

# New Bundaberg Hospital

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Artist impression

## History made with symbolic turning of the sod

History was made on the new Bundaberg Hospital project as it recently reached one of its biggest and most exciting milestones to date – the symbolic turning of the sod, signalling the start of early construction works on the new hospital site.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Premier of Queensland and several Cabinet Ministers along with other dignitaries to Bundaberg for the milestone event.

To mark the special occasion, a Welcome to Country was also delivered by Taribelang Bunda Elders Uncle Will (Raymond) Broome and Aunty Diane Vanzoggel (pictured).

The new hospital will undoubtedly deliver enormous health benefits through improved and expanded services, an additional 121 overnight beds, an expanded emergency department, and enhanced medical, surgical and mental health services.

## Managing early works construction

Early works involve preparing the site for construction of the new Bundaberg Hospital buildings.

The scope of early works includes a variety of activities such as establishing construction site offices and worker facilities, bulk excavation / earthworks, piling and establishing in-ground services.



You can read more about early works construction activities [here](#).



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## Traditional Smoking Ceremony to cleanse new hospital site

In advance of early works starting, local Elders performed a traditional Smoking Ceremony on the new Bundaberg Hospital site.

Uncle Will, Uncle Alex and Rebecca used Melaleuca (Tea Tree) and Red Gum (Eucalyptus) leaves—from culturally-significant trees known for their important medicinal properties—to cleanse Country and promote positive spirit.

Attendees were invited to immerse themselves in the cleansing ritual of the Smoking Ceremony, which also spoke of goodwill for a safe construction program.

In acknowledging the First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda Peoples’ Traditional Custodianship of the new Bundaberg Hospital area, with their continuing connection to this

land—through language, customs and traditions, knowledge and wisdom—we extend our greatest respect and gratitude to our local Elders and Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust for leading this important ceremony for all people visiting the new hospital.

## Consumers share thoughts on design

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service recently gathered its new Bundaberg Hospital project consumer representatives to review proposed layouts for patient and visitor rooms and spaces that are replicated many times throughout your new Bundaberg Hospital, such as family lounges, patient bedrooms and waiting areas.

The proposed layouts are the result of standardised designs which were developed through collaborative efforts of key stakeholders across Queensland Health in addition to the Australasian Health Facility Guidelines, but we also felt it important for local consumers and staff to review them through their own lens.

WBHHS Senior Executive Support and Communications

Officer Deyarn said it was a productive session with lots of valuable feedback collected for the project team to consider.

“Sharing’s caring and that’s exactly what our generous consumers have been doing – sharing their time, personal experiences and perspectives for the benefit of future patients and visitors,” Deyarn said.

“As an example, one consumer suggested repositioning the soap dispenser in the ensuite, so it was accessible for a patient sitting on a bench seat in the shower.

“It’s these little practical tweaks that will make a big difference for our future users of the hospital.

“I’ve been on this project for several years now and engaging with our consumers – whether it be at design workshops, reviewing survey feedback or chatting with locals at information stands at the hospital, library and shopping centres – has honestly been one of the highlights.

“The project team can’t wait to get out and about again later this year to talk to locals about their new hospital as it enters the construction phase – very exciting times, that’s for sure”.

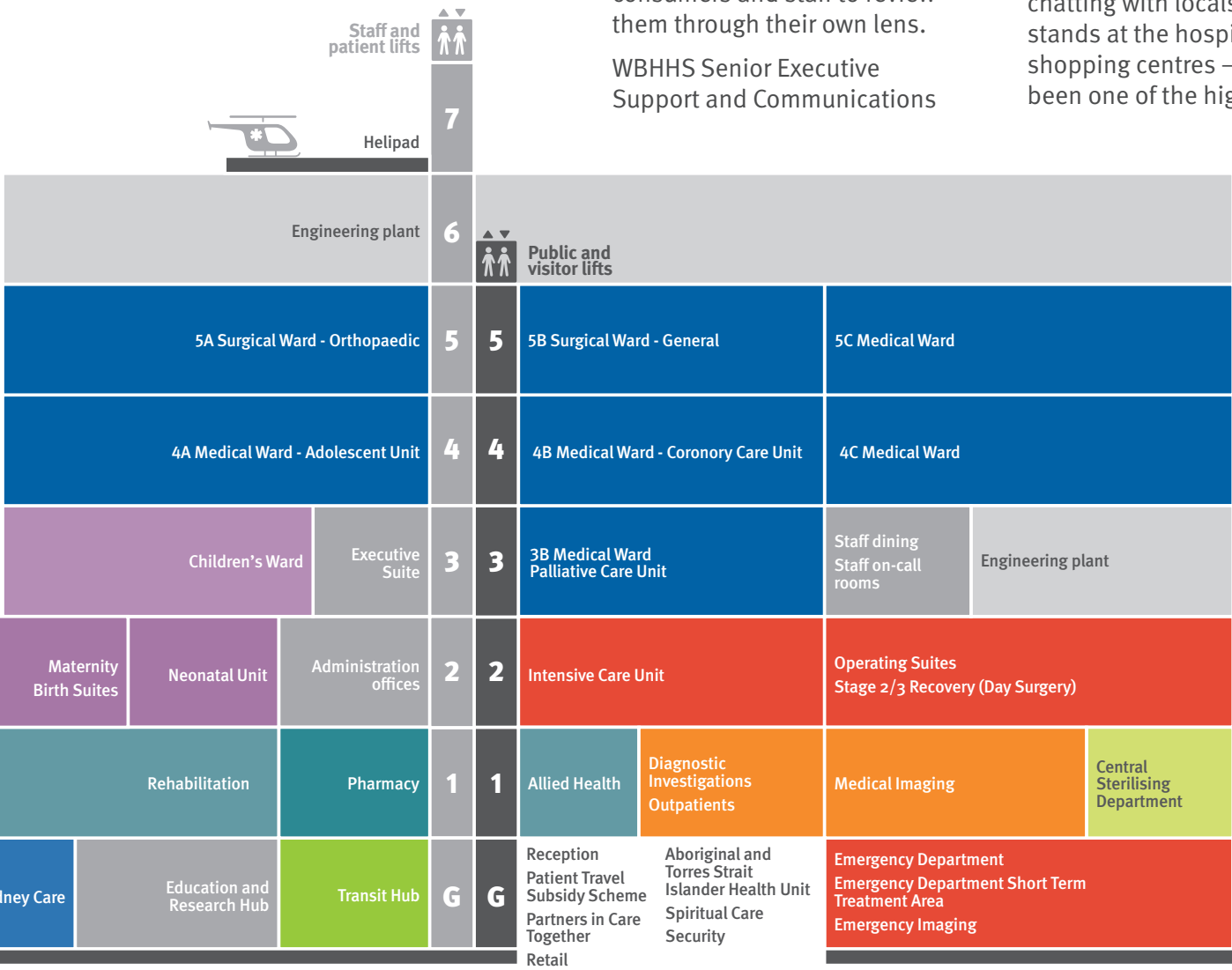


Scan this QR code to see where your new hospital will be built.

## Block and stack of your new hospital

This block and stack plan gives you an idea of where each department and service will be located within each level of the new hospital.

There will be a bank of public lifts, and separate clinical and logistic lifts for staff, patient and goods movements.



## Double bedroom layout

Your new Bundaberg Hospital will have a combination of single and double rooms to enhance patient comfort, privacy and healing.

The project team recently created a mock-up for local staff to run a variety of scenario-based testing to identify the functionality and safety of the physical space.



Hear from **Lorraine Munn**, WBHHS Nursing Director Clinical Services Planning, as she talks through the mock-up process and the benefits of the toe-to-toe layout.





## Plans for the hospital on Bourbong Street

Once the new hospital is built, we get to take advantage of parts of the existing hospital site on Bourbong Street for specialist appointments and day health services that are not urgent. Our oral health and cancer care patients will also continue to see us at our centre on Hope Street.

The ability to use parts of our existing site will enhance our capacity even more and will allow us the flexibility to adapt swiftly to any evolving emerging models of care in the future.

It also presents an opportunity to consolidate some of our services that are currently in leased accommodation back onto the existing site following the delivery of the new hospital.

## CPB Contractors hosts morning tea to thank staff

Our new Bundaberg Hospital project Managing Contractor, CPB Contractors, hosted a delicious morning tea earlier this year.

It was a way for CPB to thank our local doctors, nurses, allied health and support staff for the important contribution they've made across around 180 design workshops since mid-last year.

CPB Contractors Senior Design Manager, Travis, spoke about the complexities of building a new

hospital, and local experiences and knowledge being so critical in helping to shape the design to meet local needs.

CPB also took the opportunity to promote its commitment towards mental health, safety and wellbeing, with several team members sporting their colourful custom-designed TradeMutt 'This Is A Conversation Starter' PPE workwear, to remind people that help is only a phone call or text message away.

## › WHAT'S COMING UP

CPB Contractors is currently finalising the detailed design for the new hospital. This phase involves examining individual room layouts – from developing a complete list of technology, furniture, fixtures, and equipment all the way down to determining the location of power point locations in individual rooms.

CPB Contractors must finalise the design and deliver a value for money guaranteed price for the project before main works construction begins in stage two.

For more information about the project and to sign up to get the latest news, announcements and project updates delivered straight to your inbox, visit:

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