

Sod turn celebrates the start of construction

A sod turn ceremony was held on 27 June to celebrate the start of main works on the redevelopment of the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service.

The project scope includes a purpose-built building with a new entrance from Scott Street. To make way for construction the existing Day Service has been relocated to the Community Health building. The remainder of the existing buildings on the site will not be required for hospital services once the new facility is completed and operational. Plans for the older buildings have not been finalised; Health Infrastructure and the Murrumbidgee Local Health District will continue to consult with the community to consider the possible future of the remaining buildings.

The new Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service facility will provide in-patient rooms; increased residential aged care beds with activity, lounge and dining facilities; a dedicated Emergency Department and primary treatment spaces. The redevelopment will also include new staff accommodation and landscaping.



Local Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke turning the first sod.



Local Health District Board Chair Gayle Murphy, LHD Director Operations Fiona Renshaw, and Facility Manager Kerry Menz joined local staff and representatives from Health Infrastructure, Hilltops Council and the local community at the sod turning ceremony.



Residents and staff part of the sod turn ceremony.

The Project Team would like to thank you in advance for your patience over the coming 18 months as disruptions and diversions are likely while we build the new health service.

What's happening on site?

The site is being established - fencing is up and sheds on site. You will start to see a lot more movement and changes happening in and around the site, as materials start to be stored on-site and clearing and earthworks are undertaken.

It is important you respect all fenced off areas, as this is now a construction site.

Richard Crookes Constructions place great importance on minimising construction impacts and will work together with the community.

Quick questions

Who is the builder?

Richard Crookes Constructions have been engaged to undertake the construction of the new Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service.

When will construction be completed?

Construction is expected to be completed in late 2020 with an operational commissioning phase to follow, prior to the transfer of services from the existing hospital and the commencement of clinical operations from the new hospital.

Will the hospital remain operational?

Yes, the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service will remain operational at its current location through the construction period, until services are transferred to the new building.

If there are any questions regarding Richard Crookes Constructions work or if you have any concerns during the construction phase, please contact David Archbold, Project Manager on 0414 250 581 or 02 6143 2900 or email: archboldd@richardcrookes.com.au



Artist's impression of the new Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service - view from Scott Street entrance.