



## New Balranald key worker accommodation ready to welcome staff

Healthcare workers in Far West Local Health District (FWLHD) can now access modern, fit-for-purpose key worker accommodation, with four new units at Balranald Multipurpose Service (MPS) established as part of the NSW Government's Key Worker Accommodation (KWA) Program.

Balranald is the first of seven sites to be completed under the KWA Program, which is an exciting milestone.

The units will help attract much needed healthcare staff to the rural area by removing a barrier to finding accommodation for healthcare workers wanting to work at Balranald MPS, meaning recruiting and retaining staff will be easier.

The two freestanding cabins, each with two self-contained units, are located on the hospital grounds on Market Street and provide a safe and comfortable place for healthcare workers.

The new accommodation is available to new permanent staff members who are still establishing themselves in a community, as well as health professionals coming in on a temporary basis.

The cabins were purchased by FWLHD, with the enabling site works managed by Health Infrastructure over the past few months.

The units are fully furnished, and each includes a well-equipped kitchen, comfortable living/dining area, bedroom with robe, ensuite bathroom and laundry. The units also have their own entry deck and a double carport, as well as a grassed private open space.

The area is fully fenced and landscaped, and a shared communal area will provide an opportunity for staff to connect with each other, which will help create a sense of community and a home away from home.



Finishing touches are now being made to the cabins ready for the first healthcare workers to move in over the coming weeks.

FWLHD is one of three regional local health districts to benefit from a \$45.3 million investment to deliver accommodation for health workers under the Key Worker Accommodation Program. Broken Hill will also benefit from the program, with accommodation expected to become available to key workers there in early 2025.



*Celebrating the completion of the Balranald KWA.*

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