

Connecting with Country consultation milestone

A Connecting with Country workshop with local Aboriginal Elders, community members and AWH staff has marked a milestone for the master planning stage of the project, with more than a thousand people now having had an opportunity to find out more about the new Border regional hospital.

Consultation began in April and has included pop-up information sessions in the hospitals and local shopping centres, briefings for local councils and key community and business groups, staff briefings and master planning meetings.

The first Connecting with Country 'design jam' is an important step in the master planning process and was attended by more than 20 local Aboriginal representatives.

It explored how the community can contribute to our understanding of Country, and how to embed that in the design process so everyone feels safe and welcomed by Country.

Aunty Valda Murray from Duduroa Dhargal Aboriginal Corporation said it was a great opportunity to put the community's view forward.

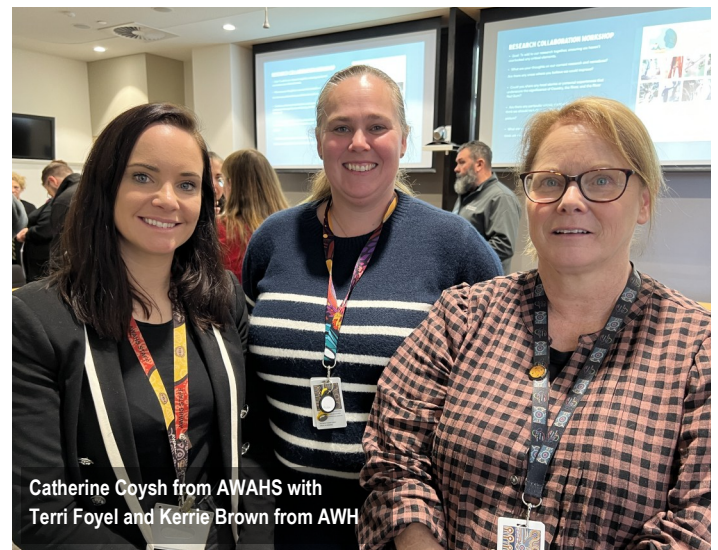
"We need to be looking at how we can improve things for the future, so we need to be looking at getting this right... planning something that is appropriate for us, our families and our loved ones," she said.

The design jam took place on Wiradjuri Country and was facilitated by Yerrabingin.

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Yerrabingin facilitator Christian Hampson (second from the left) with local Elders Uncle Allan Murray, Uncle Phillip Murray and Aunty Valda Murray



Catherine Coysh from AWAHS with Terri Foyel and Kerrie Brown from AWH

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Consultation counts in early planning

Feedback from more than 30 consultation activities is being assessed by our planning team to help us better understand our community's interests and concerns.

More than 150 people attended our five shopping centre pop-ups in May/June and our team spent a total of 70+ hours talking to community members.

In total, more than 1,000 residents, hospital users and staff have now been consulted on the early planning process for our new hospital. Key issues raised included parking, public transport and access to the hospital, the hospital's design and location within the Albury campus, and employment and training opportunities.

We also had more than 40 expressions of interest for our Project Community Advisory Group with selection expected to be finalised by August.

For staff, in-depth design consultation is due to start in late 2023. Doctors, nurses, allied health and non-clinical support staff will work with architects and planners in project user groups to design the new hospital facilities.

There will be more information for staff shortly, and further master planning consultation later in the year.

For more information about consultation to date, visit awh.org.au/newhospital or scan the QR code.



Clockwise from top left: AWH Volunteers briefing, Lavington Square drop-in, White Box Rise drop-in and Myer Centrepoint drop-in.

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Aunty Ruth Davys (front row, right) from GiiLangyaldhaanygalang with the hospital project team on the Walk on Country

Country guides design thinking

A walk on Country with Wiradjuri leader and storyteller Aunty Ruth Davys has given the project team a unique insight into the connections between place and people, and how that can be reflected in the new hospital design.

Aunty Ruth said designing a 'building that flows' would create a continuation of Country.

"Country supports, provides, it cares for us," Aunty Ruth said.

"If we can replicate or produce anything that looks like country inside as well, people will feel 'wow - it's a welcoming, safe space caring for my health needs'."

The project team will use the experience from the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk to help shape the design of the new hospital and ensure the building is culturally safe and respectful. For more on this story, [click here](#) or scan the QR code.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Albury Campus Redevelopment is a \$558 million project to create a major new regional hospital and improved health services for the Border community. The project will consolidate 24/7 hospital services on the Albury Hospital site, reducing the need to travel between campuses for treatment, and making the experience of hospital safer, easier and better for everyone who visits or works there. For more information visit awh.org.au/newhospital or scan the QR code.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Murray River area near Albury and Wodonga, the Wiradjuri, Wavereoo and Duduroa people, and traditional custodians throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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