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WORK TO START SOON ON HAY HEALTH SERVICE EXPANSION

The redevelopment of the Hay Health Service, being delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$304 million Multipurpose Service Program (MPS), has reached a major milestone with the award of the construction contract.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District Chief Executive Jill Ludford today announced the construction contract for the Hay Health Service redevelopment has been awarded to Barpa Pty Ltd and work will begin soon.

"In the coming months, the community will see the site being established as preparations are made to start construction on-site," Ms Ludford said.

"The expansion of the Health Service will provide improved facilities to support delivery of flexible and integrated healthcare to the 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."

The works will be staged to minimise disruptions to staff, visitors and patients and allow the Hay Health Service to remain operational throughout the construction period.

Once completed, the redevelopment will deliver:

- additional aged care rooms 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.

Across the Murrumbidgee Local Health District there is significant development underway including the \$431 million Wagga Wagga Base Hospital redevelopment, and the \$50 million Tumut Hospital Redevelopment. The redevelopment of the Murrumburrah-Harden and Hay health facilities is being delivered under the State Government's \$304 million Multipurpose Service (MPS) Program, which also delivered the new Barham and Tumbarumba MPS' which were completed this year.

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Find more information on the Hay Health Service expansion see the <u>project website</u>. For further information on the Hay Hospital Redevelopment, including images, please contact MLHD Public Affairs at <u>MLHD-News@health.nsw.gov.au</u> or 0436 911 753.