



EXCITED FOR START OF WORKS: BLAYNEY MPS HEALTH SERVICE MANAGER KATHY HILLIER AND MPS STAFF

Main works construction of the new Blayney Multipurpose Service (MPS) will start following planning approval and the appointment of the main works construction contractor.

The redevelopment will deliver a new purpose-built and modern facility which will improve health and aged care services for the people of Blayney.

Early works are complete and the tender for the main works contractor has closed. Preparation of planning approval documentation is underway.

A lot of work has been taking place behind the scenes as Health Infrastructure and Western NSW Local Health District continue to work together with the preferred contractor to finalise details for the redevelopment ahead of the start of main works construction, which

will start following planning approvals.

The project team is committed to ensuring health service staff, stakeholders and the community have accurate and timely project information. The project website will be updated regularly and information will also be shared via project newsletters and direct correspondence as the project progresses.

Stay updated and sign up to receive updates via email: HI-BlayneyMPSRedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au or phone: (02) 9978 5432.

About the redevelopment

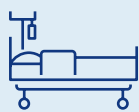
The Blayney MPS Redevelopment project is being delivered as part of the NSW Government's \$297 million Multipurpose Service Program to deliver health facilities across smaller rural and remote communities.

The new facility will be built on the existing Osman Street site and will have more inpatient beds, increased chair-based services and room for future expansion.

The features of the new MPS include:



Residential aged care wing, all with single rooms and bathrooms



Increase in number of inpatient unit beds



Increase in ambulatory care treatment chairs



Increase in HealthOne rooms



One main entry to replace the three existing entries



Enhanced courtyards and outdoor spaces



Take Five with Kathy Hillier Health Service Manager, Blayney MPS

What does your role involve?

As the Health Service Manager of Blayney MPS, I have the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the facility including financial management, operational management and ensuring we meet accreditation and aged care standards.

How long have you worked at Blayney MPS?

21 years at Blayney MPS as the Health Service Manager. I love my job.

How involved have you been in the planning and design of the project?

I have been involved from the beginning with the initial push with the Health District's Chief Executive to identify the need for a redevelopment at Blayney

MPS, then assisting with the development of the Clinical Services Plan back in 2018, through to the planning for the redevelopment project which is now complete. By attending the various committee and planning meetings I have taken a hands-on approach to contribute to ensuring the facility we build will meet patient, resident, staff and community needs now and into the future.

What do you think will be the benefits of the new MPS?

The new facility will provide a state-of-the-art environment providing additional rooms for acute care and the provision of residential aged care rooms and facilities that meets modern day needs and aged care standards.

What are you most looking forward to in your new facility?

I'm looking forward to the building works commencing and having additional rooms for acute care service with ensuite facilities, a palliative care room being located in the inpatient unit and single rooms with ensuite access for our aged care residents.

How are your staff and residents feeling about the redevelopment?

Staff are looking forward to the building work commencing, even though they will be working next to a construction zone! They are looking forward to a facility that has better workflows between the Inpatient Unit, Emergency and Residential Aged Care and also provision of improved staff amenities. Our residents are looking forward to their new rooms which are all single rooms, meaning they don't have to share with other residents, and not having ramps into their ensuites. Residents are also looking forward to having access to a hair salon and library.



Next steps

Final planning approval and steps to appoint the main works contractor are now underway.

The expected construction timeline will be shared with our stakeholders once finalised, along with project updates as construction progresses.

We thank Blayney MPS staff, residents and the community for their patience and support of this important project.

Health Infrastructure, Western NSW Local Health District and the Blayney Multipurpose Service acknowledge the Traditional Custodians on whose lands the project stands and pays respect to the peoples of the Wiradjuri Nation, the Traditional Owners of this land.

More information

For more information about the Blayney MPS Redevelopment please contact the project team at:

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