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\$2.5 million Crookwell Hospital project commences

Construction on the new front entry portico, including minor asbestos removal, started at Crookwell Hospital on Monday 1 November, as part of the \$2.5 million refurbishment project.

It is anticipated the construction works will take place over the next eight weeks. During this time, entry to the hospital will be relocated to the back of the building near the current loading ramp, affecting both vehicle and pedestrian access to the hospital.

Vehicles will be able to access the hospital from McDonald Street with one-way direction and a drop off point to the temporary new entrance. Vehicles will be able to exit the site onto Kialla Road and short-term parking will be available on the grass adjacent to the Wellness Centre.

Pedestrians can access the hospital from Kialla Road, at the southern end of the hospital site and signage will be in place for vehicle, pedestrian and parking access.

Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman welcomed the progress of the \$2.5 million project.

"I am delighted to see that the Crookwell Hospital refurbishment is on track to be completed by late February 2022," Mrs Tuckerman said

"This is an exciting stage of the refurbishment. Once complete, community members will enjoy better access to the hospital." Southern NSW Local Health District Chief Executive Margaret Bennett said.

This next phase of construction will include:

- Dismantling of the existing hail damaged portico
- Removal of existing valley roof and remodelling to a gable style including new fascia and guttering
- Installation of a new portico, roofing and flashings
- Removal of asbestos sheeting to the lower front wall of the museum with replacement with external linings. A licensed asbestos removal contractor will be working onsite during this time.

It includes:

- Improved Emergency Department (ED) with increased acute treatment space capacity
- Medical equipment upgrades, including ECG machines, defibrillator and a transport ventilator
- New floor covering in the Hutton Wing
- Painting works
- Increased nurse call capacity
- Upgrade to the Wellness Centre.