



New Health Service project moves ahead with DA submitted!

The Cobar Health Service redevelopment project has moved another step forward with the lodgement of the Development Application (DA) to Cobar Shire Council in October 2017.

This signals the end of the detailed planning and design stages, and the start of the delivery stage of the project.

Cobar Shire Council has also rezoned the land where the new Cobar Health Service will be built. Once the DA has been approved, the project can proceed to the construction works component.

Subject to the DA approval, the project may see construction begin in the first half of 2018.

The redevelopment project involves constructing a new Health Service, co-located with the existing Lilliane Brady Village (residential aged care).

The redevelopment scope includes inpatient services, Emergency services, Community Health services, community programs, staff accommodation, and light refurbishment of the existing Lilliane Brady Village.

A key feature of the redevelopment is the co-location of the health services and the residential aged care services in connected buildings to provide integrated, modern health and aged care services for the Cobar community.



Above: A 3D artist impression of the new Cobar Health Service, showing the whole site from a south-east aspect (see over for artist impression image showing front entry).



What's included in the new Cobar Health Service?

The new Cobar Health Service will provide the following services to the Cobar community:

- ⇒ 10 acute/subacute beds, including respite and palliative care, that can be used flexibly,
- ⇒ 44 residential aged care places (10 new) potentially to be run by a private operator,
- ⇒ Respite care provided by the residential aged care,
- ⇒ Emergency care service,
- ⇒ A two chair Level 3 (satellite) hospital-based renal dialysis unit with capacity for four chairs/dialysis ports,
- ⇒ A range of primary and community health services including dental,
- ⇒ Outpatient services and ambulatory care services,
- ⇒ Clinical and operational support services,
- ⇒ Remote Access Program telehealth service,
- ⇒ Four staff accommodation units, and
- ⇒ Future expansion opportunities for GP co-location or other uses.

As part of the redevelopment, there will be at least 30 new car parks delivered at the new Cobar Health Service, and two new car parks at the Lilliane Brady Village (in addition to their existing car parking).

The redevelopment scope has been guided by the Cobar Clinical Services Plan (CSP). The CSP is developed by the Western NSW Local Health District in consultation with the Cobar Health Service, local community, and NSW Health using census data and population projections, and data on the local health population and current and projected use of local health services.



Image: Artist impression of the entry to the new Cobar Health Service.

Next steps for the project...

Cobar Shire Council will undergo their review process of the DA. Once the DA is approved, and Cobar Shire Council has finalised the required land rezoning, the main construction works can commence.

Stay updated on the project

Project information is displayed at the Cobar Health Service, with additional project information boards planned for locations around Cobar including the Lilliane Brady Village, Cobar Shire Council, and Cobar Library.

General information is also available on the MPS Program website at www.mps.health.nsw.gov.au.