



A new regional hospital for Albury, Wodonga and beyond

The NSW, Victorian and Australian governments have committed \$558 million to the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital project, one of the largest regional health projects currently underway in NSW and Victoria.

The project will deliver a major new regional hospital and improved health services to meet the health needs of Albury, Wodonga and border communities, now and into the future.

Planning is underway for the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital project.

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Master plan

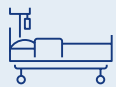
Master planning is an important first step in the hospital planning process.

The master plan sets out the vision and high-level framework for development at the Albury Hospital campus in the immediate term, and lays the groundwork for future expansion of the campus through infrastructure, development and partnership opportunities over the coming decades.

The master plan prioritises the expansion and enhancement of clinical and non-clinical services, addresses immediate and long-term planning goals, builds upon recent investments made to clinical services and infrastructure at Albury, enables sustainability and delivers a better-connected health care environment.

Project scope

The Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital project will deliver a new, multi-storey clinical services building and upgrades to existing facilities at the Albury Hospital campus. The project scope will continue to be confirmed through the planning and design process, and is expected to include:



More medical and surgical beds



New operating theatres



Expanded outpatient and specialist treatment spaces



Relocated maternity and newborn services from Wodonga to Albury hospital



New children's ward



More car parking to support increased services at the campus.



A new Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to complement recent upgrades to the Emergency Department



A new adult acute mental health inpatient unit to replace Nolan House



A new helipad

Master plan

The master plan sets out the vision and high-level framework for development at the Albury Hospital campus in the immediate term, as part of the \$558 million project budget.



Long-term master plan

The long-term master plan lays the groundwork for future expansion of the Albury Hospital campus through infrastructure, development and partnership opportunities that can be delivered over the coming decades, outside of the \$558 million project budget.



Development of the master plan

The master plan has been developed by Health Infrastructure in collaboration with Albury Wodonga Health and the Victorian Department of Health.

Health Infrastructure appointed a project team in early 2023. As part of the early planning process, considerable time was taken to review previous site reports, undertake new site investigations and review all potential options to get the planning for the new hospital right.

This process was guided by clinical and service planning work undertaken by Albury Wodonga Health and the Victorian Department of Health and considered all available options to meet the projected health care needs of the community over the coming decades.

The master plan aligns with Albury Wodonga Health's clinical services planning recommendations, consolidating acute services onto a single site to deliver sustainable health care facilities and services for the community, while providing the best value for money.

Master plan objectives

The master plan addresses the strategic objectives of Albury Wodonga Health and the region to:

- respond to the clinical services planning recommendations of the Albury Wodonga Clinical Services Plan to address growth in services.
- enable Albury Wodonga Health to provide safe, efficient and effective care in a contemporary environment, allowing the community access to care that is closer to home with trust and confidence.
- create a welcoming, people-centred and culturally safe environment with improved amenity and access to enhance the experience of patients, visitors and staff.
- enable the hospital to fulfill its role as a regional health hub.
- improve patient safety, reducing the duplication of services and travel between two hospital campuses which will increase the capability and responsiveness of the health service.

The master plan has been designed to:

- support the hospital expansion now and into the future, as the demand for health care changes over time.
- deliver a strategic and orderly approach to consolidating services onto a single site in line with the \$558 million project budget.
- build upon recent investments made to clinical services and infrastructure at the Albury Hospital campus.
- provide a flexible framework for future growth of the campus through infrastructure, development and partnership opportunities that can be enabled over the coming decades.
- ensure a development pathway that supports operational continuity to minimise disruptions to day-to-day hospital operations.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken with the community between April and July this year as part of the early planning process. The feedback collected helped the project team better understand the community's interests in the project and inform master planning.

Building on this feedback, further consultation and workshops were undertaken with a range of stakeholders including Albury Wodonga Health staff, senior clinicians, local councils, NSW and Victorian government agencies, clinical planning specialists and architects to further develop the master plan.

Consultation with a broad range of stakeholders and the community is essential to the hospital planning, design and delivery process and will continue throughout the project lifecycle.



What we've achieved to date

October 2022

Project announced

The NSW and Victorian governments each announced a \$225 million funding commitment to the project in addition to the \$108 million previously committed by the NSW and Australian governments, bringing the total project investment to \$558 million.

February 2023

Project team appointed

Health Infrastructure appointed a project team to deliver the project.

March to April 2023

Due diligence and site investigations

Following the appointment of the project team, considerable time was taken to review previous site studies and reports, undertake new site investigations including engineering and traffic management analysis, and review all potential options to get the planning for the new hospital right.

April 2023

Early consultation

Consultation was undertaken with staff, patients, hospital volunteers, health care professionals, key stakeholder groups, local councils and the community between April and July as part of the early planning process. The feedback collected helped the project team better understand the community's interests in the project and inform master planning.

May to July 2023

Master planning

Through regular consultation and workshops with a broad range of stakeholders, the project team developed, assessed and refined a long list of master planning options. The master plan reflects the best approach to maximising existing infrastructure on the Albury Hospital campus, creating key clinical and other connections between new and existing facilities, and setting up the site for long-term investment.

July 2023

Connecting with Country consultation

The project team commenced consultation with local Aboriginal Elders, organisations and community members throughout a series of Connecting with Country workshops and Design Jams to help shape the planning and design of the hospital. The first Design Jam was held in July, with regular workshops continuing.

August 2023

Project User Groups established

Consultation with Albury Wodonga Health staff is essential to the design of the new hospital. Project User Groups (PUGs) are a key consultation forum between the health service and project team, that help inform the detailed design of the new and refurbished health facilities, and the future operating models of the service. PUGs were established in August involving more than 70 Albury Wodonga Health staff.

September 2023

Project Community Advisory Group established

Expressions of interest were called from the community to join the Project Community Advisory Group (PCAG). The PCAG will work with the project team to provide a consumer, lived experience and community perspective on the design of the hospital. The first meeting with PCAG members was held in September, with quarterly meetings continuing.

October 2023

Master plan release and consultation

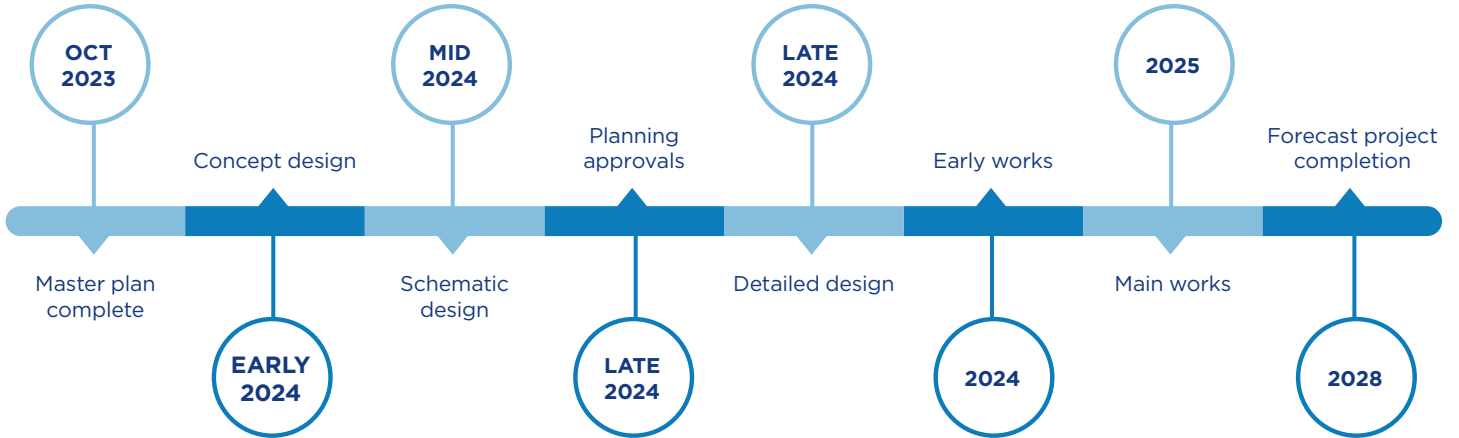
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Next steps

Planning and design for the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital project continues.

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Indicative project timeline



How to get involved

This is an exciting time for the border community.

To share your feedback on the master plan, or register your details for ongoing project updates, please visit our website.

