

## HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The redevelopment of the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service was announced by the NSW Government in 2014. The redevelopment is funded under the \$300 million Multipurpose Service Program.

### What has been happening on the project?

Since the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service upgrade was announced in 2014 significant work has gone into planning a new health service for the region.

This has included working with Local Health Advisory Committee in 2015, as well as undertaking detailed design user groups with local staff to determine what the health service should look like, and how it will operate.

The NSW Government announced that planning for the project would commence in this term of government. Changes to the timing of the delivery of projects within the MPS Stage 5 program has meant that the project has been fast-tracked, and we are now able to start construction earlier.

Final statutory planning approvals are still pending.

Community and user engagement will continue throughout the life of the project.

### It was going to be a Multipurpose Service (MPS), so what's changed?

Originally the project was going to be built much later in the MPS program. With funding released earlier than expected, the green light has been given for the health service redevelopment, funded from the same program.

### What's the difference between an MPS and a health service?

Not much except an MPS has at its core, a focus on residential aged care. A health service means care is focused on acute, sub-acute, emergency department as well as residential aged care.

### Will there be anything new in the facility?

Health care is not just about buildings. It includes a new way of caring for people known as models of care. The new facility will enable local people to be treated under the one roof for a range of things. This is called integrated care and it means staff can partner with other departments to deliver greater care to you, the patient.

### Where can I have my say?

The first community consultation session is being held on **Wednesday 28 November** at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Neill Street from 11am to 3pm. We are inviting you to come and talk to us about the redevelopment.

### Has any decision been made about the existing hospital?

No, and that's why we encourage you to come to our community consultation sessions. The existing buildings on the site will not be required for hospital services once the new facility is completed and operational. We want to speak to the community to consider possible future uses for the building.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Where is the redevelopment of the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service up to?**

The project has gone out to tender which means that subject to all necessary approvals, a contract for a builder is anticipated to be awarded in the coming months.

### **Where will the new health service be located?**

The new purpose-built health service will be located on a greenfield site to the south of the existing facility.

### **Key features of the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service?**

- Emergency care, acute and sub-acute care
- Integrated primary and community health services
- Purpose-built modern facility
- Contemporary models of care for appropriate patients in acute care, palliative care and rehabilitation
- Improve functionality for patients, residents, families, carers and clinicians

### **What does the Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service include?**

It is a 33-bed facility with :

- Flexible inpatient beds which can be used for both residential and inpatient care
- Provides residential care in a home-like environment
- Community Health
- Ambulatory Care Services

### **Will there be more community consultation?**

Yes, there will be more community consultation in 2019. These sessions will be advertised locally including on social media.

### **Will the hospital stay open during the building phase?**

Yes the community will be able to access all current clinical services. There will be no interruption to the current health service while the new facility is under construction.

### **What are the next steps?**

The next step in the project includes the tender being awarded. Once this is done and subject to regulatory approvals and the outcomes of community consultation, construction can begin in 2019.

The current day care centre service will be relocated prior to construction beginning.

### **What is the cost of the project?**

The new Murrumburrah-Harden Health Service is being delivered as part of the \$300 million Multipurpose Service Program.

### **When will the project be completed?**

The expanded health facility is expected to be completed in 2020.

### **How can I stay on contact?**

If you have further questions or any concerns please email:  
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