

TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT



A message from your Local Health District

Happy New Year and welcome to the first in a series of updates about the progress of the Tweed Valley Hospital.

It's an exciting year ahead with work underway on our new hospital for the Tweed-Byron region. A hospital with state-of-the-art facilities built on a carefully selected site, it presents a rare opportunity for clinicians, staff and the community to design something special from a blank canvas.

Our new hospital will have:

- More beds
- A new and expanded emergency department
- New surgical and medical services
- New outpatient clinics
- Enhanced cardiac and cancer services

Along with our new hospital, there will be more education, training and research possible, attracting the best and brightest staff to the region. Together, we're ensuring the Tweed-Byron region has access to better, centrally-located public health services.

Close to Tweed, Murwillumbah and Byron, the new hospital will save more than 5,000 patients from travelling outside of the region for life-saving treatment each year. Tweed's Medical Staff Council has fought hard for a new hospital, and we're here to make sure we deliver it as soon as possible.

So what's next?

First up we'll be working with our contractors to finish up essential environmental protection works. We've already been working closely with independent experts to make sure the site is safe and that we protect Tweed's beautiful environment.

We are taking on board the community's feedback from the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - a document that details planning, early works and how we'll minimise the impact on the environment.

We thank everyone for their input and Health Infrastructure will be providing our response on the EIS soon.

Make sure you check back with us next week to get a first glimpse of the concept designs. In the meantime, if you have any questions about our new hospital, you can contact The Tweed Valley Hospital Project Team on **1800 992 634**, or email **tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au**

It's our hospital for our community and we will continue to work together to deliver the best possible hospital.

Dr Brian Pezzutti

Northern NSW Local Health District Board Chair