

Design milestone reached for Murrumbidgee's new Key Worker Accommodation

The designs of Murrumbidgee Local Health District's (MLHD) key worker accommodation for Finley, Leeton, Narrandera and West Wyalong have been released, giving local communities the chance to view the modern design of the new units, which are being delivered as part of the Key Worker Accommodation (KWA) Program.

Artist's impressions of the exterior designs are now finalised, along with the construction of a key worker accommodation prototype unit which was recently completed off-site.

ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS:



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

The modern and self-contained units will be fully furnished and equipped with all the necessities including kitchens, bedrooms, ensuite bathrooms, living and outdoor areas. While all of the units will follow the same architectural design and layout, the exterior colours, artwork and landscaping will be customised to reflect the local area and to make the accommodation feel like a home away from home.

Consultation with clinicians during the planning and design process has been used to inform the prototype and design of the accommodation.

Sustainability has also been considered in the design of the units, which will be fully electrified and solar ready, with fixtures and fittings selected to provide efficiency for both water and energy use.

Construction of the accommodation units will commence off-site shortly, with delivery and on-site installation on each of the hospital sites expected to start later this year. The accommodation is expected to become available to key workers in late 2024/early 2025, depending on the site.

Regular updates about the progress at each project site will be provided via project update newsletters, social media posts and news items.

The Key Worker Accommodation Program

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

Program Benefits:

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

In the Murrumbidgee Local Health District, Finley, Leeton, Narrandera, and West Wyalong have been identified as sites for key worker accommodation.

For more information, visit hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/project-search/key-worker-accommodation



Pictured above left to right: Health Infrastructure's Jasmine Soghomonian, Amanda Bock and Cath Taylor at the recent prototype tour

Prototype brings design to life

Our builders, Hutchinsons has developed a prototype mock-up of one of the units, bringing the design to life.

In March 2024, the project team and Local Health District representatives had the opportunity to walk through the prototype, both physically and virtually, providing feedback on its functionality and any necessary changes to improve the design before the units are built and delivered to hospital sites in rural and regional NSW.

To watch the Key Worker Accommodation Prototype Tour video, please visit bit.ly/4bhjbxk or scan the QR code.



Key Worker Accommodation Prototype



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