

# Media release

## Builder appointed for major development

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Crowley Care Services in Ballina has appointed Bennett Constructions to build its more than \$15 million plus redevelopment, following a comprehensive tender process.

Bennett Constructions is a locally based Northern Rivers firm with proven experience in a diverse range of successful projects including aged care.

Phase one of this major redevelopment commences in early May 2016 with the construction of a new two-storey education centre, library, car park and plaza and a redeveloped entertainment area in the existing Residential Care Facility.

It is expected this stage of the development will be completed in November this year.

It will be closely followed by Phase 2 which sees the construction of a new two-storey 42 room Residential Care Facility at Crowley, a new main entrance and administration centre that connects to a high-street style café and non-denominational chapel. Completion of Phase 2 is expected by January 2018.

At its peak, the redevelopment project is expected to support up to 120 jobs in the region.

Commenting on the announcement, Crowley CEO Michael Penhey said: "We felt the team from Bennett's were a good fit for Crowley. Not only do they have the right industry experience, they are local and have worked at Crowley before. We look forward to working closely with the Bennett team as we transform Crowley to the highest quality facility for our residents and staff."

Overall the redevelopment at Crowley sees the creation of buildings that maximise the natural beauty, aspect and water views of the Cherry Street site, providing more living and social spaces for residents and improved working conditions for staff.