



EXTENSION: Stephen Duff, of SM and KA Duff Builders Roma, and Pinaroo board member Baydon Waldron sign the contract for a 10 bed extension at Pinaroo.

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Pinaroo grows with 10-bed extension

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PINAROO Retirement Village has announced an extra 10-bed extension is on the horizon.

The signing of the contract took place on Tuesday, with Maranoa Club and Pinaroo board members, architect and construction designers discussing the final plans for the extension.

Duff Builders submitted the successful tender for the extension. The \$2,174,348 raised through different community groups.

Maranoa Club president

Roger Ferrier said the club will donate a total of \$500,000 towards the project, a decision reached by the club as part of a resolution to wind up.

"The club premises were sold in July, 2011, and last year at a general meeting our members determined to distribute a balance of over \$500,000 towards the Pinaroo Retirement Village," he said.

"There was overwhelming support with over 75% of voting members agreeing it was an appropriate legacy for the Maranoa Club.

"A lot of people need to

leave town for aged care and with the 10-bed extension families will be able to keep their relatives close."

Badon Waldron, a key Pinaroo board member said the 10-bed extension was important to continue to provide Roma's elderly with available aged care.

"It's going to make a big difference to the potential of Pinaroo," he said.

"For the past 10 years we've been in the situation where we've had 99% occupancy and that extra 10 beds mean we can offer respite to the community."

The extension has required an extensive look into the architectural development and architect and town planner Neil Sanders said Pinaroo continues to adapt.

"The original wing had sloped away as it was on stumps so we filled the land up to be level with the main room so residents could walk out at the same level," he said.

"Elderly are a lot less ambulant now a days so to have that flat area and the option for extra beds is paramount."

Mitchell sporting complex receives upgrade

MITCHELL'S new amenities block is now available for use at the Mitchell sporting complex.

Residents and visiting sporting groups now have access to quality amenities block at the Mitchell RSL combined sporting complex

after the facility received an upgrade recently.

Councillor and Portfolio Chair of Facilities Cameron O'Neil said the upgrade was timely with the Mitchell rodeo in April and the Mitchell campdraft earlier this month.

"It's imperative that our facilities continue to be upgraded across the region so that people attending these events have access to quality amenities," Cr O'Neil said.

"Council continues to plan for the upgrading of its

sporting and recreation infrastructure across the Maranoa to provide a high standard of facilities for local communities and visiting organisations to use."

Council contributed \$45,413.94 to the project.

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