

Moree Hospital Redevelopment – Concept Design

Background

The \$80 million Moree Hospital Redevelopment includes a new building on the existing hospital site as the major component, and refurbishment of the existing main hospital building. The new building will run alongside Alice Street and house acute services including emergency, imaging, maternity, birthing, the inpatient unit and back-of-house. The existing hospital building ground level will be refurbished to current standards and accommodate all the community health and outpatient services. Administration services will also be provided on level 1 refurbished areas. A central courtyard will be created with opportunities for the design to create a calming environment that is culturally appropriate and welcoming.

Consultation

The concept design for the Moree Hospital redevelopment was released in July 2022 providing the first look at the new \$80 million health facility. An artist impression of the new main entry is included below.



The project team consulted on the concept design with staff, council and the community during July and August 2022 in Moree and online. All the feedback received has been provided to the design team.

30

design workshops with staff

7

stakeholder meetings held

55

people completed the design survey

Survey feedback

This is what we learned from the staff, patients and community members who completed our design survey.



- When entering a facility most respondents would like to see signage with welcoming language and directions and be close to the service they are going to. Natural lighting and artworks were also important.



- The amenities noted as important for a visitor space were toilets and bathrooms, followed by indoor space that is separate to the shared patient area. Outdoor space and an area for children were also key elements.



- Local natural landscapes, Aboriginal artworks and large photographs rank the highest for the types of artworks you would like to see at the hospital.



- Privacy was most important for patient rooms, with space for carers and comfortable furnishings also ranking highly amongst respondents.



- Open space and gardens along with shade was noted in the landscaping along with being culturally respectful and welcoming. Outdoor spaces are also noted as key to Connecting with Country.



- Other key feedback on the design included parking and accessibility.

What's next?

We will continue to work on the design, with the next update forecast to be shared in late 2022. The project team will continue to consult with staff and stakeholders during the design phase, and we will share updates via our newsletters, website and social media.

Further information on the project is available at:

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