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### **Yass hospital main entrance reopens to the public**




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 **STEPS FORWARD:** Richard Crookes Constructions project engineer Trystan Warn and Yass resident Deb Glassford use the new air lock entrance at Yass Hospital. Photo: Hannah Sparks

The main entrance to Yass Hospital reopened to the public on Wednesday, September 11.

An alternate side entrance to the hospital was in use while the new airlock entrance was built.

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The airlock entrance will provide better security for the hospital and protect the hospital from outside elements such as wind or rain.

An airlock entry involves two doors and a passage in between.

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It allows people to enter the passage via the first door before entering the second door.

"All patients, carers and visitors needing to access the hospital should do so via the main entrance at the front of the facility, with parking arrangements to continue as usual," a statement from Southern NSW Local Health District said.

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"Emergency vehicle access will now also be maintained through the front entrance, with deliveries to continue at the rear of the building."

The new airlock entrance is part of the \$8 million Yass Hospital redevelopment.

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It follows the **opening** of new staff accommodation at Yass Hospital on August 26.

The three self-contained, one-bedroom units will benefit staff on-call overnight or attending the hospital.

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Once finished, the redevelopment will include:

- Ongoing 24-hour emergency department;
- Additional treatment bay;
- Dedicated ambulance entry;
- Two new inpatient beds;
- Improved community and allied health facilities;
- Ongoing access to X-ray services.

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