

Your new Health Service is open!

There were big smiles on the faces of staff, residents and the community this month as the new Health Service opened its doors! The transfer from the old to the new Hospital took place over three busy days at the beginning of August and staff are now settling into their new environment while residents are enjoying a cosy and comfortable seat by the fire in the residential aged care lounge room.

Health Infrastructure Project Director Nic di Condio expressed a heartfelt thank you to the Health District's redevelopment team who worked closely with Facility Manager Kerry Menz in the successful opening of the redeveloped facility. "The opening is a significant milestone for the project and for the Murrumburrah-Harden community," he said. The focus of the Redevelopment now moves to the remaining works which include construction of staff accommodation, demolition and landscaping with completion scheduled in early 2021.



Thanks for visiting

A very windy and wet day did not stop the community from attending organised tours of the Health Service on 27 July. Around 100 people, including Local MP Steph Cooke and representatives of Hilltops Council took the opportunity to walk through the hospital before it opened to consumers in early August.



*Above: The Hospital Auxiliary with Local MP Steph Cooke
Below: Six Nadycz siblings, Helen, Olga, Cathy, Trish, Nick and Mary were among those to view the new Health Service*

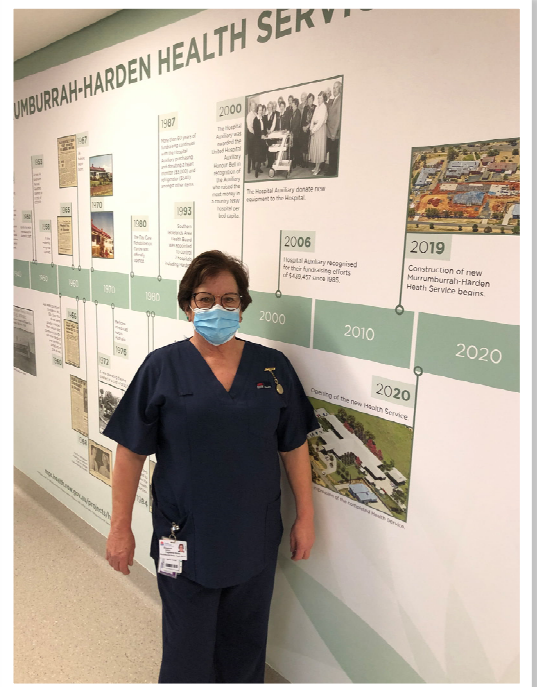


*Above: John and Carole Ford, Local Health Advisory Committee
Below: Facility Manager Kerry Menz with Michelle Cottrell-Smith, MLHD Redevelopment Team*

History and memories

Importantly, the history of the health service has been documented through a heritage mural, an oral history study and a heritage study. In the coming months many existing artworks, photographs and plaques will be transferred and displayed in the new hospital and grounds.

During the community tours held in July there was great admiration from members of the public for the large wall mural located at reception which depicts the history of the health service since the early 1900s. Registered Nurse Eleanor Ashton (pictured) was delighted to see her mother, Margaret Friend, pictured in a Hospital Auxiliary group photo taken in 2000.



What's inside?
Take an armchair tour of the new Health Service:
<https://youtu.be/6oMeFzaOA08>

How to access the Hospital

All hospital access is via the main entry both during and after business hours. Enter the carpark from Scott St. **In the event of an emergency and arriving in a private car, please use the ambulance emergency entrance.**

When arriving at the new hospital for the first time, please take note of signage and use the main entry. Once you have presented to reception you will receive directions to the various departments or be asked to wait in the general waiting room. Access to Residential Aged Care is through the main hospital entry.

