

## Health centre looks toward the future as it celebrates the past

SUNBURY Community Health Centre has launched a new website after celebrating its 40th birthday.

Chief executive Phillip Ripper said the website showcased a “bold new vision” for the health service,

to be revealed in a new strategic plan until 2017 in coming weeks.

“The whole direction of our service to Sunbury will be built around the priority of creating wellness rather than the traditional role of

treating illness,” Mr Ripper said.

Mr Ripper said the service’s involvement in the Healthy Together Hume program was the type of program which aligned with the new strategic vision.

“There are many vegetable plots now on O’Shanassy St which for us is like an advertisement to adults and children about what you can do in growing your own vegies,” he said.

Meanwhile, former staff,

directors and board members gathered last month to celebrate 40 years since the first public meeting to establish the health centre.

Shortly after, land was purchased and the centre opened in January 1976.

Mr Ripper said a number of events would be held up until January 2016 to commemorate some of the key dates in the centre’s formation.

Details: [sunburychc.org.au](http://sunburychc.org.au)

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