



HPAC'S DOUG BALCOMB AND DANIEL TOOTH JOIN FWLHD AND WENTWORTH HEALTH SERVICE STAFF, NORMA CLANCY, TIM O'NEILL, DENISE MCCALLUM, BARBARA TURNER, RANIE MEDAGLIA AND RACHEL WELLARD IN CELEBRATING THE MILESTONE WITH A CAKE CUTTING ON SITE

## Concrete pour marks milestone

The \$30 million Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment has reached a significant milestone with the new hospital's concrete slab completed in August.

More than 40 trucks delivered approximately 340 cubic metres of concrete for the new hospital's foundation, which was poured in four sections over four weeks.

FWLHD Manager of Remote Health Services Denise McCallum, Wentworth Health Service Manager Tim O'Neill, and hospital staff joined the builders to celebrate the milestone with a cake cutting ceremony.

With the completion of the concrete slab, the building structure is now starting to take shape with the installation of frames, blockwork walls, and other structural elements.



Scan the QR code or click the video thumbnail to watch the time lapse video of the concrete pour.





3P'S SMALL SCHOOLS ART CULTURAL IMMERSION WORKSHOP LED BY ELISHA MANGAL, COREY PAYNE, AND UNCLE BRIAN HUNT

## Arts Program update: weaving, school workshops and history display

A series of three community weaving workshops were recently held in Wentworth as part of the Redevelopment Arts Program.

The workshops were led by local Elder Aunty Clair Bates, who has been contracted to develop a focal cultural art piece for the hospital entry to celebrate local Barkandji history, Country and culture. Weaving pieces created by the workshop attendees will contribute to the main woven artwork.

Once complete, the new Wentworth Health Service will also feature an art display featuring artwork by local school children developed through workshops led by Aboriginal cultural facilitators.

The school workshops are progressing well, with Wentworth, Buronga and Gol Gol Public Schools successfully completing their workshops last term. The three local small schools, Pomona, Palinyewah and Pooncarie, joined together for their workshop which was held in August. Dareton Public School and Coomealla High School are also on track to complete their workshops this term.

Up to 100 artworks created by the students from the participating schools will be framed and installed along the central corridor of the new Health Service. The artworks will be inspired by health and healing practices on Country and at the hospital as interpreted by young people.

A historical display and photographs will also take centre stage throughout the inpatient wings and in the main lounge / dining area at the rear of the hospital, which is overlooking the Darling River. This is to reflect the unique heritage of the hospital and to acknowledge its 80+ year history and the important role the hospital has played in the Wentworth community. Wentworth Hospital staff will play a key role in the development and selection of the historical items and stories for display.

The Redevelopment's Arts Working Group, local Elders, Knowledge Holders and schools, hospital staff, Wentworth Historical Society and the wider community have been pivotal to ensuring the new hospital will be a welcoming, dynamic, and culturally appropriate space for patients, staff and the community.



AUNTY CLAIR BATES LEADING A COMMUNITY WEAVING WORKSHOP



## Take 5 with Anthony Farquhar, FFE Manager, Far West Local Health District

### What is your role and what does it involve?

My title is the Furniture, Fittings & Equipment (FFE) Project Manager and my role is to liaise with relevant stakeholders, both internal and external, to source fit-for-purpose and value-for-money items across the project from the endorsed schedule and budget. I also coordinate the delivery and storage of the FFE.

### How involved have you been in the planning and design, and delivery of the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment?

My role commenced after the planning and design stage. Once it was identified what type of FFE was required, I got to work on sourcing the items from various government contracts, then going through an approval process to acquire them.

### What's been your favourite thing about being involved with the project so far?

Interacting with all the different stakeholders across the project and meeting new people along the way. Everyone has been very helpful and supportive, which makes my job easier. Every day something new comes up and I am learning all the time. I especially enjoy my trips to Wentworth from Broken Hill and catching up with Tim, the Health Service Manager - he always has a smile on his face.

### Have there been any challenges?

Like any project, you are going to meet some challenges along the way. To overcome these, I address problems on their merits and then work to overcome them. I am enjoying my role with the project and although there may be some bumps along the way, we just seem to find a way to keep progressing forward, which is a testament to everyone involved.



### What do you think will be the main benefits of the new facilities?

The redevelopment will be fantastic once completed. Wentworth will finally have a deserving modern hospital that will offer first class amenities for the staff and the community. It will be a showpiece for Wentworth and one to be proud of.



### A sustainable project:

## Waste management

Environmental Sustainability Design (ESD) is a key part of construction of the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment, with the project team following Health Infrastructure's ESD framework to achieve its sustainability initiatives.

One of these measures is waste management.

- The majority (95%) of the construction waste to date has been classified as recycled material, with only 5% of waste going straight into landfill.
- Bricks, Class 3 limestone, concrete and clean fill have made up almost 1800 tonnes of recyclable waste so far, compared to under 85 tonnes of waste that is not recyclable.





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SCAFFOLDING AND WALL BLOCKS

## Next steps

With the footprint of the new hospital now complete, the installation of structural frames and blockwork walls are underway - the Inpatient Unit structure is already completed and is now visible from the town side of the Darling River. Once the structural elements are completed the roofing will commence.

The installation of inground services to the entry car park is also now underway.

The current hospital remains fully operational as the main works progress and every effort is being made to minimise disruption to staff, patients and visitors.

**Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.**



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## About the Redevelopment

The NSW Government has committed \$30 million to providing comprehensive, accessible, culturally welcoming and consumer friendly health care services to support the needs of the entire Wentworth community.

The new Wentworth Health Service includes:

- A 19-bed Inpatient Unit
- Primary Ambulatory Care (Community Health Services)
- A new Urgent Care Centre
- A palliative care suite, which includes an inpatient room with a private terrace and an adjacent family lounge with views to the river
- A dedicated space for families which opens to a central, shared courtyard
- A gym with access to an outdoor courtyard
- Outdoor spaces and landscaping, including a Yarning Circle and native plants

Health Infrastructure, Far West Local Health District and Wentworth Health Service acknowledges the Traditional Custodians on whose lands the redevelopment project stands and pays respect to the peoples of the Barkindji Nation, the Traditional Owners of this land.

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