

Redevelopment works complete

Residents and staff at Hay Health Service are benefiting from a newly expanded Hay Health Service with construction for the redevelopment now complete.

Hay Health Service Facility Manager Judith Charles thanked the Hay Health Service staff and residents, project managers Johnstaff and construction company BARPA, for their contribution to the project.

“Staff and the local community have been incredibly accommodating and we would like to thank the community for their patience and support during construction for the project, which took around eight months to complete,” Ms Charles said.

Health Infrastructure Project Director, Arjuna Thiru Moorthy said the project has provided improved health and aged care services for the region, including new residential aged care (RAC) rooms.

“The redevelopment includes four new aged care residential rooms, a lounge room and landscaped courtyard for aged care residents, three new staff accommodation units, and a new triage room to assess and prioritise patients for treatment. The reception and administration areas have also been upgraded, improving functionality and security for patients, visitors and staff,” Mr Moorthy said.

As part of the project, an artwork has been commissioned by an Aboriginal artist and on completion will be hung in the reception area to provide a warm welcome to all people seeking care.



Above: (left) Hay resident Mick Beckwith, and Alice Beckwith view a new resident room; (right, top) the refurbished reception area at the Hospital entrance; (right, below) an external view of the redeveloped Residential Aged Care wing



Above: Representatives from Hay Hospital Auxiliary, Hay Local Health Advisory Committee and Hay Shire Council had an opportunity to tour the redevelopment works and meet with the MLHD Chief Executive and Board Chair in June.

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The redevelopment project has provided:

- a reconfiguration of beds, to better accommodate increasing demand for aged care beds
- 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;
- refurbished reception and administration areas to facilitate contemporary models of care and improve security and accessibility.

The Hay Health Service Redevelopment is delivered as part of the Governments \$297 million Multipurpose Service (MPS) program to deliver improved access to health and aged care services in rural and remote communities.

Community benefits

The Hay Redevelopment was completed by BARPA, a majority Aboriginal owned commercial construction company. BARPA contracted a range of Hay businesses, regional and state contractors to provide the various trades and equipment required to complete the project.

Vince Ruberto from Ruberto Engineering, is a Hay metal fabricator who was involved in the project. The company built and installed the handrails for the staff accommodation units, and also completed work adjusting ensuite door frames.

In addition, the project provided a job opportunity for Hay resident Ronald Goulding who worked on-site; and several Aboriginal owned businesses contracted to provide landscaping services, travel coordination and pergola construction. While working in Hay, BARPA also volunteered assistance and completed minor works at the Hay Aboriginal Medical Service.



Above: Hay local Vince Ruberto, right, and Angus Gardiner, left, installing the handrails at the staff accommodation units

