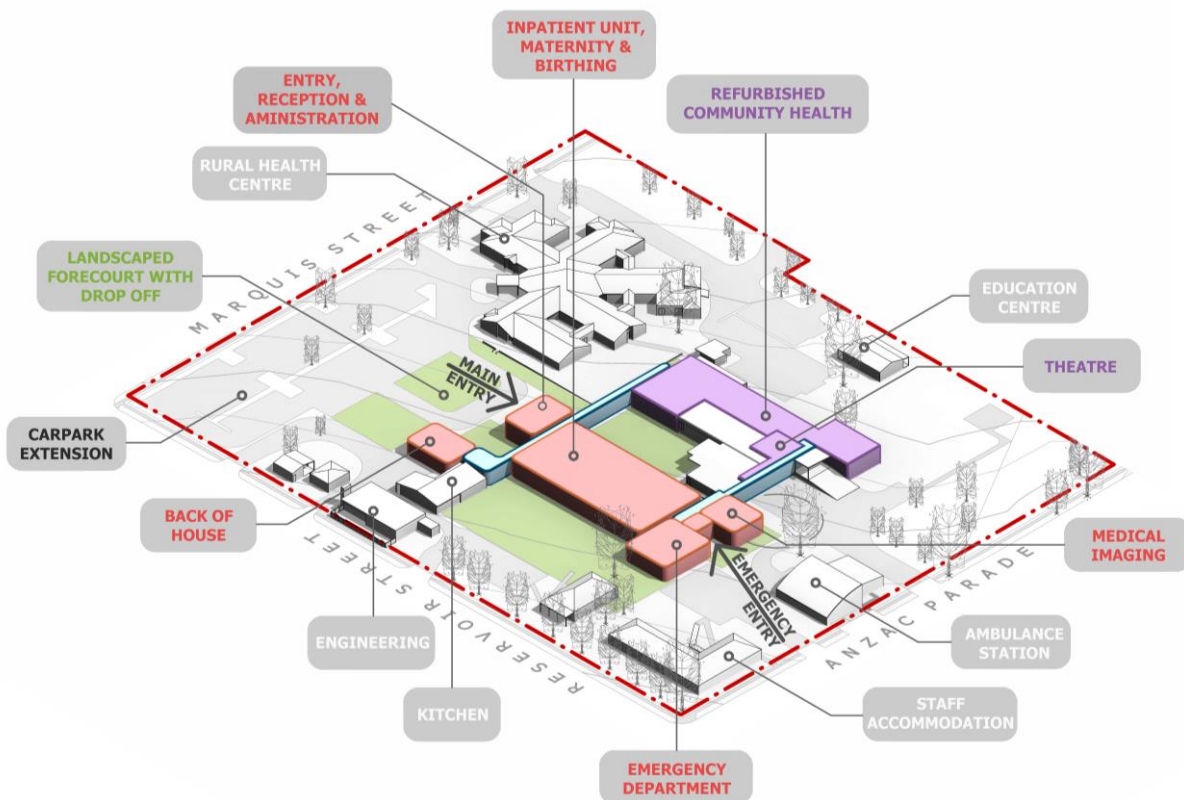


Master Plan consultation – March 2022

Project background

The master plan for the \$53 million Gunnedah Hospital Redevelopment was released in March 2022. The master plan for Gunnedah Hospital includes a new building on the existing hospital site as the major component, and refurbishment of some of the existing buildings. 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 a fully refurbished building.



Consultation

The project team consulted on the master plan with staff, stakeholders (including council, PRAMS, Auxiliary, Gunnedah Local Health Committee) and the community during March 2022 in Gunnedah and online.

This involved 9 engagement activities with over 900 people engaged.

All the feedback received has been provided to the design team and is summarised below under the headings.

What you liked about the Gunnedah Hospital master plan

- Simplified entry points into the campus
- The main entry and separate entry to emergency
- Privacy of the inpatient unit
- The incorporation of infrastructure for renal dialysis and chemotherapy services
- The inclusion of carer spaces
- The opportunity to incorporate greenery into the building via the courtyards
- That the refurbishment will be to a high level including all new walls, floors and ceilings

What we need to work on

- Ensuring the car park meets the needs of the hospital
- The journey from the front entry to services particularly Community Health
- Incorporating memorials into the new build
- Mental health safe zone in the new facility
- Staging of works to ensure minimal disruption to the hospital and that all services will continue unaffected

What's next?

Over the coming months the concept design will be finalised, which confirms how each of the departments connect to each other. In the second half of 2022 the schematic design will be developed, which includes the detailed layouts and floorplans. The project team will continue to consult with staff and stakeholders during these design phases.

Further information on the project is available at:

www.hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/gunnedah



Images: the project team engaging with PRAMs and community members in Gunnedah in March 2022.