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HAY HEALTH SERVICE REDEVELOPMENT COMPLETE

Residents, patients, visitors and staff are benefiting from a newly expanded Hay Health Service with construction for the redevelopment now complete.

Health Infrastructure Project Director, Arjuna Thiru Moorthy said the project has provided improved health and aged care services for the region, including new residential aged care rooms, and has been delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$297 million Multipurpose Service Program.

"The Hay Health Service features new and enhanced facilities designed to meet the health needs of the Hay community now and into the future," Mr Moorthy said.

"The redevelopment includes four new aged care residential rooms, a lounge room and landscaped courtyard for aged care residents, three new staff accommodation units, and a new triage room to assess and prioritise patients for treatment.

"The reception and administration areas have also been upgraded, improving functionality and security for patients, visitors and staff.

"An artwork has also been commissioned by an Aboriginal artist and on completion will be installed in the reception area as a welcome to people seeking care."

Hay Health Service Facility Manager Judith Charles thanked the Hay Health Service staff and residents, project managers Johnstaff and construction company BARPA, for their contribution to the project.

"Staff and the local community have been incredibly accommodating and we would like to thank the community for their patience and support during construction for the project, which took around eight months to complete," Ms Charles said.

"Local community members including the Hay Hospital Auxiliary, Local Health Advisory Committee and Hay Shire Council were recently invited to tour the facility."

The construction was completed by contractor BARPA, a majority Aboriginal owned commercial construction company.

The NSW Government's \$297 million Multipurpose Service Program is providing improved access to health and aged care services in rural and remote communities.

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Image captions:

1. *Three self-contained staff accommodation units completed as part of the project*
2. *Mick Beckwith (Residential Aged Care resident) and Alice Beckwith viewing one of the new resident rooms*

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