

Taking new direction



CELEBRATING MILESTONE: Dr Neil Bartels from Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme.

THE Toowong-based Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme is turning 75 but is in the midst of a youthful boom, rebranding and expanding its services.

The organisation was founded in 1935 by former Queensland governor Sir Leslie Orme Wilson.

Dr Neil Bartels the organisation's chairman said the scheme now ran from facilities in Mt Isa, Dalby, Warwick, Emerald and Bundaberg.

"Sir Leslie Orme Wilson wanted to set up a health service for predominantly ear, nose and throat conditions, for children in far fetched areas," he said.

"The new model of the organisation has evolved into allied health because the needs of bush children were being met by other organisations such as the Flying Doctors. The need for our services is huge."

The organisation's celebrations and relaunch will be held on December 6 at Bush Kids Place, 16 Morley St, Toowong.

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