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Construction is underway on the \$110.2 million Cowra Hospital redevelopment

A significant milestone for the project was reached last month with an official sod turn and smoking ceremony on the site of the new hospital. Members of the community, Health Council, staff, clinicians as well as Health Infrastructure and Western NSW Local Health District representatives participated in a sod turning ceremony to mark the start of construction. The event opened with a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country by local Elder Esther Cutmore, alongside her son and grandson.

It was an exciting day for the community to see works progress on the new purpose-built health facility, which will provide high-quality care and has been tailored to the needs of the region.



SMOKING CEREMONY ON THE SITE OF THE NEW HOSPITAL

Enabling works, which included the demolition of buildings, were completed in 2023 in preparation for main works construction.

Feedback from staff and the community has been integral through the planning and design of the project, including the hospital's two-level design, as well as improved access for patients and visitors and onsite parking, new landscaped areas and enhanced access to district views from the hospital.

The design for the redevelopment has also been informed by engagement and consultation with the local Aboriginal

community. As part of this, a cultural room will be located near the new main entrance, providing direct access to an adjoining outdoor space.

Community engagement continues with ongoing focus groups underway to inform the patient and visitor experience, alongside the Arts Working Group who are ensuring the community's long held connection with the site is captured through the new hospital's Arts and Culture initiatives.

The new Cowra Hospital is expected to be completed in 2025.



Where is the project up to?

Following the sod turn construction is underway, the site sheds were recently installed and Richard Crookes Constructions is preparing for the bulk earth works to commence in the coming months.

For information about the traffic and car parking management please visit **the project website**.



RICHARD CROOKES CONSTRUCTIONS HOST STAFF BBQ

Last month Cowra Health Service and Western NSW Local Health District staff had the opportunity to meet the building contractors at a BBQ on-site, which was hosted by Richard Crookes Constructions. The BBQ was well attended and the fridges full for the late shifts to enjoy.

Thanks to Richard Crookes Constructions for hosting the BBQ.



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Feedback from our communities helps inform the design of health facilities to meet the local needs. If you have a question or comment, or would like to join our mailing list, please scan the QR code or contact the project team via the details below.



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