

Project Update

Broken Hill Health Service Redevelopment

March 2025



ECNC Emergency/Critical Care Kahlia Liston, Acting NUM Georgia Bartley, CNE Ashleigh Mortimer and ED RN Katie Reynolds in one of the new ED Resuscitation Bays

Construction update

Significant milestones have been reached on the Broken Hill Health Service Redevelopment's new Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit (MHIPU) and upgrade of the Emergency Department (ED).

ED Stage1 completion

Stage 1 of the \$12 million ED upgrade, which is an extension to the existing ED, is now open with additional ED spaces now operational.

The Emergency Department upgrade is being built in three stages, with Stage 1 providing a new patient isolation room, ambulance arrival zone and storeroom. Some services have relocated from the existing ED into the new extension, including a safe assessment room, two resuscitation bays and ED-related pathology services, making room for the next stage of construction.

ED staff and NSW Ambulance are settling in well to their new spaces.

The ED is continuing to operate while work is being carried out, with the ED entry, reception and waiting room remaining in its current location for now. Patients will be treated in the new treatment spaces as appropriate.

All smiles as ED Stage 1 completion celebrated

The lead-up to completion, handover and operational commissioning of ED Stage 1 was a busy and intense time for all involved, so it was a great opportunity for those involved on the ground, including staff and representatives from the contractors, Barpa, to come together to celebrate at a barbeque on 14 March.

Thanks to Broken Hill Hospital management for hosting this event.



Representatives of the Barpa team



Tarni Smith and Ken Caldwell



Kahlia Liston and Ashleigh Mortimer

Work on ED Stage 2 upgrade

Stage 2 of the ED Upgrade has now started and includes the reconfiguration of five treatment bays, staff areas, and clinical back-of-house areas in the existing ED.

Associated demolition and reconfiguration of these rooms are now underway, with some extra noise to be expected but minimised as much as possible.

Fencing and hoarding has been installed to separate the construction zone from operational areas. Temporary wayfinding signage has also been installed to assist patients and visitors to navigate the changes.

For your safety, please follow instructions at all times during construction.

Once Stage 2 is completed, Stage 3 works will commence, including the construction of the new main entry, reception area, waiting room and triage space, as well as an interview/consult room and two new treatment bays.

The ED upgrade is expected to be fully completed by the end of 2025.



Work impacts

All Redevelopment works and any impacts will continue to be proactively communicated – we will continue to issue Works Notifications, staff emails and flyers, post on social media and the Health Infrastructure website - www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/project-search/broken-hill-emergency-department - and also provide information in the local newspaper.

There is also a dedicated Broken Hill Health Service Redevelopment noticeboard in the main foyer of the hospital containing current information about any impacts from works.

We thank the community for their patience while we complete these important projects for Broken Hill.

Completion of Acute MHIPU structure

The new Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit has also reached a major milestone, with the building's wall and roof framing now installed.

With the structural works now complete, the internal fit-out, services installation and exterior works of the building, including the installation of the roof panels will continue.

Brickwork is almost complete, and fascia and guttering are being installed, along with partition linings on the inside of the building.

You can check out the timelapse video of the structure going up over the last few months:

Broken Hill Health Service Redevelopment: Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit time lapse.

Works are expected to be completed in 2025.



Looking towards the new Acute MHIPU from the rear of the hospital, March 2025



Main courtyard framework, March 2025



Interior of the light-filled new Acute MHIPU looking towards the courtyard, March 2025

Call out for local artists for display in new Broken Hill Acute MHIPU

Local artists with strong connections to Broken Hill and surrounding communities are being invited to submit their artworks to be purchased and displayed in the new Broken Hill Health Service Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit.

The Redevelopment's arts program offers a unique opportunity for local artists to contribute to the new mental health facility.

Local art will give the new unit a distinct, local identity that aims at inspiring and comforting those who receive care and work in the clinical spaces. It will also help to create a safe and homely environment to support consumer centred care.

The latest call-out builds on the arts program for the new mental health inpatient unit, which will feature unique artworks by local artists Clinton Kemp, Joshua deGruchy and Amanda Johnston.

It will draw inspiration from local narratives and the healing properties of nature in line with the Songlines and Storytelling theme developed by the local Arts Working Group.

Artworks must be original (not printed reproductions) and are required to be unframed. To nominate an artwork for this project we are asking those submitting to include an image of the artwork along with their name, a short biography, artwork title and year, text about the artwork (if available), artwork material, dimensions and the purchase price. Submissions close on Thursday 3 April at 5pm.

Applications should be submitted to rado@westdarlingarts.com.au or Kathryn.Graham@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

Artworks will be selected for purchase by the Arts Working Group based on the selection criteria. Selected artworks will be considered as a whole collection, reflecting the diversity of Broken Hill.

More information and the Artist Brief are available by contacting West Darling Arts on 08 8087 9035 or Broken Hill City Art Gallery on 08 8080 3113.

About the Broken Hill Health Service Redevelopment

The redevelopment includes the construction of a new purpose-built Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit, which is being delivered under the NSW Government's \$700 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program. It will provide a contemporary, culturally safe, and therapeutic space with co-designed facilities for people with mental health needs, their families, carers and staff.

It also includes a \$12 million upgrade and expansion of the hospital's Emergency Department, which will be reconfigured to better meet the critical health needs of the region and includes a new dedicated 24/7 entry, a larger light-filled waiting area, and tailored treatment spaces for children and those requiring mental health services.



Artist Impression: New Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit



Artist Impression
Emergency Department



COMING SOON!

The installation of Broken Hill's 20 new key worker accommodation units on the Broken Hill Health Service campus is almost complete, with final touches now underway.

The units have been delivered under the NSW Government's \$45.3 million Key Worker Accommodation Program.

For more information about the KWA Program, visit bit.ly/3WwFdYO



Health Infrastructure, Far West Local Health District and Broken Hill Health Service acknowledges the Traditional Custodians on whose lands the redevelopment project stands and pays respect to the peoples of the Wilyakali and Barkindji Nation, the Traditional Owners of this land.

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