council Mayor, Bec Enders says it's a great effort for a community based organisation.

"The 10 year anniversary also includes three staff who have been since the beginning. Our Manager of Medical Services, Julie Gordon, Doctor Angela Retchford and Luella Coulson have all been there since the doors opened.

"There's also a note of sadness. Doctor Ken Clare has announced he will retire in early December.

"Doctor Clare has spent forty years in general medicine and ten years of caring for the patients of Geeveston and the surrounding community.

"Council would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank Ken for his support and dedication to patients, community and staff at the practice.

"We wish him every happiness and success in his retirement," Mayor Enders said.

With news of Doctor Clare's retirement, comes the news that a new doctor has been appointed.

"We're pleased to announce the appointment of Doctor Terence Lyons. Doctor Lyons, who has worked previously as a locum with us at Geeveston, will be returning to work Monday to Friday from the 11 December 2018.

“Doctor Angela Retchford will continue to practice Monday to Thursday. Angela’s passion for teaching remains with her support for medical students.

“The Centre has a 10 year association with students from the University of Tasmania, the Geeveston Pharmacy and the Bendigo Bank.

“Angela continues to work behind the scenes as Board Member of the Rural Doctors Association of Tasmania in an effort to secure rural and primary health services for Geeveston and surrounding areas.

“The medical centres in Geeveston and Dover fill an important role in their respective communities. We have also recently employed a practice nurse.

“Keeping these services local removes a lot of stress and provides convenience for those residents who need them,” Mayor Enders said.

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