

# WENTWORTH HEALTH SERVICE

**Project Overview - March 2022** 



## Caring for the Wentworth community now and into the future

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



Using the latest technology and models of care, the hospital will deliver health services closer to home.



A contemporary health facility will improve the community's access to health services and deliver additional inpatient and community outpatient health services, and reduce the need for residents to travel to Victoria to access services.



The redevelopment will provide a significant improvement on the current 80-year-old Wentworth District Hospital facility.



Health Infrastructure will work closely with the Far West Local Health District and wider Wentworth Community to masterplan the redevelopment.

### How to build a hospital

There are three distinct phases:

- planning
- design
- delivery

Each development is tailored to a community's unique needs.

The Wentworth Health Service is in the planning phase.

Visit the Health Infrastructure website for more information: www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/our-business/how-to-build-a-hospital



### **Project update**

In June 2021, the NSW Government announced the \$30 million Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment project.

The Local Health District has been finalising the Clinical Services Plan which will inform the scope of the redevelopment.

Health Infrastructure has confirmed the appointment of the lead consultant team NBRS – Architects, MostynCopper – Project Manager and Genus Advisory – Cost Managers which will now progress the masterplanning for the health facility.

#### **Next steps**

A master plan will be prepared and informed by the design team, in collaboration with clinicians, operational staff and community members. The master plan is a high-level map that identifies the key elements of the hospital, shows the space each requires and how they best connect with each other. It defines and prioritises areas for the new hospital, now and into the future.

#### **FAQS**

## What services and facilities will be included in the Wentworth Health Service?

Planning is underway to redevelop the Wentworth Health Service. The redevelopment will provide a range of updated health services specific to the needs of the local Wentworth community. The full range of services delivered as part of the redevelopment will be identified through the planning phase, however the existing inpatient and ambulatory care services will continue to be provided into the future.

There will also be provision for the delivery of lower category emergency services in the redevelopment.

#### Why is the upgrade needed?

The current facilities do not meet the ongoing health needs of the Wentworth community. The redevelopment will support the ongoing health needs of the Wentworth community. These needs will be outlined in a Clinical Services Plan for the region to ensure the redevelopment will meet future clinical needs of the local community.

## When will work start on the Wentworth Health Services redevelopment project?

Commencing a redevelopment requires in-depth planning which will determine the most appropriate outcome which best meets the needs of the community. To support this process a lead consultant team has been appointed. Construction timing will be confirmed after further planning is undertaken. The timing of the project will be determined through the development of a final plans. More details will be provided via newsletters and updates around the expected project timeframe.

## How will the community be kept informed of progress?

Regular updates will be provided to the community via newsletters, the Far West LHD website and through the planning process.

## How much consultation will take place during the planning and design phase?

During the design process, the project team will consult with Project User Groups (PUGs) on various aspects of the building's design. Participation from user groups is important in developing the design to ensure clinicians and other staff including nurses and hospital managers, as well as patients and community representatives, provide input into the infrastructure.

#### How can you be involved?

Health professionals, consumers, and communities across the Wentworth region all have an important role in shaping key aspects of the new Wentworth Health Service.

In mid-2002, the project team will be holding staff and community information sessions to meet the consultants and outline where you can be involved and provide input.

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