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*The Heartbeat of Hay*

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# HAY HEALTH EXPANDS TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS

Hay Shire residents are set to benefit from an expansion of the Hay health facility as part of the NSW Government's \$304 million Multipurpose Service Program.

NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Natasha Maclaren-Jones made the announcement on Monday.

The Hay project is in the planning and design stage, with construction due to start by late 2020. The main works include:

- a reconfiguration of beds to better accommodate increasing demand for aged care beds
- an external landscaped area and socialisation space for residents

- new purpose-built on-site staff accommodation to support the staffing and operations of the health service

- a triage area, which will provide hospital nursing staff with a dedicated area to assess and prioritise patients for emergency admission

- refurbishment to existing areas of the health service, to facilitate modern models of care and improve security and accessibility.

Mrs Maclaren-Jones said the new expansion would provide contemporary health services which meet the community's evolving health needs.

"Australian Bureau of Statistics found that by 2026, 21.2 per cent of the Hay Shire community is expected to be aged

over 70 years, up from 13.2 per cent in 2012," she said.

"The beauty of this health facility expansion we're delivering in Hay is that it will meet the community's healthcare needs as the population ages.

"Projects like this help boost the local economy and employment, with health jobs one of the top 10 industry and employment sectors in the Hay Shire. They also provide construction jobs which are very important for a regional community like Hay, especially in this time of drought.

"NSW Government has invested \$10 billion in health infrastructure since 2011, with \$10.1 billion more over the four years from 2019-20, including more than \$900 million for rural and regional areas in 2019-20."

## Red Day

A great atmosphere will fill Hay with the annual Paint Hay Red Sale initiative on

## Hay remembers

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