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Member for Eden-Monaro Dr Mike Kelly recently visited the Four Winds Festival site to be briefed on plans for the new performance building, the Pavilion. He said that he was proud that the Federal Government had been such a strong partner of Four Winds.

"We know how important it is to foster a strong arts culture in our region, both in terms of the local community and in enhancing our tourist appeal," Dr Kelly said.

"It has been a pleasure to work so closely with Four Winds over the past few years, and it gives me great pride to think that our Government has provided more than $2million in funding towards this ever-growing festival, including $1.67million from Regional Development Australia for construction of the magnificent Sound Shell and Pavilion.

"This new Pavilion will be another string to the Festival's bow, attracting musicians from across the globe as well as giving local students and teachers a world-class facility in their own backyard."

"Launching programs in the Pavilion will be a major part of the next Festival over Easter 2014," Four Winds Chair, Sheena Boughen said.

During the week, Andrew Constance MP, NSW Member for Bega also visited the site for a briefing on the building's acoustics, which are funded by artsNSW through the NSW Department of Trade and Investment.

Mr Constance and Dr Kelly contributed to excavations by turning a sod or two.

Both commented on the significant and wide ranging voluntary contributions made to the development of this project and over $1million raised from individuals and foundations.

Four Winds will start construction of the Pavilion later this month.

Watch this project unfold at www.fourwinds.com.au and for more information, call the Four Winds office on (02) 6493 3414.

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From left: Mrs Neilma Gantner (founder and patron of Four Winds), Michael Darling (Four Winds Board member), Dr Kelly, Sheena Boughen (Chair, Four Winds) and Neilma's sister and Four Winds supporter Marigold Southey.