



Above: Members of the Community Reference Group at the December 2023 meeting.

## The Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment Community Reference Group

The Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment Community Reference Group (CRG) was established at the commencement of the planning for the project in early 2023 following a community wide Expression of Interest (EOI). The group is made up of representatives who provide a community and lived experience perspective on the planning and design for the project.

The Community Reference Group has contributed significantly to the planning and design for the project through master planning, concept design and schematic design.

The Community Reference Group members have attended Project User Groups (PUGs) with staff and clinicians providing their lived experience to support the planning and design to ensure the facility reflects the needs of the local community. Throughout the year the Community Reference Group has attended

meetings both in person and virtually. The project team is very extremely grateful for the contribution of the Community Reference Group to date.

To learn more about the redevelopment, please contact the project team on phone 9978 5432, email [HI-Bathurst@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-Bathurst@health.nsw.gov.au) or through the project website [bathurstredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au](http://bathurstredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au)

## About the project



Above: Concept Design artist impression released for community consultation in August 2023.

The \$200 million Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment will deliver a mix of new and refurbished areas including an expanded emergency department and maternity unit alongside a new modern mental health inpatient unit (Panorama House), improvements to inpatient, outpatient and community health services, operating theatres and a new integrated paediatrics zone. Daffodil Cottage will also be expanded as part of the redevelopment. The redevelopment will include a new main entry from Mitre Street, alongside indoor and outdoor greenspace. This year the project has undertaken the following:

- Extensive staff, clinician, community and stakeholder consultation to inform the master plan released February 2023 and concept design released August 2023 with schematic design expected to be released in early 2024.
- Site investigations have taken place onsite to inform planning including, geotechnical investigations, contamination, services logistics and detailed internal/external surveys.
- Continued engagement with the local Aboriginal community to ensure the hospital design is an inclusive, culturally safe, and welcoming environment and responds to the Connecting with Country framework.



Above: Staff participating in Project User Groups

## Car parking trial

The Bathurst Health Service is focused on the provision of safe and equitable access for all users and is currently trialling new onsite timed car parking limits. The trial aims to drive efficient utilisation of car parking spaces in primary locations and increase the turnover of these spaces to ensure equitable access to parking for patients, carers, and visitors during the day.

Changes to time limits have been informed by car parking studies, staff surveys and feedback from stakeholder consultation. The trial commenced on Thursday 16 November 2023 and will run through to early 2024. The new time limits in the following parking areas include:

- 10 min designated visit patient pick-up/drop-off at the Main Entry (outside Ambulatory Care)
- 2-hour parking time limits for the Heritage Building and Main Entry car park
- 30 min parking time limit for the short stay car park close to ED and Front of House

There are no changes to other car parking zones on the hospital site. Access to the hospital including improved car parking, accessibility for patients, staff and visitors, alongside pedestrian and vehicular flows on the campus are under extensive review to support the current operations and future redevelopment in accordance with statutory planning requirements.



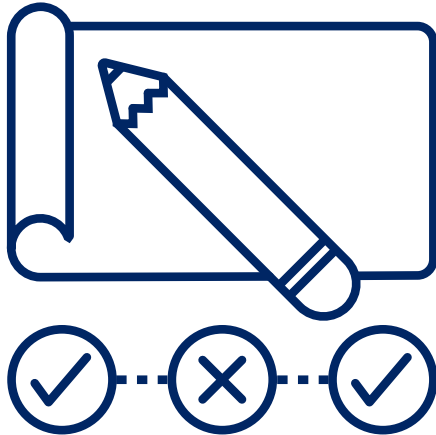
Above: Car parking signage for the new on-site timed parked trial.



## Planning approval

The development application process for the Bathurst Hospital Redevelopment has commenced, marking a significant milestone for the project.

The request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) lodged in November 2023 with the Department of Planning and Environment, has initiated the development application process. The



SEARs request will be followed by the lodgement of the State Significant Development Application. The project team will share more information about this process and the timing in 2024.

## Community Group presentations

The project team has undertaken extensive consultation and briefing sessions throughout 2023. The team is available to provide a briefing (either in person or virtually) to community groups. Please contact the project team on phone 9978 5432 or HI-Bathurst@health.nsw.gov.au to find out more.



## Next steps

The project team is finalising the schematic design which is expected to be released for community consultation in early 2024.

Following the SEARs lodgement and schematic design phase, it is anticipated the State Significant Development Application will be lodged in the first half of 2024.

Construction is expected to commence in 2025 following design finalisation and planning approvals. Work will be carefully staged to ensure clinical services remain operational during construction.



Left: The project team recently presented to the Bathurst Branch of the Country Women's Association CWA and below Amy Wells and Ashleigh Marsland from the project team following a presentation to U3A.



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