

## Campaign to restore Eumundi's medical service

The Board of ECCO Ltd (Eumundi Combined Community Organisation) is very pleased to announce that ECCO has recently purchased the Eumundi Medical Centre from Healthscope Medical Centres Pty Ltd. Negotiations have been in train for several months.

Of paramount concern to ECCO was the safe-keeping of the records of existing patients and that these remained connected with the Eumundi Medical Centre. Existing patients are asked to please note that your medical records will remain securely in the possession of Healthscope until the practice re-opens under a qualified medical practitioner. ECCO will be writing to individual patients shortly on a more personal basis regarding their wishes for the location of their medical records.

ECCO continues to negotiate with medical practitioners with a view to on-selling the practice and ensuring, as far as possible, that a reliable general practitioner delivers basic health care to the Eumundi community on an on-going basis.

ECCO regards a local doctor as a fundamental service to a small community such as Eumundi and the cornerstone for provision of as wide a range of medical services as can possibly be delivered to the community without having to travel to access these. Provision of medical services in a town with very high tourist visitor numbers is also an important consideration.

The Board also wishes to publicly thank founding ECCO Chair and former Director, John McCallum, for the very significant effort that he has made in ensuring this outcome for the benefit of Eumundi and to a small number of community heroes who have supported that work in a variety of ways.

