

Aspen Medical to provide health services for the Albury Wodonga Military Area

Defence Health Services Division has entered into a contract with Aspen Medical for the provision of health service delivery for the Albury Wodonga Military Area

On October 22 at 1601 hours, Aspen Medical officially transitioned to provide full service delivery of health services for the Albury Wodonga Military Area. Operating out of Latchford Barracks, Aspen will be responsible for the provision of primary health care services, allied health services, low dependency care, general practice dental services, specialist outpatient services, diagnostic services and the administration of all in patient services.

This is only the second time that the complete health services for an entire Australian base have been successfully contracted out to a commercial provider by the Australian Defence Force. Puckapunyal has been operating successfully under a similar model for 2 ½ years.

The Albury Wodonga Military Area (AWMA) centres around two main Army Bases with the primary focus being the training of Army personnel through the Army Logistics Training Centre (ALTC), which is the largest unit in the Albury Wodonga Military Area. Approximately 500 ADF and APS personnel are permanently located within the AWMA with approximately 6000 trainees attending courses throughout the year.

Since the commencement of this project in February 2006, through the transition to full service delivery in October 2007, Defence Health Services is pleased to report the overall success of this project, and the satisfaction of all involved. This has involved significant work with all the stakeholders in the Albury Wodonga Military Area and within Defence Health Services, and with the assistance of consultants. The success of this project is due in no small way to the excellent work of all those involved.



Handover of full service delivery to Aspen Medical Centre was attended by Mr Glenn Keys, Managing Director of Aspen Medical, Mr Martin Bowles, Deputy Secretary Defence Support and Brigadier Tony Gill, Director General Health Services.



Area Medical and dental facility at Latchford Barracks