

## BRAIDWOOD MPS ON DISPLAY FOR COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

The new Braidwood Multipurpose Service shone brightly on a rainy Saturday as community members took the opportunity to walk through the new facility, prior to it commencing operations later this month.

Comments from community members who attended on Saturday 8 August were overwhelmingly positive. There was an air of excitement and a number of people discussing their availability to move into the beautifully appointed Residential Aged Care facility.

A COVID safe approach was taken for the community walkthrough, with small groups of participants touring the facility throughout the day. Each person was screened upon entry and social distancing was maintained.

Chief Executive Margaret Bennett commented "This facility is a great asset to the Braidwood Community. Today is a celebration of the years of planning and work undertaken by our staff, Health Infrastructure and all the contractors involved in making this facility a reality. We are now in the process of commissioning to be ready for care and services transitioning by the end of August."

While the community open day marked a major milestone in the redevelopment project, there is still a small amount of work to be completed.

Once the new Health Service is operational, attention will then move to demolishing the old hospital buildings, constructing new car parking areas, new staff accommodation units and landscaping the outdoor spaces.

A formal opening will be conducted on a date to be confirmed.

## About the Braidwood MPS

The Braidwood MPS Redevelopment is a new purpose-built facility which includes in-patient rooms, an increase in residential aged care beds, activity spaces, lounge and dining facilities, a dedicated Emergency Department and staff accommodation.

The Braidwood MPS Redevelopment is being delivered as part of the Governments \$304 million Multipurpose Service (MPS) program to deliver improved access to health and aged care services in rural and remote communities.