

**Media Release**  
**The Floresco Centre, Toowoomba**  
**Official Opening**  
**Monday, October 23, 2017.**



Mr. Ivan Frkovic, the Queensland Mental Health Commissioner, along with Dr. Peter Gillies, the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Chief Executive, and Dr. Andrew Young, Aftercare CEO, will officially open the new Floresco Centre in Toowoomba on Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Following the success of Aftercare's first Queensland multi-agency integrated service centre in Ipswich, Aftercare has been appointed as the lead agency for the new Floresco centre in the Darling Downs West Moreton region funded by Queensland Health.

Floresco brings to life the concept of providing clear pathways of care through coordinated, collaborative and integrated approaches to service delivery fundamental to the National standards for mental health services.

The Floresco Centre offers access to a range of clinical and non-clinical services under one roof:

- community mental health support services
- clinical mental health services
- employment services
- housing services
- drug and alcohol services

These initiatives have been made possible by generous funding contributions. "A \$1.5 million investment including \$1.05 million from the Queensland Government Integrated Care Innovation Fund (ICIF) and \$450,000 from the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service, has been used to address the gap in integrated mental health facilities in our region" Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Chief Executive Dr Peter Gillies said.

"The facility takes a comprehensive, holistic approach by tailoring individual care packages, incorporating mental health, physical health as well as social and economic needs.

"In operational terms, the facility will streamline the process from referral to diagnosis and provide greater access to a multi-disciplinary team of mental health professionals.

"We are also hopeful that the facility will reduce admissions to our Emergency Departments and the frequency and length of mental health related hospital stays by improving options for care, and by providing assistance to improve access to non-clinical services."

"Aftercare is delighted to be able to partner with the Queensland Government and the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service to deliver this innovative model of care for the people of Toowoomba." Dr. Young said.

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