

Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment Fact Sheet

Frequently Asked Questions Bowral & District Hospital Redevelopment

Quick Facts

The healthcare needs of the Southern Highlands community have changed significantly since Bowral & District Hospital first opened over 100 years ago.

It is an exciting time for the local community and hospital staff as the NSW Government has committed \$50 million to the redevelopment of Bowral & District Hospital.

The redevelopment will be government-led and delivered and will deliver a new clinical services building with improved patient and staff amenities.

Q: What stage is the redevelopment up to at the end of 2017?

A: *Internally*, Schematic Design of wards and units was completed in December 2017 and all Project User Groups (PUG's) signed off on the plans. All plans are currently being reviewed by expert clinical panels, prior to final endorsement.

First Design meetings were held in late December 2017, further meetings planned for 2018.

Externally, Early enabling works commenced mid-December 2017, with fencing being put up by the contractor. Ground works commenced early January, and will continue until August 2018.

Q: What is involved in the enabling (ground) works?

A:

Enabling works are preparations to make a building site ready for construction. It includes activities from site preparation, creation of access routes, and the installation of facilities like security fencing, ramps, and placing of signs.

There are three projects to be completed prior to commencement of the Clinical Services Building including:

1. New Mona Rd access, carpark (extra 19 spaces), improved pathology, vehicle and pedestrian access.
2. Clinical information department remodelling, including secondary and off campus medical records storage.
3. New Ambulance entrance.

Note: Diagram of planned enabling work can be viewed in Redevelopment Information noticeboard outside of Children's Ward.

Q: When will the clinical services building construction commence?

A: The enabling works are scheduled for completion in August 2018. Work on the new clinical services building is planned to commence in September 2018.

Q: What happens when I put a suggestion in the redevelopment box at the main entrance?

A: The redevelopment project officer regularly checks the box and all suggestions logged.

Many of the suggestions help to guide us on where there are potential concerns or issues and are valuable insight for the project team.

For example 46% of suggestions/questions have been related to parking. This has been noted and quoted in meetings to articulate this important concern and consideration for the project.

Q: What will happen with parking?

A. Parking for our patients, families and our staff during the enabling works and beyond is a high priority for the Redevelopment Team. The team has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of parking and site access during the design phase, and the impact on parking at each phase of the build.

Current and ongoing planning and consideration for prioritising parking by time limiting some areas for visitors and reconfiguring existing parking will give us the best chance of limiting any disruption and inconvenience.

After the redevelopment all parking will be reinstated with an extra 16 car spaces available.

If you have any questions or would like more information email or call your dedicated Redevelopment Project Officer.

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