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NEW HOME FOR MALLEE FAMILY CARE

Mallee Family Care has today announced that it has acquired the property on the corner of Madden Avenue and Ninth Street, previously occupied by Hutchinson's Motors. The site, opposite Mallee Family Care's existing office, will be redeveloped into a larger, fit for purpose base, allowing for all its Mildura services to be co-located.

Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Teresa Jayet, said that the acquisition is part of the organisation's long term strategy to centralise their operations to better facilitate co-ordination and integration of its service delivery.

"Mallee Family Care has experienced considerable growth over the last several years and we now offer over 60 services and programs and we believe it's critical that we deliver these in a holistic way, under one roof.

"We are excited by the possibilities that will emerge through having a purpose built facility designed to suit both our current and future operational activities.

"The decision was driven by our commitment to continue meeting the evolving needs of our community and this will be reflected in every stage of the project."

Currently marking its 40th year of operation, the services Mallee Family Care now provides include foster care; legal and financial counselling; family and relationship counselling and support; mental health; research and educational services; allied health; children's counselling and the delivery of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Organisational reviews and community consultation had highlighted the need for a larger space to accommodate the organisation's expanding scope and one that also addressed the demand for an integrated approach.

Chair of Mallee Family Care, Mr. Ross Lake OAM, said that buildings that no longer met the needs of the organisation had been relinquished to support the land acquisition and funding will be sought to complete the project.

"We will be looking to government and the philanthropic sector for support and we are hopeful that we will be able to move into the new premises by the end of 2022.

"This is about delivering the best possible service for our community. From its inception, Mallee Family Care has been motivated by the ethos of community helping community and we have not wavered from that ideal."

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