



IMPRESSIVE: Member for Tamworth Peter Draper with scientific officer and client services manager Jenny Taggart and Healthscope North West NSW area manager Stephanie Gay.

MP gets tour of Healthscope

A GUIDED tour of the new state-of-the-art Healthscope pathology laboratory that recently began operations in Tamworth has provided member for Tamworth Peter Draper a snapshot of how one of Australia's largest healthcare companies works.

Healthscope's North West NSW area manager Stephanie Gay, and scientific officer and client services manager Jenny Taggart, provided the insight of the Bligh St facility for Mr Draper.

"Healthscope's expansion in our region provides employment for 11 staff in Tamworth, plus five at their Gunnedah facility, with the possibility of further expansion in the future," he said.

"Importantly, their operation provides increased competition in

the pathology industry and may lead to further initiatives whereby collection nurses will be employed in the surgeries of medical practitioners, allowing patients to see a doctor and have blood samples taken at the same premises."

He said Healthscope invested about \$2 million dollars in its Tamworth and Gunnedah facilities.

He said Healthscope provided an extremely broad testing regime, across haematology, coagulation, biochemistry, microbiology and blood banking, and had a Centaur analyser for pregnancy testing, IVF monitoring, cardiac tests and recognising prostate-specific antigens.

"As a result, they provide very rapid responses to doctors using the services on offer," he said.