

# **EUROBODALLA** REGIONAL HOSPITAL **BATEMANS BAY** COMMUNITY HEALTH

**COMMUNITY UPDATE: AUGUST 2024** 



Site establishment work for the \$330 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital project has started with large machinery onsite preparing the ground for construction.

Site establishment works include the installation of site sheds, sediment control measures, and construction of an ancillary road to facilitate construction access to the site.

Work has also started on the access road on site that will lead from the Princes Highway to the main hospital carpark.

Changes to traffic arrangements on the Princes Highway have been implemented to ensure the safety of workers and the community. These changes include a reduction in the speed limit and increased signage.

Please pay attention to the new speed zones and all traffic signage. Your cooperation is essential for the safety of everyone on the road.

If you would like to speak with a member of the project team directly, call our project information line on 1300 391 949 or email us at

HI-EurobodallaHospital@health.nsw.gov.au.



### **Meet the Expert - Phillip Carter**

With 26 years of experience working in the Eurobodalla, Manager of Imaging Services Phillip Carter is looking forward to providing a full range of imaging services for the community at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

We sat down with Phillip to find out about the bespoke Medical Imaging Department that will be delivered as part of the new hospital.

Phillip's been part of the project planning team for the past two years and says the single-site hospital with one service for imaging, theatres, and emergency will be a gamechanger for the community. "The new hospital will include a new MRI scanner, new CT scanners, extra ultrasound services and extra X-Ray services so that we can do the full range of imaging required by a Level 4 hospital," Phillip said.

"In expanding our services and increasing our staff we will be able to extend our hours of opening and provide a high-level of service that the community needs.

"It's really exciting to move into a new state-of-the-art bespoke facility that's going to meet the needs of the community, not just now, but into the future."



### Designing the new hospital to care for people with cognitive impairment

The new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is being thoughtfully designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for people with cognitive impairment, including dementia. Here are some key features:



**Adjustable Lighting**: Lighting throughout Inpatient Units and patient areas are dimmable. There are external windows to maximise natural light into patient bedrooms, and activity areas. Windows have blinds to control natural light as required.



**Enhanced Safety**: Each bed will have ready access to data points and power outlets to support the use of safety equipment such as falls alarms.



**Outdoor Access**: We are working toward providing safe outdoor access for Inpatient Units. The Intensive Care Unit and the Medical and Surgical wards are located on level 1 and feature a space to access the outdoors. The Rehab and Palliative Care ward is on the ground floor, providing outdoor access specifically designed for those patient groups. Additionally, there are gardens and green spaces incorporated around the site designed to reduce stress and enhance patient recovery.



**Specialised Care**: The proposed medical profile includes specialists providing rehabilitation, palliative care, and geriatric expertise, ensuring patients with cognitive impairments can receive appropriate care.



**Patient-Friendly Design**: The design of bedrooms and ensuites meets Australian Health Facility Guidelines standards, ensuring optimal accessibility for patients, including the use of contrasting colours and clear signage.



**Quiet Environment**: Throughout the facility, we aim to implement nurse call systems that minimise the use of audible buzzers, contributing to a quieter and more peaceful environment.



**Elderly Care in the Emergency Department**: The inclusion of a Short Stay Unit will provide options for the safe management of elderly patients with cognitive impairments who present within the Emergency Department.

These features are part of our commitment to creating a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment for all patients, especially those with cognitive impairments.

Visit the **project website** to find out the latest news and information.

Do you have a question about any of the new hospital features or how it will support patient groups? Email the project team directly at **HI-EurobodallaHospital@health.nsw.gov.au**, or call our project information line on **1300 391 949**.



## What's the latest news on Batemans Bay Community Health?

The NSW Government has committed \$20 million to deliver a modern, integrated, and convenient health service for the Batemans Bay community.

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

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	Allied Health
	Child, Youth and Family Care
	Women's Health
$\bigcirc$	Sexual Health
	Community nursing and wound management
	Palliative care
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## Where will the new Community Health facility be located?

The new community health facility will be built on the existing Batemans Bay Hospital site and close to the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic.

Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol

### Why has the Batemans Bay Hospital been selected as the site for the new service?

The site of the existing Batemans Bay Hospital building has been selected as the location for the new service due to its proximity to the Medicare Urgent Care Clinic, providing convenience to the community, and the ability to make use of the existing infrastructure and transport routes already in place at the hospital.

## What will happen to the current Batemans Bay Hospital services while Batemans Bay Community Health and the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital are developed?

Batemans Bay Hospital including the Emergency Department will continue to provide healthcare services for the community while the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health are built.

### Is Batemans Bay Hospital/ Batemans Bay Emergency Department closing?

Batemans Bay Hospital (and Moruya Hospital) will continue to provide healthcare services, including emergency services for the community, while we build the new community health service and Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

Hospital services from Batemans Bay and Moruya will transition to the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital once the new hospital is ready to commence operations.

# How will existing services such as Ambulance, patient transport, as well as access for delivery, and collection of equipment and materials be maintained during the construction of the Community Health facility?

Batemans Bay Hospital services will be maintained throughout the construction of the new Community Health facility. More information about access arrangements will be made available as the project progresses.

## How has community feedback shaped the design of Batemans Bay Community Health?

Community feedback has guided the facility's design including connection to surrounding nature, access to green spaces and design elements identified by consultation participants including disability advocates and Local First Nations community members.

#### Where is the project up to?

The project team are continuing to work with staff and clinicians to finalise internal design.



Visit the **Batemans Bay Community Health website** to view the latest designs and more frequently asked questions.

### **Community Forums**

The Local Health District were joined by the Member for Bega and representatives from Health Infrastructure at the Soldiers Club in Batemans Bay on Wednesday 24 July for the latest community forum.

The forum addressed various topics such as sustainability, workforce recruitment, patient transport, infrastructure, and the transition of services to the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.

To find out more including answers to these questions, visit our **Frequently Asked Questions** page.

And mark your calendars—our next community forum is coming up in November! Stay tuned for more details.

### **Multiplex meets the Community**

Close to 100 community members came along to a meeting at the Moruya Golf Club in July to hear from Multiplex representatives about employment and engagement opportunities on the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital.



Multiplex shared information about the project, their experience working on other hospital redevelopment projects, and some of the outreach programs they have participated in to support local communities.

The session included a Q&A session with questions asked about education and training, Aboriginal community employment opportunities, and supply chain matters.

Key subcontractors were also on hand after the session to meet with attendees.

If you have any questions or would like to make contact with Multiplex, please contact the project team at HI-EurobodallaHospital@health.nsw.gov.au, or call our project information line on 1300 391 949.

### Find out more about our projects

Keep up to date with all the latest project news by visiting our websites, which includes FAQs.

- Eurobodalla Regional Hospital: eurobodallahs.health.nsw.gov.au
- Batemans Bay Community Health: hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/bbch

Also, keep an eye on Southern NSW Local Health District's **Facebook** and **Instagram** social media channels for the latest updates.

#### **GET IN TOUCH**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email the project team directly: