



## **Construction of the new Braidwood Multipurpose Service (MPS), being delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$304 million MPS program, is now complete.**

Health Infrastructure recently completed main construction works, ahead of the new facility opening its doors to the public on 25 August 2020.

While commencement of operations marks a major milestone in the redevelopment project, further works are continuing onsite.

The finishing works include demolishing the old hospital buildings, and constructing the new staff accommodation units, car parking areas, and landscaping outdoor spaces. When complete the landscaping will include walking paths, outdoor visiting areas, and passive and active recreation spaces.

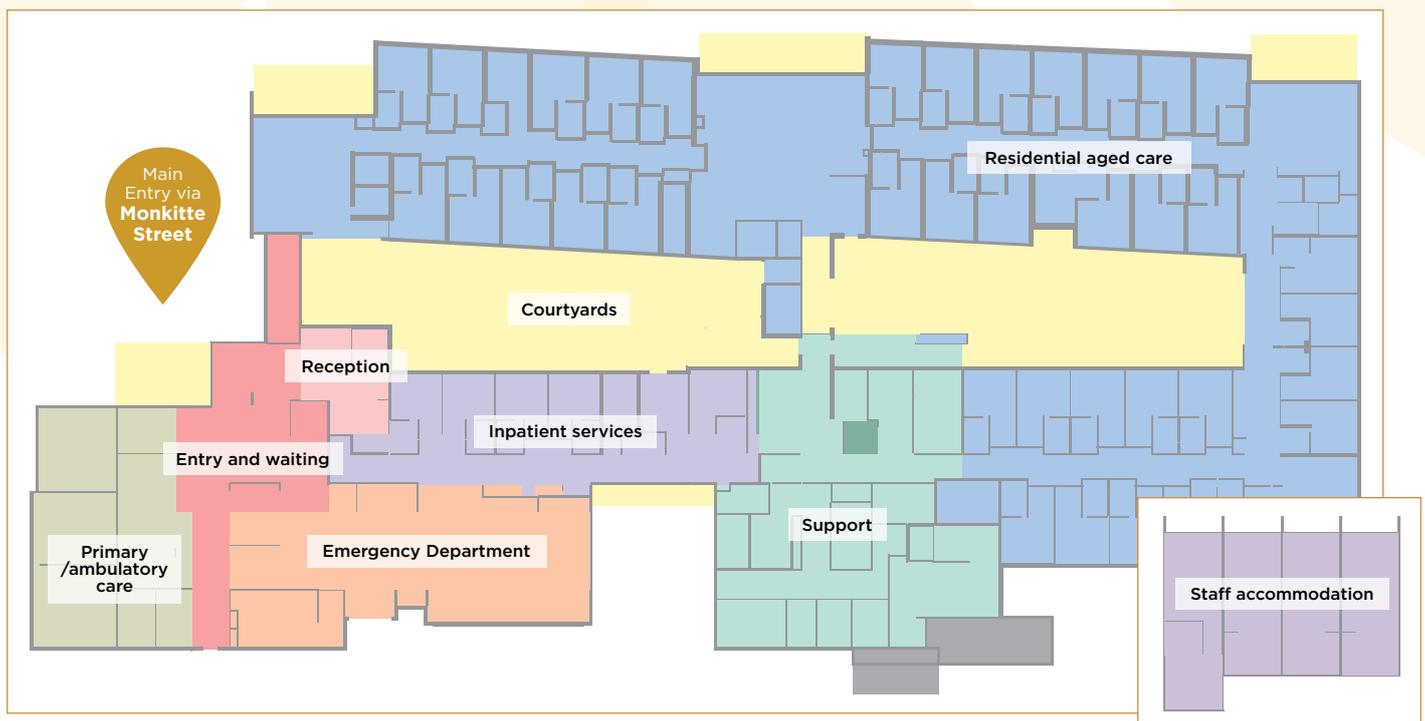
Many features of the new health facility have been designed to provide therapeutic benefits for patients and visitors. Over the coming months the community will see these areas, which include an Aboriginal Garden, a resident's garden, courtyards and the delivery of an arts and heritage program start to take shape.

The Redevelopment remains on track for completion in early 2021.

## Braidwood MPS Master Plan



## Braidwood MPS internal floor plan



# TAKE A LOOK AT IMAGES FROM INSIDE THE NEW BRAIDWOOD



Health Services co-located under one roof



View from reception



In-patient rooms designed according to latest models of care, including acute care beds



Purpose built facility delivering therapeutic benefits for patients and visitors



37 residential aged care beds with activity rooms, lounge and dining facilities

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Outdoor visiting spaces and courtyards. Refer to the Master Plan for more insight into landscaping around the Braidwood MPS.



Emergency Department with dedicated ambulance entry



Staff and visitor car parking on-site.

# BRAIDWOOD MPS Q&A

## What services and facilities are included at the Braidwood MPS?

The new Braidwood MPS features:

- Health Services co-located under one roof
- In-patient rooms designed according latest models of care
- Purpose built facility delivering therapeutic benefits for patients and visitors
- 37 residential aged care beds with activity rooms, lounge and dining facilities, including acute care
- Emergency Department with dedicated ambulance entry
- X-ray services.

Finishing works are now underway onsite, including:

- Construction of the new purpose built staff accommodation units
- Car parking areas
- Landscaping outdoor spaces.

## Why is staff accommodation so important to the Braidwood Health Service?

The successful ongoing recruitment and retention of an appropriately skilled workforce in regional areas is a key consideration in the delivery of the Braidwood MPS.

The new, purpose-built staff accommodation is central to attracting and retaining staff and Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs), and will provide a real boost to Health Service staff, the delivery of health care services from the Braidwood MPS and the Braidwood community.

Four staff accommodation units and a small carpark will be built where Narbethong House is currently located. This location provides safe, secure, and close access to parking for staff, as well as the staff accommodation.

## How has local arts and heritage been incorporated into the MPS?

The Braidwood MPS Arts and Heritage Working Group has developed an Arts and Heritage Management plan which is focused on reflecting the vibrant arts and heritage community in Braidwood. The Working Group consists of Braidwood MPS staff and community representatives.

Braidwood MPS residents, staff and visitors will see key elements of the plan reflected in the landscaping, through displays of local artwork and in the creation of a home-like ambience with many special pieces being transferred from the existing hospital.

## Will the demolition works include Narbethong House?

The option of retaining Narbethong House and repurposing was thoroughly investigated during the planning and design phases of the Redevelopment, and as part of the consultation program.

As a result considering both capital and recurrent costs, and opportunities to implement a contemporary purpose designed and built facility it was decided best to replace Narbethong House with four new staff accommodation units.

Narbethong House residents have relocated and now call the new Braidwood MPS home.

## What sustainability measures have been incorporated into the new facility?

Solar electricity panels have been installed on the new Braidwood MPS to assist energy-efficiency and reduce running costs. There is also 20,000 litres of rainwater storage for reuse as part of the landscaping irrigation system.



## Why is investing in rural and regional health infrastructure important?

Investing in the health of our rural communities is vital. The value of hospital redevelopments such as Braidwood extend far beyond healthcare to provide positive economic and social benefits within our communities.

A report (Regional Economic Impacts of Public Hospital Investment) by the Regional Australia Institute and NSW Health Infrastructure shows health projects like the Braidwood MPS redevelopment are not only delivering world-class healthcare, they're boosting regional economies across NSW.

A number of subcontractors and suppliers that have been engaged as part of the Braidwood MPS Redevelopment are from the immediate regional area. Electrical, roofing, bricklaying, landscaping, mechanical, aluminium windows / doors, commercial kitchen, concrete, doors, painting, waterproofing, cleaning, plumbing, fire protection, vinyl, joinery, blinds & curtains, excavation, handrails & balustrades and light steel framing, have been undertaken or provided by local/regional subcontractors and suppliers. In addition, many people working on the site have been from the immediate regional area.

## What are some of the other ways in which work on the Braidwood MPS have contributed to the local community?

The contractor Richard Crookes Constructions (RCC) is directing a measurable percentage of the project spend to Aboriginal participation, including Aboriginal employment, engagement of Aboriginal owned businesses, approved formal training or consultation with Aboriginal organisations.

Richard Crookes Construction donated Gumtree cottage (a demountable building on the site) to a local not-for-profit organisation Braidwood Life Centre, who provide emergency accommodation for local families and individuals in need.

## Keep in touch with the Braidwood MPS Redevelopment

Look out for future newsletters and visit [www.mps.health.nsw.gov.au/projects](http://www.mps.health.nsw.gov.au/projects)

The Braidwood MPS Redevelopment is being delivered as part of the Government's \$304 million Multipurpose Service (MPS) program to deliver improved access to health and aged care services in rural and remote communities.