

COMMUNITY UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2023

Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health project update



The NSW Government has committed \$20 million for a community health service in Batemans Bay and \$260 million to build a sustainable, modern and purpose-built hospital in Moruya to support the needs of the Eurobodalla community.

The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will work together with Batemans Bay Community Health to ensure our community always has access to the right health care, in the right setting.

In this project update you will read about the latest news and developments on the two projects.

Eurobodalla Regional Hospital Development Approval Update

The State Significant Development Application for the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital has taken another step forward with public submissions on the Environmental Impact Statement now closed.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has published all submissions online and the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital project team are currently preparing a Response to Submissions Report



The purpose of the submissions report is to give the project team an opportunity to respond to the issues raised in submissions, and to help the consent authority evaluate the merits of the project.

The completed submissions report will be published on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment planning portal.

After publishing the submissions report, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment will complete its assessment of the merits of the project in accordance with government legislation, policies and guidelines and prepare an assessment report.

Once the SSDA has been assessed and approved, the main works contractor can be appointed, and construction of the new hospital can commence.

You can read all the documents related to the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital State Significant Development Application on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment webpage:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/new-eurobodalla-regional-hospital>

Internal design being finalised

The project team is continuing to work with staff, clinical leaders and clinicians from Southern NSW Local Health District to finalise the internal layout of the new hospital.

Final checks are now being undertaken to ensure all design issues have been addressed and teams from the Local Health District have identified all the necessary ICT, furniture, fixtures, and equipment needed to support services in the new hospital.

Community meets to discuss next steps for artefacts

Eurobodalla's Aboriginal community came together last month to yarn about the future care and management of artefacts that were uncovered during the archaeological salvage for the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital site.

Around 2,400 artefacts were unearthed including sharpened silcrete, chert and quartz as well as flakes, cores, and tools.

Health Infrastructure, SNSWLHD and archaeologists Biosis are supporting the Aboriginal community to determine how the artefacts will be cared for in accordance with the wishes of Traditional Owners and the Registered Aboriginal Parties of Heritage NSW.



Gerard Dennis, speaks with attendees at the yarning session

Aboriginal Engagement Manager, Gerard Dennis, said close to 30 traditional owners, Elders and community members attended the discussion on-site.

“It was great to see so many members of our community taking the time to share their views and participate in the yarn,” Gerard said.

“Some of the artefacts were brought to site for people to see, giving people the chance to see what was discovered and put forward suggestions for how they should be cared for in the future.”

Batemans Bay Community Health Expo

Representatives from the project were on hand at the Batemans Bay Community Health Expo to share news and information about the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital and Batemans Bay Community Health projects.



L-R Terence Joe, Dr Michael Holland, Brad Scotcher, Julie McCrossin AM, Penny Cox, Gerard Dennis. Photo: Melanie Lang

The Community Health Expo was held at the Soldiers Club in Batemans Bay on Saturday 28 October 2023.

Organiser Brad Rossiter OAM, and Chair of the Eurobodalla Health Service Community Representative Committee, said the Expo had a great turn out with nearly 40 exhibitors participating in the event.

“The Expo provides something for everyone, from health and wellbeing ideas - to information about local community groups and services,” Mr Rossiter said.

The theme of this year's expo was 'connection'.

Mr Rossiter said the whole community was welcome to come along and connect with 'those in the know' about health and wellness including Southern NSW Local Health District, TAFE NSW, Coorinare and a diverse range of local businesses and community groups.

“The expo included demonstrations, entertainment and activities throughout the day, as well as lots of giveaways,” Mr Rossiter said.



L-R Frances Wilmore, Tracey Bates and Sue Proud

Site announced for Batemans Bay Community Health

On 8 November, Minister for Health Ryan Park and Parliamentary Secretary for Health Dr Michael Holland announced Batemans Bay Hospital as the site for the new \$20 million Batemans Bay Community Health service.

Part of the current Batemans Bay Hospital site on Pacific Street will be redeveloped for the new service following a comprehensive review of several possible site options by Health Infrastructure and Southern NSW Local Health District.

Batemans Bay Hospital site was selected as the location for the new service because existing infrastructure, services and public transport routes are already in place, helping to maximise value and convenience for the community.

Find out more www.hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/project-search/batemans-bay-healthcare-facility

Find out more

Register to be updated as these projects progress and find out how you can participate in upcoming community consultation sessions.



If you have any questions or would like more information about the Eurobodalla Regional Hospital or Batemans Bay Community Health, you can email the project teams directly.

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