



The \$438 million Shoalhaven Hospital redevelopment has taken an exciting step forward with the Redevelopment Project Master Plan finalised. Acute care services including the emergency department, intensive care, operating theatres, medical and surgical wards and mental health will move into a new building, directly connected to the existing hospital which will undergo levels of refurbishment.



What is the Redevelopment Master Plan and how was it developed?

The Master Plan is a map of the site that identifies the key elements of the hospital and shows the space each requires and how they best connect with each other.

The plan considers how those key connections and requirements can be supported with different types of infrastructure.

It also helps to ensure that future infrastructure projects can link in with the redeveloped hospital and surrounding precinct.

Consumers and community representatives have been involved with each step of the process, taking part in user group meetings to help shape the Master Plan.

The Master Plan was developed to make use of available land and is adjacent to existing hospital infrastructure. This enables continuity of clinical service delivery with ongoing infrastructure projects on the site.

It concentrates clinical development at the centre of the site, which enables the creation of open green space at the southern end of the site.

The Master Plan considers site topography, existing infrastructure, functional relationship, town planning guidelines, environment, biodiversity and site access.



Key Benefits

Acute services are located at the centre of the site with good access to existing clinical services

Good street access

Adjacent to Ambulatory services and the multi-deck carpark

Future expansion is catered for at the northern end of the precinct

Varying levels of refurbishment to the current hospital recognises recent upgrades and offers opportunities for a greater scope of works.

What services will the redeveloped hospital provide?

New and expanded services will include:

- MRI, nuclear medicine and interventional radiology
- A dedicated cardiology ward, coronary care unit and cathlab
- Expanded mental health services including new acute mental health unit
- New rehabilitation services
- Expanded palliative care services
- More aged care beds and medical beds
- Significantly increased surgical capacity – more operating theatres and surgical beds
- New emergency department and state-of-the-art intensive care unit
- Expanded Ambulatory Care Centre and Outpatient Department



The Design Approach

A design approach has been developed that leverages urban design and architecture to transform the hospital into a significant community asset that expresses wellness principles.



Environment & Sustainability

The redevelopment will deliver a sustainable and environmentally-friendly hospital facility with more efficient building systems and renewable energy strategies.

Its design will reduce energy consumption and minimise its environmental impact by taking advantage of the northern orientation to optimise solar use and improved shading to maximise heating and cooling.

The design will feature natural lighting, access to outdoor courtyards and terraces, spaces for relaxation, respite and socialising and will take advantage of the views across Shoalhaven River to the escarpment.

The Existing Hospital

The Master Plan investigated the existing buildings at Shoalhaven Hospital and determined many areas upgraded in the past five years are suitable to undergo varying levels of refurbishment to allow for new and expanded services.

However, a rapidly increasing population and growth in tourism numbers has put pressure on the current hospital.

A new building near the centre of the site for acute care services such as emergency and surgical units will be directly connected to the existing hospital.



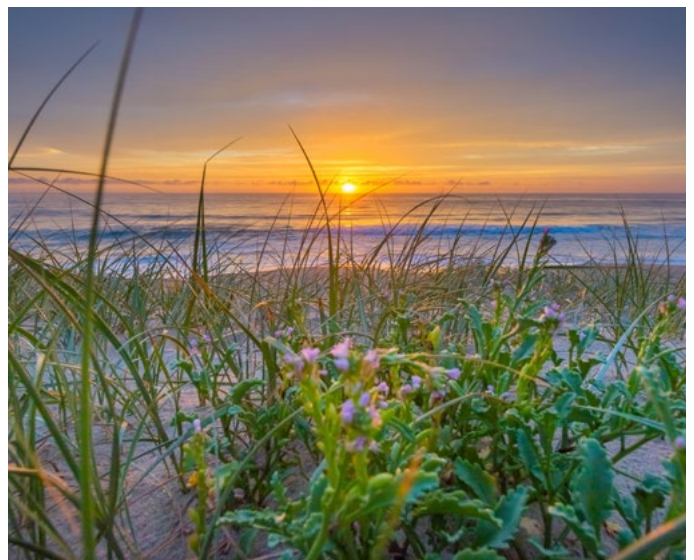
Landscaping

Shoalhaven Hospital has a strong connection to the natural environment, helping to promote wellbeing.

The landscape master plan seeks to support a healing process, to bridge cultures, regenerate the landscape and provide a platform for the many stories and voices that have an enduring connection with this site.

It will provide a cohesive landscape incorporating new and existing public/community art and wayfinding while providing an art/cultural history timeline narrative within the landscape.

The existing buildings will be linked by the landscape and covered pedestrian paths to the new development.



Connecting with Country

Shoalhaven Hospital is designed to promote cultural safety and to maximise its connection to the country of the First Nations' people on which it is situated.

Connecting with Country through providing a strong connection with the natural environment and cultural identity protects the health and wellbeing of Country and by extension all the community.

The redevelopment will be designed to have minimal impact on the land and be sustainable into the future, for future generations.

The historic blackbutt tree at the southern end of Nowra Park will be a focal point in the overall design and further consultation will be held with the Aboriginal community to determine how best to mark its significance.

The cultural design, bush tucker and native gardens and green spaces will have positive impacts on the wellbeing and health outcomes for Shoalhaven residents.

Biodiversity will be supported on the site through planting of species which are native, healing and attract desired local birds.

In consultation with the Aboriginal community and hospital, the design will look at where elements could be combined with the landscape, interiors and wayfinding to create an opportunity for outside interaction to share knowledge.

Totems on the site are an ideal vehicle to combine art in landscape and create markers which will assisting with wayfinding.



Interior Design

Interior spaces, colours, materials and furniture selected for the redevelopment will support patients, their families, staff and visitors' wellbeing.

Related but varied landmarks by colour, materials and graphics will provide public spaces supporting user comfort and overall wellbeing.

Elements of the natural world will be integrated not only through windows but in material selections, colours and textures.

Spaces will relate to the local context in reference to the Shoalhaven landscape in materials and colours that are familiar to the community and staff.

Inclusion of local elements such as artworks, place names, historical and cultural items or references will create a culturally relevant and respectful environment.

Artworks

The Shoalhaven Hospital precinct will provide a good opportunity for incorporating art into the current landscape and new hospital interiors considering the existing collection the hospital has along with supplementing the collection with new and innovative artwork that promotes wellness.

Playful and interesting artworks, sculptures and installations speak to the stories of our residents, wildlife and environment and offer the artists insights about our region.



What's next?

- Site office to be established
- Functional design briefing under way — this describes how the range of services will operate and the functional and design requirements of the redevelopment
- Concept planning under way
- Community and staff engagement to continue, via newsletters, website and social media

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Timeline

2021 Planning & site investigations

2022 Early site works, planning & design

2023 Construction starts