

New health service building taking shape

Construction work has progressed quickly on the new Health Service building in the five months since the first sod was turned at the end of June 2019.

There's plenty of action to be seen on-site with the concrete slab and in-ground services complete and the steel frame of the new building going up.

Installation of the roof and windows is also underway and work is on track for completion by late 2020.

Who is building your new hospital?

Richard Crookes Constructions are building the new hospital. The construction crew comprises of local and regional workers including electricians, concreters, roofers, engineers, project managers and more.

50 per cent of the site team live in the local area, and are working hard on and off the job, to contribute to the community.

Richard Crookes Constructions raffle donation of local meat raised \$3,500 for the local CanAssist branch in August.

Progress in pictures



JUNE 2019



NOVEMBER 2019

Above: A contrasting aerial view of progress on the redevelopment site. In June the site was clear and by November the concrete slab was poured and the frames are standing.

**The new hospital has
over 1km of internal
and external
stormwater and sewer
drainage**



Construction Facts

- 518 cubic metres of concrete slab
- 1,148 tonne of concrete and mesh installed
- More than 1,200 site visits from sub contractors and managers
- 15 different concrete pours
- Over 11,000 man-hours worked
- A steel frame and roof truss system has been used in construction as it has stronger properties than traditional timber
- This allows for longer spans between loadbearing walls, with the added benefit that termites will never take a bite out of the steel
- The project is on track for completion in 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is the project up to?

Construction work is on track for completion by late 2020. The concrete slab and in-ground services are complete and the frame of the Health Service building is rising quickly. Installation of the roof and windows is underway.

What's next?

Following construction completion, the new Health Service will undergo an operational commissioning period. Services will then be moved over and the new facility will be operational.

During the operational commissioning period, we will organise a community walk through to allow everyone to have an 'access all areas' tour of the new facility.

We will also organise an official opening once the Health Service is operational to celebrate this major milestone!



What opportunities does the community have to shape elements of the new Health Service and surrounds?

The Redevelopment Team is keen to integrate local elements from the Murrumburrah-Harden community into the new Health Service through various forms.

We want to hear your ideas on ways we can achieve this such as artworks, art programs, relocation of plaques and monuments, interpretative elements, walking or fitness paths, signage and landscaping.

There is also a photographic archival study and oral history being undertaken that will record and document the establishment, history and stories of the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service.

Will staffing levels change?

All of the current Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service staff will move into the new building.

Departmental site plan

The new Health Service will deliver health services under one roof in a new purpose-build modern facility, designed to support contemporary models of care.



What feedback has been received on what will become redundant buildings?

In November 2018, we held a community drop in session to provide an update on the redevelopment and discuss the future of what will become redundant buildings.

The Project Team met with more than 50 locals who attended the drop in session. Attendees were advised that the existing building will become redundant once the new service is complete, and future options for buildings will be considered. The general view from those present was that the buildings should be demolished to make way for the new facility.

A suggestion box was also provided at the information session, and at the Health Service through December 2019. Eight feedback forms were received:

- one interested in the operational aspects of the new health facility
- one expressed excitement regarding the future provision of health facilities, and
- six raised interest in re-purposing the buildings.

Of these two had no specific ideas, other ideas included various accommodation venues such as rehabilitation, crisis and nursing home; and a community centre.

The new Harden Health Service will continue to deliver

aged care facilities and any alternate accommodation services are not within the local Health District's operational capacity. The new Health Service will deliver all services under one roof, thus making the buildings surplus to their needs.

The intention is to retain and landscape areas of this land, which will provide outdoor spaces for residents, patients, visitors and staff to enjoy. It will also realise the visual amenity of the new facility, particularly providing extensive views from the new Residential Aged Care wing.

The Project Team also consulted with Hilltops Council who have confirmed that they would have no financial capacity to take on the MLHD site, or the buildings, and support MLHDs intention to demolish the buildings; creating a health facility and grounds that meets local needs.

Prior to submitting documentation to proceed with this scope, we encourage you to come and talk to the Project Team. The land surrounding the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service is an important feature for the new facility and our residents, patients, visitors and staff.

We are seeking the community's ideas for this area; we would like to ensure the area is utilised for recreation and relaxation that supports and complements the delivery of health services to the Murrumburrah-Harden community and surrounds.

Anticipated Project Timeline

