

Campaign to restore Eumundi's medical service – next steps!

Our Board informed *Eumundi Green* readers in Issue 112 that it had purchased the Eumundi Family Medical Centre from Healthscope Medical Centres Pty Ltd, the reasons for that purchase and our future intentions. Issue 115 carried later news.

Protracted negotiations to on-sell the practice have not been successful and much valuable time was lost during these endeavours. As time was passing, the window of opportunity in which to re-establish the practice appeared to be closing.

The opportunity was offered for ECCO to itself operate the practice via contracting the services of a local General Practitioner, with all of the appropriate accreditation, and the appropriate support staff.

Endorsement of this as the major project for ECCO for 2011/2012 by the members of ECCO Ltd, the Chamber of Commerce, EDCA and EHA, is in train which will then require sign-off from Council.

In principle agreement has been reached with the GP of choice for his services and with a landlord for the premises. Advertisements have been placed for a Practice Manager/Receptionist and Practice Nurse.

A significant flurry of activity is underway under expert guidance to put in place all of the mandatory accreditation and administrative essentials to run the practice, and secure the most appropriate staff for a quality health care service in a small town which has wider needs on markets days and from a large primary school adjacent.

While there is still much to be done, the Board is confident that the practice will re-open on Monday 9 May 2011 and, over time, we hope for it to be the cornerstone for a wide range of ancillary services.

All it will need from then on to be a continuing service for the Eumundi community is you as a patient. **WE WILL NEED YOU!**

