

# Sod turn starts GP clinic work

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THE new GP Super Clinic is edging closer for Tweed Heads with the turning-of-the-sod ceremony taking place yesterday.

Federal Member for Richmond Justine Elliot presided over the event at the clinic site at Corporation Circuit, Tweed Heads South.

Ms Elliot said the new facility, which will include general practice, nurses and allied health specialists, was getting closer to reality.

"Locals asked for better health services before the last election and

I'm pleased this service is closer to reality with today's sod-turning. The GP Super Clinic will deliver better access for health

## SUPER CLINIC

**Where:** Corporation Circuit in Tweed Heads South.

**Due to open:** 2012

**Cost:** \$7 million

services in a single, convenient location," Ms Elliot said.

"The clinic will also focus on training and education for medical, nursing and allied health students and will be a major site for GP registrar training.

"The GP Super Clinic has received strong community support.

"This service will help take the pressure off the very busy Tweed Hospital, it will deliver better local access to integrated health services, and it will provide construction jobs over the coming months."



**EARTH MOVERS:** Architect Andrew Armstrong, Dr Austin Sterne and Richmond MP Justine Elliot turn the first sod.

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Further details regarding the GP Super Clinic program are available from the website at: [www.health.gov.au/gpsuperclinics](http://www.health.gov.au/gpsuperclinics)