



Mai-Wel's \$2.5 Million Community Building Gets Underway in Maitland Tomorrow

The Mai-Wel Group will officially begin work tomorrow on the \$2.5 million new purpose built Community Programs Centre in Telarah, with the turning of the sod at 10am. Construction will start on the new facilities following Tuesday's ceremony.

In 2010 Mai-Wel turns 50 and will celebrate the many achievements and the opportunities which have advanced the lives of people with a disability over so many years.

"We are proud of our past however we must continue to focus on the future to maintain and increase services to meet the demands of new entrants each year," said CEO Mrs Pennie Kearney today.

"One of our major challenges is the need to respond to the impact of ageing which has already, and will continue to create a greater demand for services for those people with a disability who have ageing carers or who are ageing themselves," she said.

"Accessible and purpose built premises are essential if we are to respond appropriately to the many and varied needs. Building will commence on Stage 1 of the long awaited purpose built Community Programs Centre at John Street tomorrow and as an organisation we are very excited about the project."

The Mai-Wel Group is one of the larger employers in the Maitland region, employing more than 150 staff members as well as 110 supported employees within their businesses; TimeSavers, PACE Setters and The Enterprise Centre.

A further 600 people are assisted by Mai-Wel across the Hunter in a range of services including supported accommodation, day programs, respite and outreach services. The Mai-Wel Groups youngest client is 15, and the eldest 75 years. There are clients who commenced as young children (in the then South Street Special School) and are still employed or attending a Day program today.

Turning of the Sod on Mai-Wel's \$2.5 Million Day Program Centre

When: Tuesday October 13th

Time: 10am

Where: (Lot 2) 23 John Street, Telarah.

Who: Chairman Mr Paul Callinan, CEO Mrs Pennie Kearney

and Representative of Builders GWH – Mr Hilton Grugeon as well as Company Directors, Staff Members and Clients.

Media are welcome to attend.

For further details and interview requests please contact Eclipse Media and Events on 49613200

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