



Construction starts on hospital redevelopment

Construction is set to begin on the redevelopment of Hay Health Service, being delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$304 million Multipurpose Service Program (MPS).

Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier Steph Cooke said design, planning and consultation with staff, residents and the community had been underway since the project was announced late last year.

"Postcode should not dictate the quality of health facilities, that's why I am so pleased work is set to begin on this redevelopment," Ms Cooke said.

"The expanded Health Service will help provide more integrated healthcare in to the community in state-of-the-art facilities and is a strong investment from the NSW Government in to the Hay community."

The project includes the extension of Residential Aged Care, new staff accommodation and upgrades to existing emergency facilities – providing capacity to meet the health needs of the Hay community now and into the future.

Once completed, the redevelopment will deliver:

- * additional residential aged care bedrooms and a resident lounge;
- * an external landscaped area and outdoor socialisation space for residents;
- * a new emergency triage area, which will provide hospital nursing staff with a dedicated area to assess and prioritise patients for treatment;
- * three new staff accommodation units to support the staffing and operations of the health service; and
- * refurbished reception and administration areas to facilitate contemporary models of care and improve security and accessibility.

The project is scheduled for completion in late 2021, with works to be staged in order to minimise disruptions to staff, visitors and patients and allow Hay Health Service to remain operational throughout the construction period.



A sod turn and smoking ceremony on Thursday marked the start of construction at Hay Hospital. Officials pictured turning the first sod were Murrumbidgee Local Health Director Clinical Operations, Carla Bailey; Hay Health Service Facility Manager Tracey Jubb; representative Jamie Woods who also conducted the traditional smoking ceremony, and MLH Director Operations Cherie Puckett.