

## Smiles all round as the first sod is turned

It was a great day for Cobar as the first sod was turned on the new Cobar Health Service site by local MP for Barwon, Kevin Humphries, last month.

Mr Humphries was joined by staff from the Cobar Health Service, Western NSW Local Health District and the Lilliane Brady Village, as well as representatives from Hutchinson Builders, Cobar Health Council, Cobar Shire Council and local media.

Despite the dry seasonal conditions the ground was relatively easy to turn and especially so with many helpers to assist Mr Humphries on the shovel.

We look forward to seeing the progress as the earthworks are completed and the next steps of the construction process take place. The overall project is expected to be completed in 2020.



## Project team speaks with staff and residents

The project team visited both the Lilliane Brady Village and the Health Service recently to speak with residents and staff about the project's progress and what to expect over the coming months. The team intends to call in on a semi-regular basis while on-site to talk with staff and the residents to keep them updated.

## Construction update

Earthworks on the new Health Service site have commenced and all the vegetation has been removed. The start of construction works often brings with it some wet stuff from the sky (also known as rain), which is very much needed in Cobar but brings with it some challenges for the builders.

The next steps include the installation of in-ground services such as plumbing and electricals, pouring of ground slabs, and the retaining wall construction.

There will continue to be some noise, vibration and dust generated as part of the initial construction works. Hutchies are working through these aspects to minimise disruption and inconvenience to the Health Service, Lilliane Brady Village and neighbours.



*Images above and below: Progress on the earthworks construction phase, which has been only slightly dampened by the rain (pardon the pun)*



### More info?

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