



The Broken Hill Health Service Redevelopment has reached an important milestone with the completion of the design stages of the project. It has now progressed to planning submission and approvals and the finalisation of the tender for the main works construction contractor.

Planning and design consultation wraps up

Keeping key stakeholders informed and providing opportunities for consultation and feedback has been a key focus throughout the planning and design stages of the redevelopment over the last 12 months.

Information and consultation sessions have been held at various stages and milestones, including Master Planning, Concept Design and Schematic Design, with feedback from staff, consumers and carers, and the broader community integral in shaping the new Acute MHIPU and the enhanced Emergency Department.

The project team thanks all those who contributed to the consultation sessions.



26 Project User Groups



12 staff information sessions



4 Aboriginal engagement sessions



13 Community information and pop-up sessions



8 presentations and briefings



2 Arts Working Group meetings

Snapshot of engagement and consultation activities Oct 22-23

About the Redevelopment

In April 2022, the NSW Government announced the Broken Hill Health Service Redevelopment.

It includes a \$10 million upgrade to the hospital's Emergency Department (ED), which will be reconfigured to better meet the critical health needs of the region and includes tailored treatment spaces for children and those requiring mental health services.

The redevelopment also includes an enhanced Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit (MHIPU), which is being delivered as part of the NSW Government's Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program (SWMHIP). Once complete, the MHIPU facilities will provide a modern, contemporary and culturally safe therapeutic space with co-designed facilities for people with mental health needs, their families, carers and staff.



Take 5 with Julie Manoel Director of Nursing & Midwifery/General Manager, Broken Hill Hospital

What does your role involve?

I see my role as being in charge of the Broken Hill Hospital and that carries a lot of responsibility. My priority is to ensure our patients and their families all receive patient centred care, that they are provided with a high standard of care and that their patient journey is a positive one. I am approachable and engage regularly with staff and take a genuine interest in their well-being.

How long have you worked at Broken Hill Hospital?

Since 2016 on a permanent basis but prior to that I trained as an Enrolled Nurse in the 'old hospital'.

How involved have you been in the planning and design of the redevelopment projects (ED and MHIPU)?

I attend as many meetings as I am able to and my input has been listened to. I have always made sure clinical staff were included in these meetings.

What do you think will be the benefits of the redevelopment?

A fit for purpose Emergency Department and a new Mental Health Inpatient Unit will benefit our community as a whole.

How are hospital staff feeling about the redevelopment?

Very excited.

What are you most looking forward to when the projects are completed?

I'm looking forward to our community having access to a modern first-class health service.

Key health worker accommodation program announced for Broken Hill

Broken Hill is set to benefit from the NSW Government's \$45.3 million investment to deliver modern, sustainable and flexible accommodation for key healthcare workers in regional communities.

Health Minister Ryan Park made the announcement during a visit to Broken Hill on 13 November.

Attracting, recruiting and retaining health workers in the regional communities of Murrumbidgee, Southern NSW and Far West NSW will soon be easier, with new modern and sustainable worker accommodation announced for Balranald, Broken Hill, Cooma, Finley, Leeton, Narrandera and West Wyalong.

The accommodation for key healthcare workers will ensure new and visiting healthcare workers have fit for purpose, self-contained accommodation, providing a safe and comfortable place for them to live close to work.

Consultation with clinicians who have experience living in key worker accommodation is helping to inform the planning and design process.

The accommodation units will be fully furnished and equipped with all the necessities including kitchens, bedrooms, ensuite bathrooms, living and outdoor areas.

Hutchinson Builders has been appointed to deliver the accommodation program in Broken Hill.



Example of Key Worker Accommodation being delivered at hospital sites



Key Worker Accommodation announcement at Broken Hill Hospital

New project noticeboard keeping people informed

Staff, patients, consumers and visitors to Broken Hill Hospital can now stay up to date with progress of the redevelopment with the establishment of a dedicated information noticeboard in the entry foyer of the hospital.

Design images, current project updates and newsletters, FAQs and project contact information are highlighted on the noticeboard and updated regularly to ensure people have access to information.

The noticeboard will be a key channel for information once construction on the new Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit and refurbished Emergency Department commences in 2024.

Youth Advisory Council briefing

Members of the project team were delighted to talk to the Broken Hill Youth Advisory Council about the redevelopment last month.

Health, including mental health, are important issues for young people, as demonstrated by the members of the group who were very interested in how the new Acute MHIPU and refurbished ED will meet the needs of local young people.

We are looking forward to staying connected to the Youth Advisory Council as the redevelopment progresses.

Next steps

Statutory planning approvals and the main works contractor tender process is now underway.

The main works contractor is expected to be awarded in early 2024 with construction to start by mid-2024.

It is expected that construction will be completed at the end of 2025.

