

## Project Update

### Broken Hill Key Worker Accommodation

December 2024

Twenty new modern staff accommodation units have now been delivered to the Broken Hill Health Service's upper campus, as part of the NSW Government's Key Worker Accommodation (KWA) Program to assist the Far West Local Health District in recruiting and retaining healthcare workers in the region.

Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park recently toured one of the new key worker accommodation units while on-site.

"Witnessing the roll-out of the Key Worker Accommodation Program on the ground in Broken Hill has allowed us to appreciate the innovation and well-thought-out design, which we will further build on through our \$200.1 million program to increase key worker accommodation across rural and regional areas announced in the most recent 2024-25 NSW Budget," Minister Park said.

**"We know that securing suitable accommodation in rural areas can be difficult, so the new units will make it easier for healthcare workers looking at making the move to a rural or regional town to live and work."**

The two-storey accommodation complex features 10 units on each floor. Once completed, each unit will be fully furnished and self-contained, featuring a light-filled living and dining area, kitchen with quality appliances, bedroom with robe and ensuite, an internal laundry, and a screened verandah.

Continuing works for the key worker accommodation units include the connection of services, installation of stairs, furnishing, lighting and landscaping. These works will continue for the next couple of months. The first healthcare workers are expected to move in early next year.





Artist's impression

The units will support health care workers looking to establish themselves in the Broken Hill community by providing accommodation close to work, which is a key factor in attracting and retaining health workers at rural and regional hospitals.

Far West Local Health District will determine operational management of the accommodation, including the eligibility of applicants.

For more information about the KWA Program, visit [hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/kwaprogram](https://hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/kwaprogram).

## Holiday shutdown

The Broken Hill Key Worker Accommodation site will close over the Christmas shutdown period on the following dates:

- Site will shut down at close of business on Wednesday 18 December 2024
- Site will reopen on Monday 6 January 2025

There is no work planned to occur on site during the shutdown period.

*The Key Worker Accommodation project team wishes you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!*



Delivery of the accommodation units last month: the modular units were transported on trucks and craned into position

## The Key Worker Accommodation Program

The NSW Government is investing \$45.3 million to deliver modern, sustainable accommodation for health workers in three rural health districts: Far West, Southern NSW, and Murrumbidgee.

Program Benefits:

- Attract more health workers to rural and regional hospitals.
- New, fit for purpose, self-contained and spacious accommodation surrounded by landscaping.
- Fully furnished, providing a safe and comfortable environment.
- Located on hospital grounds.
- Establish a community within a community allowing spaces for staff to connect with each other.

In the Far West Local Health District, Broken Hill and Balranald have been identified as sites for key worker accommodation. Balranald KWA is now complete with the installation of four units. To watch the Key Worker Accommodation Prototype Tour video, please visit [hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/kwaprogram](https://hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/kwaprogram).

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