

## Consultation report – September 2023

### Background

In July 2023 an updated design for the Gunnedah Hospital Redevelopment was released, in response to the global escalation of building costs faced by the construction industry. The new design delivers on priority areas, ensures all existing services can continue onsite and allows for future work or stages. The valuable feedback gained through staff and community consultation has been considered as part of the new design.

The project includes a new acute services building to house the emergency department, and the birthing, maternity and inpatient unit. A new main entry to the hospital will be created off Marquis Street, through refurbishment of the former community health entry. All other existing services will continue to operate onsite in their current locations.



### Consultation

During July, August and September 2023, the project team consulted on the updated design with staff and key stakeholders including Gunnedah Shire Council, PRAMS, Aboriginal health organisations and community, and the community via face-to-face meetings, online sessions and updates via the project website and drop-in sessions held at The Civic in Gunnedah.

**225**

views of the website pages

**10**

Staff and stakeholder meetings held

**30**

people attended the drop-in sessions

## Feedback on the latest design

### What you liked

- All existing services remaining – some in new building, some in existing locations
- Consolidating entrances
- Flexible use of inpatient bedrooms
- Carer space included in inpatient bedrooms
- Landscaped courtyards to access nature
- Canopy over emergency entry and opportunity to incorporate cultural/welcoming art
- Better waiting spaces

### Requires ongoing/further work

- Marquis Street car park (ensuring priority is for the hospital staff and patients)
- Staffing of new entry points
- Providing adequate storage
- Incorporating the remembrance garden into the new hospital landscaping design

## What's next?

The project team will continue to work with staff and the community to finalise the redevelopment design over the coming months. Construction on the redevelopment is expected to commence in late 2023 and forecast to be complete in 2025.

If you have a question or would like to know more, email:

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Further information on the project is also available at:

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



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