GOULBURN

Project update

The main services trench has now been completed and will serve as the backbone of services and infrastructure for the current Goulburn Hospital campus.

Once the new clinical services building is constructed the new and existing facilities will all be serviced through the one connection point.

The fire hydrant and sprinkler tank services of the hospital have also been reconfigured and handed over to the LHD. These works involved the local Fire Brigade walking through the new arrangement with the team.

Hansen Yuncken has completed environmental and geotechnical testing on the site for the design of the new facility's foundation and structure.

The output of these results will assist the design team to develop a cost effective and suitable foundation for the new hospital as well as further inform the environmental management of the site.

The site will now be covered in a geofabric to inhibit erosion and dust on site in early June.

The enabling works for the redevelopment have now been achieved and Hutchinson Builders has demobilised.
COOMA

Project update

A traditional Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony marked the start of works for the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment on Tuesday 14 May.

Aboriginal Elder Rod Mason performed the ceremony using the footing of the new maternity building — a vital part of the $18.6 million project.

Medicinal plants were used, with the blessing moving all who participated. There was extra significance for Mr Mason, with his daughter having received special care at Cooma Hospital in the final days of her life.

The Smoking Ceremony also marked the start of a long-term collaboration between the Cooma Hospital Redevelopment project and the local Aboriginal community, which will be reflected in artworks and translations in the new hospital building.

Acting General Manager Monaro Rosemary Hegner said the Smoking Ceremony represented Aboriginal tradition and healthcare coming together, and reinforced the project’s commitment to planning health facilities with its diverse communities.

“Our commitment is to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and the community to build a positive and lasting tradition at Cooma.

“Embedding an Aboriginal world view into health facilities through construction, planning and design provides an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to feel welcomed, valued and celebrated within the community,” Ms Hegner said.
BRAIDWOOD

Project update

Over the coming weeks the Braidwood MPS Redevelopment will transition from enabling works to site preparation, with Richard Crookes Constructions set to start remediation of various outbuildings to allow for their demolition. These buildings are currently located within the footprint of the new MPS facility.

A proactive consultation session was held on Thursday 9 May, where staff including nurses, medical officers and other health professionals, as well as nearby residents and members of the Community Consultative Committee, were given a detailed briefing on hazardous materials removal from Keane Environmental, a highly regarded expert in this field. Participants also learned how the project is managing demolition, noise, vibration and dust, and had the opportunity to ask questions and receive more information about the process.

Additional lighting is being installed from the road to Narbethong House to ensure the safety of our staff and the public.

Increased construction activity is expected on-site over the coming months as we approach the exciting stage of breaking ground on the new footings.

We will also be hosting staff and community events as the project progresses so keep an eye out if you’d like to be involved.
YASS

Project update

On Thursday 30 May, the installation of a new airlock at the main entrance commenced, with a temporary entrance and reception area set up to the side. These works will continue for approximately five weeks.

Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times towards the rear of the building, with traffic control measures in place.

People needing to access the hospital can do so via the alternative entrance at the front of the facility, with accessibility parking spaces still available at the main entrance.

Along with construction activity around the facility, people may also notice some increased noise. The District’s priority is to ensure patients, carers, visitors and staff are kept safe while these works are ongoing, with sound proofing material installed in the facility to reduce noise transmission through internal walls.

A new airlock is being installed at the main entrance, with temporary access set up to the side.

The temporary sound proofing to the internal walls.

The temporary closure of the main entrance.
EUROBODALLA

The Eurobodalla Clinical Services Planning team held stakeholder consultation sessions on Wednesday 29 May on the proposed models of care, in a final round of consultation with health service users on what services are needed in the Eurobodalla into the future.

Consultation with staff, key stakeholders and the community has helped in identifying the clinical and service requirements that will ensure we continue to meet the health needs of Eurobodalla residents into the future.

The Clinical Services Plan is currently being finalised and will be submitted in June of this year.

PAMBULA

From Monday 17 June 2019, patients, staff and visitors at Pambula Hospital will be able to enjoy refurbished inpatient wards with updated fixtures, fittings and new carpet.

Pambula Hospital Acting Nursing Manager Kelly Jurd said it is great to be able to improve the environment for everyone using the facility.

Pambula Hospital will now feature a new main entry and reception, a refurbished Assessment, Treatment and Care Clinic, treatment spaces, bathroom facilities, and an exercise room. It will also provide patients with a parents' room and kids' corner near the new waiting area, as well as an additional toilet facility.

The hospital also boasts a resurfaced carpark and new driveway, with limited works being scoped for the Community Health building.
HOW TO BUILD A HOSPITAL

Redeveloping a hospital is not as straight forward as you may think – every redevelopment is tailored to a community’s unique needs. Once the Local Health District (LHD) completes the Clinical Services Plan, Health Infrastructure along with the LHD appoint a Lead Design Team to begin planning for the redevelopment. This involves creating a hospital campus master plan, which then is used to develop a concept design.

Combining information from the Clinical Services Plan, master plan and concept design, a business case is compiled which outlines the redevelopment’s scope and budget.

Only after we have conducted this extensive planning and design process can we start building. Delivery involves the award of a construction tender with the successful contractor beginning construction works which can include enabling works, early works and/or main works. As many of our redevelopments take place on existing hospital sites, it is essential that works are staged to not compromise the day to day operations of the staff and clinicians in providing patient care.

Health Infrastructure has developed a systematic approach to redeveloping hospital and health care facilities, and this is outlined in the diagram below.

For more information on how to build a hospital visit www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au.