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### **DILIGENT PROGRESS WITH PROPOSED HOSPITAL MERGER**

A focused and comprehensive review of core areas of operation and service delivery of both Seymour Health and Yea & District Memorial Hospital is nearing completion as part of the due diligence process investigating the potential of merging management teams.

The formal review of both health services encompasses areas of People and Culture, Assets and Infrastructure, Governance, Clinical Governance and Financial aspects. An independent consultancy expert in financial due diligence has been engaged to undertake the process to review options for closer partnership and service integration arrangements between Seymour Health and Yea & District Memorial Hospital.

Kristin Michaels, Board Chair, Yea & District Memorial Hospital, said it was important to ensure that the due diligence process was accurate and thorough.

“The board of Yea & District Memorial Hospital is not entering this process lightly. We want the community to be reassured that the diligence review is following a meticulous and thorough process and is therefore something that cannot be rushed,” Ms Michaels said.

Annie Fletcher-Nicholls, Chair, Seymour Health, agreed and said the review will accurately reflect the service streams, governance and operational issues across both health services.

“The information gathered during the process will be used to identify service gaps, areas of service overlap, and risks and strengths of proceeding with a partnership/merger. The data collected will form the basis of a proposal to the Department of Health and Human Services enabling a decision to be reached regarding the proposed merger,” Ms Fletcher-Nicholls said.

For further information, please visit the websites of Seymour Health and Yea & District Memorial Hospital.

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