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New Batemans Bay Community Health Service site announced

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People living in and around Batemans Bay are to benefit as the new \$20 million Community Health Service takes another step forward with the hospital site announced as the preferred location.

Parliamentary Secretary for Health Dr Michael Holland said part of the current Batemans Bay Hospital on Pacific Street has been identified for the new service, following a comprehensive review of possible sites put forward by Health Infrastructure (HI) and Southern NSW Local Health District (SNSWLHD).

"The NSW Government is investing \$20 million to provide a modern, dedicated Community Health Service in Batemans Bay to meet the healthcare needs of the community now and into the future," Dr Holland said.

"Batemans Bay Community Health will be a sustainable, dedicated community health service which will work alongside the new \$260 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, to ensure the community has access to the right health care in the right setting.

"The Batemans Bay Hospital site makes good sense with much of the infrastructure and transport routes already in place, ensuring we can maximise value for the community."

Batemans Bay Community Health will improve local access to a range of services including:

- Allied Health
- Child, Youth and Family Services
- Women's Health/Sexual Health
- Primary health care services such as nursing, wound management and palliative care
- Aboriginal Health
- Community Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol
- Urgent care for minor injury and illness

Minister for Regional Health Ryan Park said a new, bulk-billing Medicare Urgent Care Clinic (UCC) will soon open at the hospital strengthening health services for the local community.

"Community involvement in the design of contemporary health facilities is key and there will be opportunities for community members to have their say in shaping these new spaces," Mr Park said.

HI and SNSWLHD are working closely to finalise the planning for the new service with community, stakeholder and staff information sessions to be scheduled in early 2024.

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To find out more about the project or to sign up to receive information about community consultation activities, visit www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/project-search/batemans-bay-healthcare-facility or contact the project team on 1300 391 949 or at HI-Batemans-Bayhealth@health.nsw.gov.au

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