

## A New Health Service for the Eurobodalla

On 11 June 2020, the NSW Government announced a funding boost for the Eurobodalla Health Service. The NSW Government will invest an extra \$50 million, bringing the total investment to \$200 million, to build a sustainable, modern and purpose-built facility to support the needs of the Eurobodalla community.

The new Eurobodalla Health Service will use the latest health care solutions and models of care to deliver patient-centred health services closer to home.

### Where is the project up to and what's next?

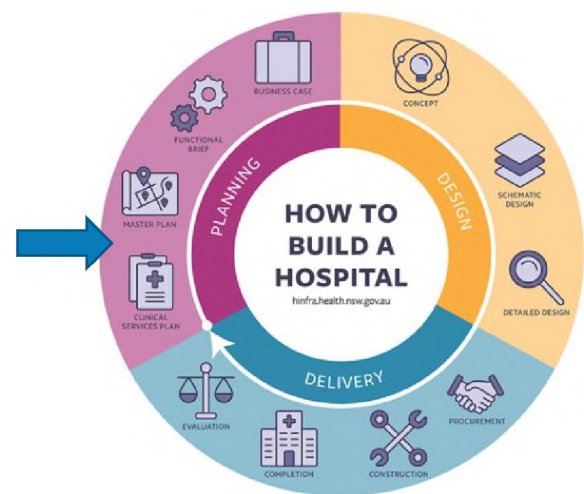
Building a new health facility involves three key phases; Planning, Design and Delivery.

The new Eurobodalla Health Service is in the Planning phase. To view the How to Build a Hospital video on YouTube, [please click here](#)

In May 2020 the Clinical Services Plan (CSP) was endorsed by the Ministry of Health and site selection is underway.

As part of this planning, Health Infrastructure is working closely with Southern NSW Local Health District (LHD) and other government agencies including Transport for NSW and the Department of Planning Industry and Environment.

Community consultation is currently taking place to provide feedback on site selection. A site is expected to be announced in 2020.



## The clinical services

### What is a Clinical Services Plan and why is it so important?

The first stage in the development of a new hospital is clinical services planning. The Eurobodalla Clinical Services Plan is prepared by Southern NSW LHD and 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. To see the Clinical Services Plan please [click here](#)



## What services and facilities will be available at the new Eurobodalla Health Service?

Once completed the new health service will deliver high-quality contemporary and accessible care close to home, and feature:

- an emergency department
- surgical and operating theatres
- a day-stay surgical unit
- an ambulatory care unit for the community to access outpatient health services
- increased capacity for chemotherapy and renal dialysis
- research and education facilities

The full range of services to be provided is part of the Clinical Services Plan that is available on the [Southern NSW LHD website](#). Noting that the requirements outlined in the Clinical Services Plan will be converted into a project functional brief by the project team over the coming months and in doing so identify how the services delivered within the community and the new building.

## Does this mean an increase in beds available?

Yes, the new health service building will include an uplift in bed numbers, making it larger than both existing facilities combined. The final number of beds to be included in the new building will be determined during the early planning works for the new building. The below is an extract from the CSP identifying the 2031 estimated requirement using current clinical practices.

	Current	2031 Estimated Requirement
Total beds	111	165
Emergency Department	10	16
Outpatients	64	70

## What role delineation will the new Eurobodalla Health Service be?

Role delineation is a planning tool used in service and capital developments – it describes the minimum support services, workforce, and other requirements for the safe delivery of clinical services.

The new Eurobodalla Health Service will include services at a Level 4 role delineation. At the time of completion there will be a range of levels of service as the change management process works through increasing the capacity of each service to the level 4 delineation.



### **Will the new health service have an Intensive Care Unit (ICU)?**

Whilst the functional briefing of the new facility is yet to be completed there will be a critical care unit within the new build. The service will have a close observation unit and progress to an intensive care unit.

### **Will the new health service have an MRI machine?**

MRI has not been included in planning for the new Health Service. The design of the facility may however include space for future expansion to accommodate an MRI. Patients who require MRI will continue to be transferred to other facilities as is the current practice. MRI services are currently provided by South East Radiology in the Moruya township.

### **Will community health be relocated as be part of the new Health Service?**

Community health is considered part of the Eurobodalla Health Service. A location for CH will be determined during the functional briefing part of the project.

### **How many Operating Theatres will there be in the new Facility?**

The CSP identifies 2 theatres and one procedure room.

### **Will there be provision of virtual care services?**

Virtual Care services will expanded and be used more in the community. This enables people to spend less time in hospital and more time at home.

### **What will the new hospital be called?**

The Eurobodalla Health Service.

### **What will happen in the interim?**

As part of the planning for the project, SNSWLHD will review models of care and may commence consolidating some clinical services to one location in advance of completion of the new health service facility, as part of the change management process. This will only occur where it is safe and appropriate to do so.

### **How big will the new Emergency Department be?**

An important part of delivering any new service is ensuring the entire building is able to be efficiently staffed through a detailed model of care. The size of the new ED will be commensurate with the size of the health service. At this stage it's expected the ED will be larger than either of the Moruya or Bateman's Bay hospital EDs.

### **Will there be 24 hour access to all areas?**

As with the current facilities it will be operational 24/7 and there will be access to services depending on the level of acuity that is presented.



### **Will there be a specific Children's Ward?**

The plan includes a 6 bed flexible paediatric unit. All acute, inpatient and outpatient areas are required to be child friendly and child safe.

### **Will other accommodation be included?**

A range of potential accommodation requirements are identified within the Clinical Services Plan, the project team will work through the requirements of each group during the functional brief process. The groups identified include carers, family members, students, new graduates, staff and visiting specialist amongst others. The Eurobodalla Community Representative Committee is keen to be involved in a carer accommodation project.

### **Will transport be available to the new building?**

During the community feedback sessions held in June and July 2020, transport issues were identified as a community concern, particularly in accessing the new hospital from Batemans Bay. The project will require a transport plan to ensure people can access the new facility at all times.

## **The development project**

### **What opportunities exist for Aboriginal employment on the project?**

Under the NSW Government's Aboriginal Participation in Construction (APIC) program, the building contractor will be required create a minimum level of Aboriginal employment opportunity throughout the project delivery nominated as part of the tender process.

### **How much consultation will take place during Design?**

During the design process, the project team will consult with Project User Groups (PUGs) on various aspects of developing the design of the building. Participation from user groups is important during development of the design, as clinicians and other staff including nurses and hospital managers, as well as patients and community representatives, are able to provide input into the infrastructure. User groups will be established for the services and/or departments within the new build and consultation will take place at the various stages of design including concept design, scheme design and design development.

### **When will the new Health Service building be completed?**

Typically a project of this size will take 3-4 years to complete. This includes the Planning, Design, Construction and Commissioning of the new facility. At the moment the project is in the 'Planning' phase. More details will be provided in future newsletters and updates around the expected completion timeframe of the new building as the project progresses.

## The site

### Has a site been selected yet?

The selection process for the site of the new hospital has begun. Health Infrastructure will be working through this process in consultation with stakeholders and is considering a range of factors including accessibility, proximity to population centres and local infrastructure, and environmental impacts.

Based on investigations to date, the most likely areas for a new hospital are the areas north and south-east of Moruya.

Key to the location of the new hospital will be ensuring good road access and connectivity with the planned Moruya Bypass, avoiding flood and bush fire zones, and ensuring close proximity to the airport (See Figure 1).

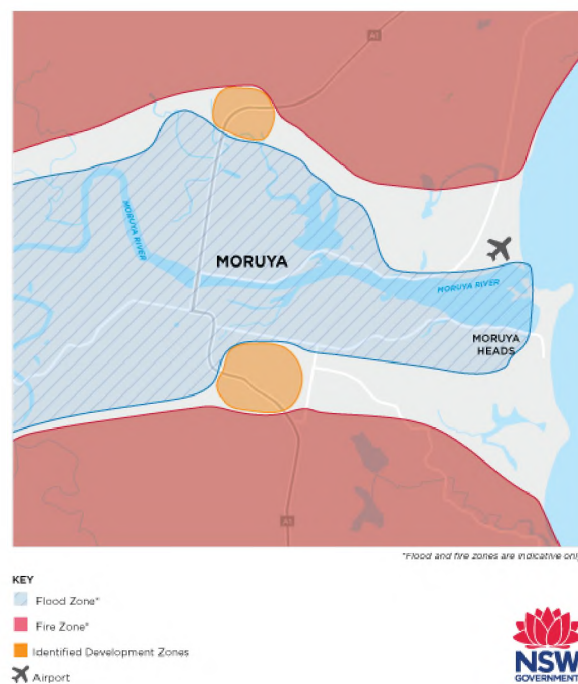


Figure 1: Site selection map

### What will happen to the current facilities?

The existing hospitals at Moruya and Bateman's Bay are planned to be decommissioned and will be managed in accordance with the NSW Government's asset disposal policy.



### **Will the site be in a location that works with the planned Moruya Bypass?**

Health Infrastructure, Southern NSW LHD and Transport for NSW are working collaboratively as these two projects progress through early planning. This coordinated approach will continue through design and delivery to ensure the best solution for the Eurobodalla community.

Transport for NSW are delivering the Moruya Bypass project. For updates on the Moruya Bypass project please visit the project website [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/moruya-bypass](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/moruya-bypass)

### **What about traffic in emergencies/summer?**

A key part of the project is ensuring good and reliable road access to the new Health Service. It is also anticipated that the new Moruya Bypass will alleviate traffic pressure on roads in and around Moruya town centre.

### **Will the new health service have onsite parking?**

Parking will be provided for staff and visitors at the new site. The size and capacity of the carpark will be determined during the early planning phases of the project.

### **Will the hospital be near the airport?**

Key to the location of the hospital will be ensuring close proximity to the airport.

## **Community consultation**

### **What are you asking for feedback on?**

The project team has made initial site selection zones publicly available and is seeking feedback on these zones and anything else the community suggests should be considered as part of the review of site options.

### **Can our group arrange for a presentation?**

Yes, if you are part of an interest group that would like the project team to come along to a meeting and talk to you about the project, please email us at [HI-EurobodallaHospital@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-EurobodallaHospital@health.nsw.gov.au).

### **How can I stay informed about this project?**

Email us and we will include you on our email distribution list for our newsletter updates.

### **More questions?**

If you have a question that we can add to our Q&A's please email us.

### **Contact Us**

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