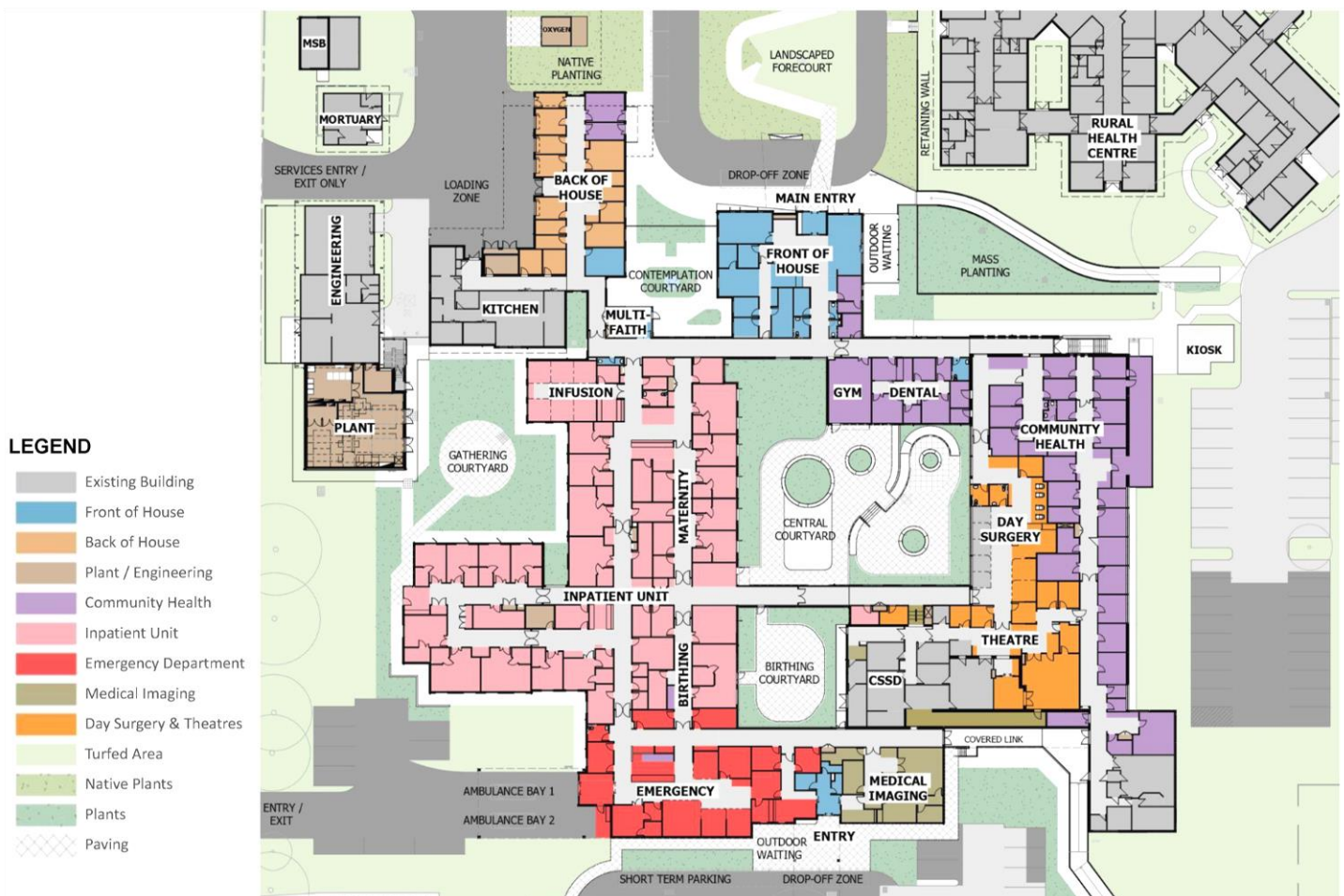


## Gunnedah Hospital Redevelopment – Schematic design consultation – Nov-Dec 2022

### Background

The schematic design for the \$53 million Gunnedah Hospital redevelopment was released in November 2022. Prior to this, the concept was released during mid-2022, and the master plan was unveiled in early 2022.

The Gunnedah Hospital Redevelopment includes a new building on the existing hospital site as the major component, and refurbishment of the existing inpatient building. The new building will house acute services including emergency, medical imaging, maternity, birthing and the inpatient unit, as well as administration. Community health, outpatient clinics, and a new operating theatre will be housed in the fully refurbished building.



**Image: the schematic design for the Gunnedah Hospital (note this has been cropped for ease of viewing and does not show all car parking areas)**

## Consultation

During November and December 2022, the project team consulted on the schematic design with staff, key stakeholders including Gunnedah Shire Council, PRAMS, the family of Catherine Turner, Aboriginal community, local doctors, and the community in Gunnedah and online.

## Feedback on the schematic design

Below is a summary of what we heard from the staff, patients, community members and stakeholders who provided feedback on the schematic design.

### Project feedback:

- Incorporate natural light where possible
- Support for maternity being in the general inpatient unit yet still able to be separated
- Kiosk will be more visible to the public now with access from the front of house
- Ensure the exterior colours suit Gunnedah's climate and are complimentary to the existing architecture
- Love all the courtyards and landscaping
- The idea of a birthing courtyard is wonderful
- Shading over courtyards while still allowing natural light in
- Provide appropriate seating at the main entry and outdoor waiting areas
- Low allergy plantings preferred

### General comments:

- Consolidated car parking arrangements are better
- The new staff accommodation units look great (*note this is a separate project to the hospital redevelopment*)

## What's next?

All the feedback received has been provided to the design team to inform the next stage of the design process. In early 2023, the detailed design will be completed and released for feedback.

Some early construction activities will also commence in early to mid-2023, while construction of the new hospital will commence later in 2023 once the design process is completed.

*Further information on the project is available at:*

[www.hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/gunnedah](http://www.hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/gunnedah)



**Images: the project team engaging with staff and community members in Gunnedah in November 2022**