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MPS upgrade unveiled

Acute care, emergency department and community health operational

The new acute care and emergency departments at the Tumbarumba Multi-Purpose Service were officially opened last week.

The hospital has been undergoing an entire upgrade.

The two-storey MPS project includes a new residential aged care unit, a new inpa-

tient unit, the refurbishment of the old residential aged care building and the expansion of the emergency department.

A new and expanded community health area, a lounge for families of palliative care and other patients and new staff accommodation are also part of the development.

The new residential aged care facilities, in-

cluding a dining area and various seating areas was opened back in July.

This followed a community walk through where locals were invited to view the new facility.

A similar walk through was held last Wednesday, ahead of the latest official unveiling last week.

Visitors of any kind, including staff and patients who attend the hospital, were required to enter through the doors of the new building.

Also becoming operational yesterday was the community health department and administration areas.

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The new facility includes two resuscitation beds in the emergency department.



Staff and members of the Local Health Advisory Committee assisted and informed locals as they walked through the new emergency, acute and community health departments last Wednesday.

Main phase of MPS upgrade officially open

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Tumbarumba MPS Facility Manager, Candice McGrath, said the upgrade will improve the output of services provided by the hospital.

"We have got a lot more rooms than we previously did for allied health's visiting services that can come and utilise the building, as well as quite a large meeting room as well which can be used for not only health professionals, but for some community events as well," Ms McGrath said.

"We now have nine acute beds and two emergency resuscitation beds.

"We have also got some

designated mental health assessment rooms, which are safe for patients."

The next stages involve the temporary acute and emergency departments being demolished and replaced with a car park.

Landscaping is also yet to be completed.

"Our existing 16-bed nursing home is going to be completely refurbished so once all that's complete, it's all done," Ms McGrath said.

"We will increase to 40 residential beds."

The project is on target to be opened in early 2020, however no official date has yet been given.



Tumbarumba MPS Facility Manager Candice McGrath at the entrance to the new hospital.