

## New Banksia Mental Health Unit

### Additional funding announced

In June, as part of the 2022 Budget the NSW Government announced an additional \$14.6 million for the new Banksia Mental Health Unit at Tamworth Hospital. This additional funding will help us further expand the design to support enhanced services for children and adolescents.

We're working on how these enhanced services will be delivered and in turn how this will impact on the

design already developed. While design work we've completed to-date will inform the next phase of the project, we will be making further changes following the additional funding announcement. This will extend the timeline of the project and we will share details as information becomes available.

The design of the new Banksia Mental Health Unit will continue to be developed in consultation with staff, consumers, carers and people with lived experience of mental health.



*Above: Artist's impressions of the original design for the new Banksia Mental Health Unit*

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Example of artwork created for Macksville Hospital

## Arts in Health working group

We are seeking expressions of interest from stakeholders to form a working group to progress the Arts in Health program for the new Banksia Mental Health Unit.

This working group will work together to make recommendations on how arts can be integrated into the new unit to complement the design and create a calming and healing environment.

If you are interested in joining us please drop a line to: [HI-Banksia@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-Banksia@health.nsw.gov.au)

## Enabling works update

The enabling works for new Banksia Mental Health Unit project are progressing well. The enabling works package includes the construction of the new Rotary Lodge accommodation as well as new staff accommodation, near the old helipad site on the hospital campus.

The units are being manufactured offsite and transported to the campus and assembled onsite.

All three Rotary Lodge units and four staff accommodation units have now been assembled onsite, with final landscaping works to be completed before the units can be used.



Several of the new units in place, with landscaping and fencing to be completed

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