



## Ministerial visit gives redevelopment the thumbs up

The Molong Multipurpose Service (MPS) was pleased to host a visit from the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural and Regional Health, Leslie Williams, in late September. Mrs Williams inspected the works completed, following a sod turn at the new NSW Ambulance site which will be located next to the MPS.

The visit included a tour of Stage 1 works, which includes a new residential aged care wing, featuring single rooms with private ensuites as well as new dining, recreation and quiet areas.

Stage 2 works were completed just prior to Mrs Williams' visit, and the group were able to see the improvements to the existing residential aged care section which was completely refurbished, as well as the new flexible care rooms, office facilities, and meeting rooms.

Stage 3 works for the redevelopment had just commenced and there was a hive of activity occurring with demolition activities underway. This final stage of the redevelopment will deliver a new front entry, reception and waiting room, and improvements to some acute care rooms.

In late 2016, the redevelopment scope was expanded with the addition of the Support Services rebuild, which will deliver a new kitchen – much to the delight of the kitchen staff! This work is occurring alongside Stage 3.

The overall Molong MPS redevelopment project is on track to be completed by mid-2018.

Thank you to the Molong MPS staff and residents for opening up their workplace and 'home' to Mrs Williams and showing off the impressive improvements at the Molong MPS.



*Photo: From left to right, Dr Robin Williams, Shinton Jacob, Deb Kenna, John Farr, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural and Regional Health Leslie Williams, Darren Goodlock, Julie James, Scott McLachlan and Scott Griffiths.*



## Many hands make light work at Molong MPS

It was all hands on deck at the Molong MPS recently as another milestone was achieved with the completion of Stage 2 in early September. Many of the staff worked around the clock to move-in residents and patients into the recently refurbished existing residential aged care wing and acute care rooms, and to relocate equipment from the areas to be redeveloped for Stage 3 including the front entry, reception, waiting area and some acute rooms.

Health Service Manager Deb Kenna praised the staff for their efforts saying they are “extremely valued and appreciated”.



*Photos clockwise from bottom left: Moving the IT equipment; several members of the Molong MPS ‘A’ team; maintenance team; cleaning and catering team; moving, moving, moving; Deb Kenna with the ‘matron’s bell’ found during the move.*





## Temporary entry as Stage 3 works kick-off

Patients and visitors to the Molong MPS are reminded that there is temporary main entry in effect while construction works occur at the existing main entry off King Street.

All visitors and patients, including Emergency Department walk-ins, are required to enter via the temporary entry, which is also located on King Street, close to the Reynolds Street intersection. There is a ramp for assisted entry and signage in place.

The image below shows the relative location of the temporary entry, while the image at right shows a closer view of the temporary entry, including the ramp.

Please take care when parking and walking around the front of the MPS as construction activities are taking place.

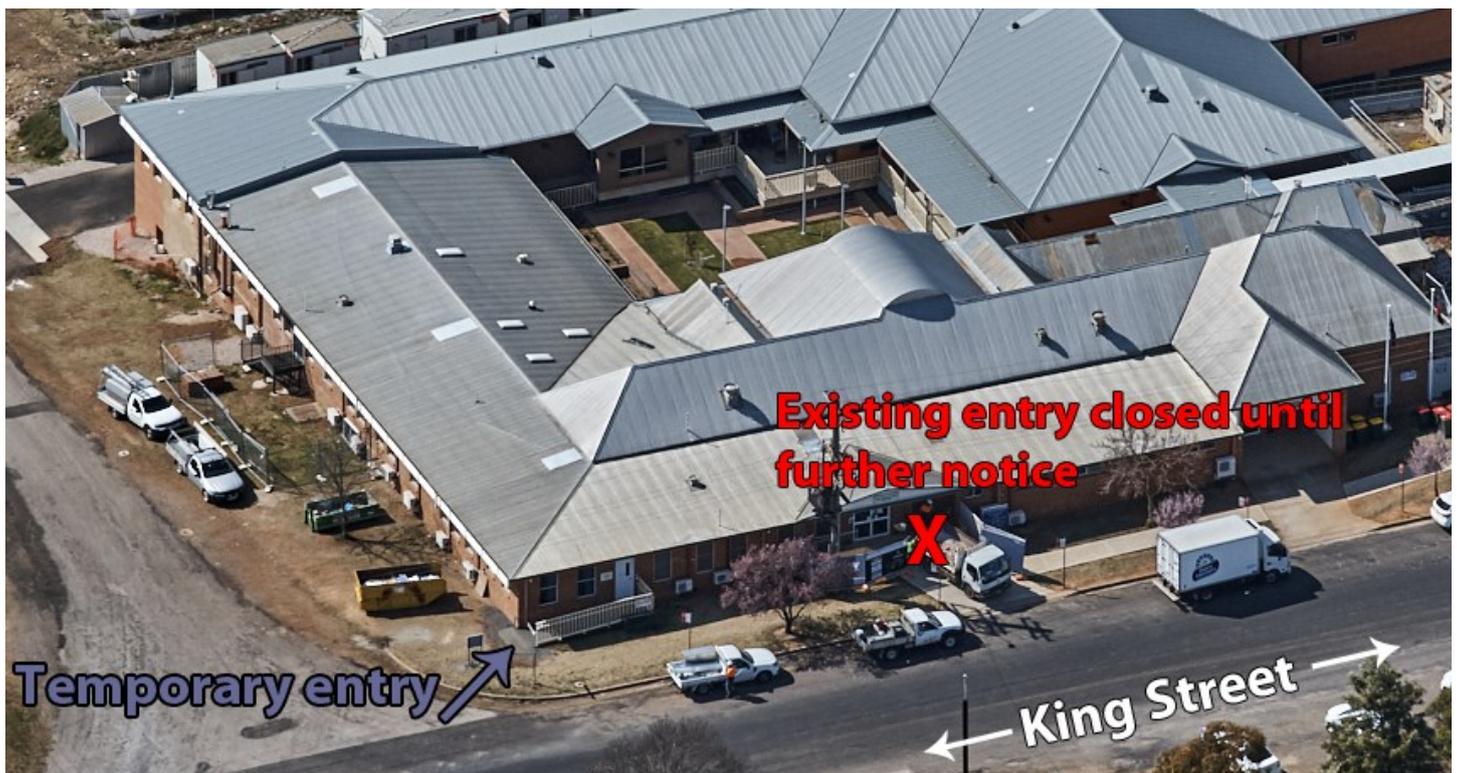
The construction works at the front of the facility will improve access and security as part of the overall redevelopment project. Once this work is

complete the existing main entry will resume operation.

If you have further questions about access to the Molong MPS during this time please contact the MPS via telephone (02) 6392 3300.



*Photo: Close-up of the temporary entry at the Molong MPS.*



*Image: Aerial photo showing the new temporary entry at the Molong MPS, while construction occurs at the existing entry, which is closed until further notice.*



## New Change Manager on board

The Molong MPS redevelopment project is pleased to welcome Fiona Ostini to the Change Manager role.

As the Change Manager for the redevelopment project occurring at Molong MPS, as well as the MPS redevelopments at Coolah and Rylstone, Fiona will be working closely with the staff on new models of care and changes associated with the redevelopments. She has already been out and about at the sites and will continue to work hand-in-hand with the staff as the redevelopment projects continue.

Prior to this Fiona was working for the Western NSW Local Health District (LHD) as the patient safety coordinator for Northern Sector sites. Fiona has a strong background in health having nursed at Riverside, Bloomfield, in Aged Care, and at Orange Base for more than 10 years, before moving into various LHD roles in education, quality management, and professional development. She has also taught nursing and health at TAFE. Fiona grew up in Orange, and completed her registered nursing training at CSU in Bathurst.

Please make Fiona welcome as she will be a regular visitor to Molong MPS.



*Fiona Ostini, Change Manager MPS Projects*

## 'Welcoming event' video

Take a moment to jump online and have a look back at the 'welcoming event' held in May to celebrate the completion of Stage 1 of the redevelopment project. You may see some familiar faces....

<https://youtu.be/ML6zGhZoQ-0>

### More information?

To find out more about the Molong MPS redevelopment please visit

[www.mps.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mps.health.nsw.gov.au)

or contact Deb Kenna, Molong MPS Health Service Manager, on (02) 6392 3300.

