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Bush fire danger

The bush fire danger period begins on October 1 and will continue until March 31, 2008.

All fire in the open will require a permit, except cooking and camping fires.

Permits can be obtained from your local Rural Fire Service (RFS) captain.

Permits will only be issued during October if the RFS captain believes the weather conditions are safe. Permits will not be issued between October 1 and the March 1 2008, except for the purpose of removing dead animals.

On days when a total fire ban has been declared, there are to be no fires in the open with the exception of gas

Community centre moves a step closer



Moss Vale builder Michael Craig and Moss Vale architect Kathy Barnsley with Wingecarribee Community Service Committee Incorporated secretary Catherine Davies. Mr Craig and Ms Davies signed the contract on Wednesday to start construction for the Wingecarribee Community Centre next week.

By Vas Venkatramani

Construction of the Wingecarribee Community Centre in Moss Vale will begin this Tuesday after more than four years of planning.

Local builder Michael Craig and Wingecarribee Community Service Centre Incorporated secretary Catherine Davies signed the contract watched by project architect Kathy Barnsley and representatives from various community service organisations that will be housed in the centre.

The centre will house services for dementia, Meals on Wheels and other services for aged care and disability.

Ms Davies said she was pleased that construction would finally begin after years of hard work.

"This has been in planning for nearly four years, and it's fantastic to know that work will soon be underway," Ms Davies said.

"The mission of the centre is to contribute to the well-being of aged

and disabled shire residents and their carers by providing them with support services that will enable them to make life choices that preserve and enhance the quality of their lives."

Builder Michael Craig said the current plan involved completing construction within a year.

"We're starting on October 2, so we're hoping for an October 1, 2008, finish," he said.

"We expect to have at least 20 tradesmen on the site at any one time, from about 120 that will work to build the centre."

Project manager Robert Jones said the support of the Department of Transport and Regional Services was the paramount factor to the progress that had been made.

"They agreed to fund \$657,000, which amounts to half of the project," he said.

"Their support has been fantastic, and it will be a thrill to see work finally start next week."

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