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## Rotary X-Ray and pathology unit for Mauna Health Centre, Pentecost Island Vanuatu departs

### Life changing gift to the people of Pentecost Island, Vanuatu

This Wednesday morning, 5 April 2023, Gold Coast Rotarians and invited dignitaries will attend a celebration at Café Catalina, Broadwater Parklands to officially mark the departure of an x-ray and pathology unit to be built at the Mauna Health Centre on Pentecost Island in Vanuatu.

Dignitaries attending will include Senators, state government members of parliament and local government counsellors.

Professor Philip Morris AM, President of the Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association and the Gold Coast Medical Association will address the gathering on how this Rotary initiative will bring life changing benefits to our Pacific Island neighbours on Pentecost Island, Vanuatu.

Mario Fairlie, one of the Rotarians who has been driving the project, says the recent departure of the prefabricated unit is the culmination of three years work by the Rotary Clubs of Surfers Sunrise, Gold Coast and Broadbeach.

“Visitors to Pentecost Island will be familiar with the land diving rituals that take place from April to June each year as part of the yam harvest.

“Unsurprisingly injuries from the ritual are not uncommon.

“Once the x-ray and pathology unit has been assembled and commissioned at the Mauna Health Centre, patients can be assessed and treated on site, rather than having to be transported to Port Vila as is currently the case”, he said.

The unit has been prefabricated at the Surfers Sunrise Project Shed at Arundel over the last three years.

“Covid – 19 delayed the rollout of the project but with the disassembly and packing of the building into containers for shipping to Vanuatu, we are on track for the unit to be operational by 30 June 2023”, Mr Fairlie said.

“This will involve not just the reassembly of the building at the Mauna Health Centre, but the installation and commissioning of the x-ray and pathology equipment and the training of local staff to operate the facility.

“This is a real life changing project for the people of Pentecost Island”, Mr Fairlie said.





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