

Planning services at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital development

Why is a Clinical Services Plan important?

The first stage in the development of a new hospital is clinical services planning. The Eurobodalla Clinical Services Plan (CSP) helps determine the requirements for a new hospital, confirm the role of the hospital within the District, the range of health care services provided, and how these services may be provided. The CSP outlines the current and projected health service needs of the Eurobodalla population up to 2031 and describes key infrastructure and future clinical services recommendations to best meet those needs.

Who is involved in the preparation of a CSP?

Southern NSW Local Health District undertook comprehensive clinical services planning in 2018-2019 to determine the future range of health services required for the communities in the Eurobodalla Local Government Area. The process included significant stakeholder consultation to inform the planning. The CSP was submitted for review in 2019 and was endorsed by the NSW Ministry of Health in May 2020.

Is the CSP a blueprint?

The CSP is not a blueprint, it is a plan that reflects the current and projected health service needs of a community at a point in time. It is one of the many sources of information that informs the future direction of a new hospital.

How does the CSP inform the delivery of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital?

The Master Plan for the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital development will deliver the clinical needs identified in the CSP. Master Planning provides a clear framework that defines and prioritises areas for the new hospital, now and into the future. The facility will be designed with the capacity to grow as demand for services changes and a building structure that supports staged expansion beyond the foreseeable demand projections.

Will all of the services identified in the CSP be delivered when the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital opens to patients?

The hospital building will enable the local delivery of more complex clinical services, supporting the

progression of services such as emergency medicine, critical care and maternity to a level four standard. Work that is necessary for the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital to open with expanded services at Level 4 is already underway. Levels assigned to hospitals describes the level of clinical services, not hospitals or health facilities as a whole

What services will the new hospital deliver?

The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will provide:

- An emergency department
- An eight bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) /Close Observation Unit (COU)
- Increased capacity for chemotherapy treatments
- Surgical and operating theatres
- Expanded medical imaging, including MRI and additional X-ray
- Ambulatory care for community outpatient services
- Paediatric and maternity services including inpatient beds
- Flexible mental health beds and
- Enhanced education and training facilities.

Will there be an increase in beds?

The new hospital will be larger than both Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals combined and deliver an increase in bed numbers. Contemporary health service design enables flexible use of beds in all clinical areas, as demand requires. This means that wards can be reconfigured if a department needs more beds at any given time.

Will there be any changes to mental health services across the region?

A range of mental health, alcohol and other drugs community programs are available across the Eurobodalla, with staff located in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. District-wide programs are also provided with staff and the community working together to provide speciality mental health programs, including suicide prevention initiatives; Aboriginal mental health, alcohol and other drugs; perinatal mental health and eating disorders.

Where does the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital fit into the Coastal Network?

The Coastal Network brings together healthcare services and diverse populations across the South Coast region and includes the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley municipalities and tourist hotspots such as Batemans Bay, Merimbula, and Eden.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The current Eurobodalla Health Service: Includes the current Batemans Bay and Moruya Hospitals as well as the Narooma Community Health Centre.

The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital: Refers to the new hospital at south east Moruya. The existing hospitals at Moruya and Batemans Bay will close once the new hospital opens its doors to patients.

Interim Works: Interim works at Moruya Hospital will ensure the hospital continues to meet demand during the planning and construction of the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. The current Moruya emergency department expansion and the refurbishment of the Moruya close observation unit.

Batemans Bay HealthOne: A new, purpose-built facility that will deliver community healthcare services such as GPs, dentists and child, family, aged care and other allied health services.

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An emergency department



A day-stay surgical unit



Surgical and operating theatres



Ambulatory care for community and outpatient services



An eight bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) / Close Observation Unit (COU)



Paediatric and maternity services – including inpatient beds



Dedicated medical, surgical and rehab beds



Increased capacity for chemotherapy treatments



Expanded medical imaging, including MRI



Flexible mental health beds



Enhanced education and training facilities

The facility is designed with the capacity to grow as demand for services changes.

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