

Project update – First virtual community session

COMMUNITY REFERENCE PANEL

The project team ran our first virtual Community Reference Panel (CRP) session on Monday 3 August. We have adapted the way that we stay in touch with our community members to ensure that we can continue to keep you involved and updated on the design and construction of your new Hospital.

The project has reached a number of significant milestones and made great progress on the Hospital site, and the team was excited to provide an update on all aspects of the project for those who joined us in the new online environment.

BIG budget news!

The meeting opened with the exciting news of the \$91.2M funding increase announced in May, taking the total budget to \$673.2 million. The Tweed Valley Hospital development is now the largest investment in regional health in the state; and the funding enables full delivery of clinical demand for the Tweed-Byron region to 2031/32.

Other benefits that the budget boost enables include:

- additional clinical services i.e. PET-CT suite
- expanded Learning Development & Research facilities
- additional money for ICT
- future proofing of clinical services beyond 2032

Planning given the green light

Further good news for the project came in the form of final planning approval that was received in June.

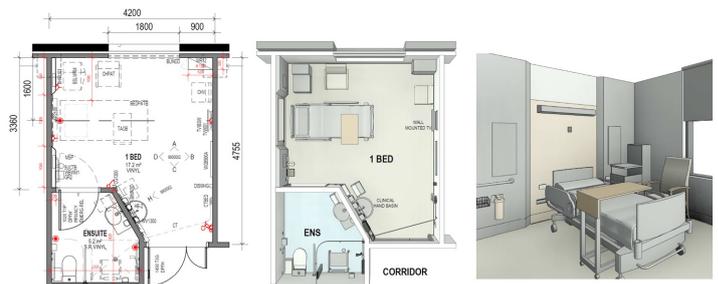
The Stage 2 approval comprises five components which allowed each item to be considered separately. These include the main hospital building, expansion areas, Health Hub, Tweed Valley Skills Centre and the multi-deck carpark.

Early Works approved under the Stage 1 application are well progressed and on schedule for completion later this year.

The Detail in Design

Departments with scope changes as a result of the budget boost have reviewed their schematic designs to include the additional capacity. The redesign was completed in July through an intensive design program, made possible by the commitment of clinicians and staff to get the best outcome for patients and their colleagues.

Departments are at different stages of design, depending on their complexity. The detailed design process is on track to be wrapped up later this year.



Above: A patient bedroom was shown as an example to step through the schematic and detailed design process.

Have you seen the latest site aerial video?

A visual construction update was showcased in the [latest aerial video](#). The video provides a birds eye view of the site with the building footprint and internal roads now clearly visible.

Early works construction is progressing very well, with site-wide infrastructure, bulk earthworks and piling complete.

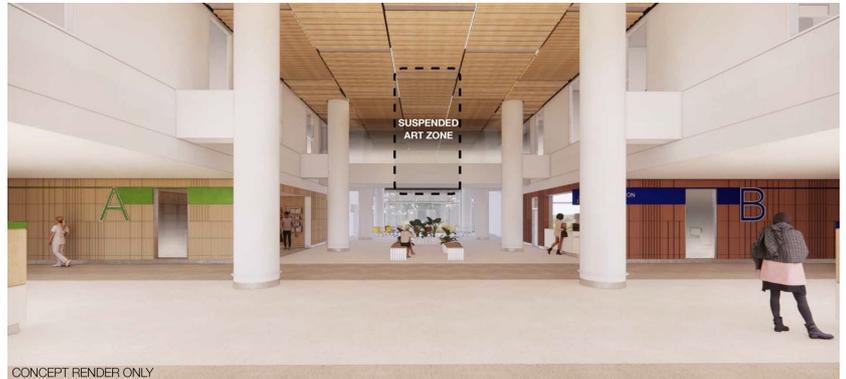
The drone footage shows the topography of the site and how the Hospital is being built into the hill to reduce the impact on the skyline and maximise the views from the Hospital .

The Main Works contract will be awarded later this year, with works kicking off immediately following. The first slab is expected to be poured just after Christmas.



This artist impression of the main hospital lobby (right) shows the natural base colour palette (below) that will run throughout the building.

The earthy tones of the Cudgen plateau have been drawn on to develop a warm and inviting environment, layered with feature areas that will bring colour in to the space and also assist with wayfinding.



DESIGN BY NUMBERS

There are **>40** Project User Groups

Detailed design is **75%** complete

Design completion in **Q4 2020**

Arts Working Group

Arts in Health has proven benefits for patients as well as staff. Work is already underway to consider the role that art will play at the Tweed Valley Hospital. Architects have identified key opportunities within the building and the broader campus and at this session we sought nominations for representatives from the Panel to sit on the Arts Working Group for the project.

Jenny Unwin and Richard Roberts (both with involvement in the Tweed Regional Gallery) have put their hands up for this exciting opportunity and will join an arts curator, project architects, hospital staff and other community representatives in creating the Art Strategy for the new Hospital.

The first meeting of the Arts Working Group will be convened in August.

Question corner

Q | How is the interface between the 40 Project User Groups (PUGs) managed to ensure they don't operate in silos?

A | Working groups are diverse, with specialist staff who understand specifically what is required to deliver their service area.

There are four Portfolio leads who oversee all PUG sessions, and the project's Builder and Architects also have a coordination role across all clinical, back of house, corporate services and IT PUGs.

Q| Is there any update on bed numbers?

A| The Service Statement confirms 430 day and overnight beds, with 42 emergency department spaces. The current Tweed Hospital has around 220 beds, so there will be around double the number of beds on opening. It is important to note that models of care as well as technology are evolving, leading to shorter lengths of stay and the ability to deliver care in other settings, such as community health centres as well as in-home care. Therefore, it is important to look at the service capacity, not just bed numbers.

