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COMMUNITY GIVEN FIRST GLIMPSE INTO NEW EUROBODALLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL

The community is invited to take a virtual tour of the new \$260 million Eurobodalla Regional Hospital, which is set to transform healthcare services from Batemans Bay to Narooma.

The fly-through video provides the community with a virtual tour of the hospital and surrounds, bringing to life the new, state-of-the-art, purpose-built regional hospital.

Minister for Regional Health Bronnie Taylor said the community will have an opportunity to view the fly-through at upcoming online forums where the hospital's schematic design floor plans showing the layout of the hospital departments will also be on display.

"The floorplans and hospital design have been informed by extensive feedback from the community and it's been great to see health professionals, staff, patients, Aboriginal community representatives and the local community getting involved," Mrs Taylor said.

Health Minister Brad Hazzard encouraged the community to join one of the upcoming online meetings to hear from the project team, take a look at the latest plans and fly-through, and provide feedback.

"This is a really exciting time for every member of the community who will be able to experience how the health services link together on site and the how the hospital connects seamlessly with the landscape," Mr Hazzard said.

The following online information sessions will take place on Tuesday 13 December:

- Session one from 10.30am to 11.30am
- Session two from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital will be built to accommodate a Level 4 health facility including:

- Emergency Department
- Eight bed Intensive Care / Close Observation Unit
- Increased capacity for chemotherapy and increased access to renal dialysis
- Surgical and operating theatres and a day stay surgical unit

- Expanded medical imaging department, including MRI service
- Ambulatory care for community and outpatient services
- Paediatric and maternity beds, and a special care nursery
- Mental health beds for short term admission
- Enhanced education and training facilities, including a simulation laboratory.

The first and important step in the early works construction program will commence in early 2023 and involves Aboriginal archaeological works, which will be managed through a separate planning approval process. The Eurobodalla Regional Hospital project team is continuing to work closely with the Aboriginal community as well as the Cobowra Local Aboriginal Land Council and other Registered Aboriginal Parties in preparation for this important work.

The project's State Significant Development Application is being updated to reflect this commitment and will be resubmitted in January 2023, with construction expected to boost skills and drive employment opportunities across the region.

The hospital is expected to open to patients in 2025.

To register your interest and get the link for the online meeting click <u>here</u>. The plans and flythrough video can be viewed at the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital <u>website</u>.

Eurobodalla Regional Hospital is part of the NSW Government's record \$11.9 billion investment in health infrastructure over four years to 2025-26, with nearly a third of the capital allocation in this financial year going towards regional and rural health facilities.

Since 2011, the government has delivered more than 180 health capital projects across NSW, with more than 130 projects currently underway – of those, more than 90 are in rural and regional areas.

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