

# A major hospital redevelopment for Albury Wodonga and the Border community

**The major redevelopment of Albury Hospital will provide safe, welcoming and contemporary new hospital facilities for the best care for our community.**

**NSW and Victoria will each invest \$225 million, adding to \$108 million already invested by the Australian and NSW governments towards the \$558 million project.**

**Master planning is now underway to consolidate regional acute and sub-acute services on a single campus, and our priority is to bring 24/7 services together for a better hospital experience.**

## About the project

In 2021/2022, Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) developed a Clinical Services Plan to identify the priorities and

strategic direction for clinical services in the region over the coming decades.

Information from the clinical services plan informs what infrastructure will be needed to support healthcare delivery in the future.

Consultation sessions and user group workshops were held between July and October 2021 to support early planning.

Early planning confirmed that a single-site hospital, to the size and scale needed to meet our forecast health needs, could be constructed on the existing Albury Hospital, but could not be constructed on the Wodonga Hospital due to site restrictions.

Redeveloping on the existing Albury Hospital will allow us to get underway sooner, is more sustainable and delivers better value for money.

The project is expected to include:

- More medical and surgical beds
- New Intensive Care Unit
- Relocation of maternity and newborn services
- New children's ward
- New operating theatres
- Contemporary new adult acute mental health inpatient unit
- Expansion of outpatient and specialist treatment spaces
- More car parking.

## What are the benefits of a single site for acute services?

Hospital services in Albury Wodonga are currently split across two campuses, with some services, such as anaesthetics, duplicated at both sites,

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while others require patients to travel back and forth between campuses to get the care they need.

A single-site hospital will centralise inpatient and critical care expertise in one location.

This will improve both clinical safety, and our ability to attract and retain valuable healthcare staff.

A single site will also help us improve the safety and quality of care.

For example, it would ensure birthing rooms, operating theatres, intensive care and neonatal care are provided from the one location.

Currently, maternity and paediatrics are based in separate locations.

Delivering 24/7 services from a single site is also more efficient, and cost savings can be directed towards improved patient care.

### New emergency department and short stay unit

The NSW and Victorian governments are also working together to build a new emergency department and short stay unit at the Albury Campus.

The expansion will double the current capacity of the emergency department.

Once the new emergency department is complete in late 2023, the existing space will be refurbished to become a new 16-bed short stay unit.

### What about the Wodonga Campus?

Planning for our Wodonga Campus and community-based services throughout the

region will start in mid-2023.

The aim of this planning is to deliver the best possible configuration of services at Wodonga Campus in the future.

### Next Steps

The project is currently in the early planning stages, so we don't have all the answers yet.

But master planning is underway, and we will be consulting more broadly with staff and the community soon.

Please contact us if you have any comments or questions (our contact details are on the front page).



### Planning and building a large contemporary hospital is complex.

It takes time and careful consideration to ensure that all the spaces and systems work together to create a safe, modern health facility.

Project partners NSW Health Infrastructure and the Victorian Health Building Authority will work together with Albury Wodonga Health, staff, patients, carers and community to create health facilities which best meet the needs of the people who will use them.

There will also be project user groups for staff and consumer representatives, drop-in sessions, regular newsletters, workshops and ample opportunities to have a say.

As the project progresses, working groups and programs such as arts in health ensure the facility reflects local culture and heritage.

Detailed information will be available on our website and around the existing health facilities to ensure you are always up to date about any changes that might affect you.

And when we get to that stage, construction will be carefully managed to ensure there is no disruption to services.

To find out more about how we design and build health facilities, check out the [How to Build a Hospital](#) video at [hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au](http://hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au)

