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## **Mick Campbell chosen as a finalist in the 2009 Minister for Health Volunteer Awards**

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service (BRHS) congratulated Mick Campbell on being chosen as one of three finalists in the recent Minister for Health Volunteer Awards.

Mr Campbell's individual nomination was supported by BRHS for his consistent efforts in coordinating the fundraising Toonalook Waters Project. Mick has encouraged and managed volunteer labour and materials from over 70 traders as well as cash donations, to have a beautifully designed 28 square home built on land donated by Mina Armstrong.

Construction of the Toonalook Waters home is now reaching its final stages with plastering just completed to make way for the fit-out and completion of landscaping, with all community pledges confirmed. Mick not only got the project off the ground but his enthusiasm has encouraged many local tradespeople and suppliers to assist with the development. Mick has also instigated additional smaller projects that have contributed to his fundraising efforts.

All proceeds from the sale of the home will be directed toward the construction of a new purpose built, state of the art Oncology and Dialysis facility at BRHS. This new facility will replace the current outdated facility, and will increase BRHS' capacity to provide treatment for Oncology and Dialysis patients. Construction next to the acute campus is due to begin later this year.

The Minister for Health Volunteer Awards provided an opportunity to recognise the important contribution volunteers make to the provision of health services across Victoria. BRHS was proud to support Mick's nomination in recognition of his efforts and the contributions of the whole community in supporting the Toonalook Waters project.

As a finalist in the Health Volunteer Awards, Mick attended the official final award ceremony in Melbourne, accompanied by his son. BRHS Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Sullivan also attended the ceremony in support of Mick's nomination. The awards attracted nominations from across Victoria and while unfortunately Mick did not receive the final award, this in no way detracts from the recognition of his ongoing contribution to health services in this region.

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**Photo captions:** Mick Campbell (pictured) and The Practical Men of the Village community group have committed countless volunteer hours to the development of the Toonalook Waters project