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NDIS's Social Futures is now secure

■ By Alison Paterson

A TRADITIONAL smoking ceremony and a modern ribbon-cutting heralded the official opening of the new Lismore office of Social Futures on Monday.

Widgabal custodian Gilbert Laurie performed the traditional ceremony to about 50 people at the building at Molesworth St.

Social Futures chief executive Tony Davies said as an official partner of the NDIA, Social Futures now delivered local area co-ordination for the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Northern and western NSW, in addition to existing programs giving support in homelessness and housing; youth and family services; programs for people with disability; and community sector support.

“In Northern NSW we have around 6000 people over the past 18 months who have come into the scheme,” he said.

Mr Davies said Social Futures had created about 300 plans a month and since July, had helped more than 1000 people make the transition into the NDIS.

Anyone eligible to receive NDIS support can call Social Futures, 1800 522 679 or email lac-enquiries@socialfutures.org.au.