

Main works site establishment, enabling works and hazmat removal

The NSW Government is investing \$110.2 million in the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment

Health Infrastructure has engaged Richard Crookes Constructions to undertake the main works for the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment. Richard Crookes Constructions has begun establishing site. The site establishment works include placing the site sheds, site investigation works, pedestrian and vehicular access points as well as enabling works.

We recognise that building new infrastructure can impact nearby residents, patients, staff and road users. All construction activities will be carried out with the health and safety of the local community as our top priority.

Enabling works: 20 - 22 December 2023 and 3 - 31 January 2024

In order to establish clear separation from the construction site and ensure the operation of the hospital can be maintained throughout construction, enabling works are planned to occur between 20-22 December 2023 and 3-31 January 2024. This will include:

- Adjustments to the existing back of house area, including relocation of some offices and kitchen area,
- Installation of 2 x shipping containers next to pharmacy to be used for linen storage,
- Change of travel path for linen trolleys, through existing back of house area,
- Installation of full height hoarding to separate construction site, and
- Scaffolding stairs to replace fire egress stairs outside mental health / comms room.

Please be advised some noisy works will be required including saw-cutting and demolition of concrete. These works will only be undertaken between the hours of 9.00am-12.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm which is in accordance with the approved planning approval mitigation measures.

In accordance with our statutory requirements, we will be managing noise, dust and vibration to minimise impacts to the area surrounding the site. We will monitor and manage access points to the site throughout construction and may implement short term traffic control measures and speed limit reductions when required. For your safety, please follow the directions of traffic controllers at all times.

Hazmat removal: 8 – 12 January 2024 and 22 – 25 January 2024

As part of the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment enabling works, work is taking place to remove the following known hazardous material, including asbestos.

- Monday 8 January - Friday 12 January 2024
 - Removal of bonded asbestos in Back of House structure
- Monday 22 January – Thursday 25 January 2024
 - Removal of friable asbestos inground pipe lagging in the construction site

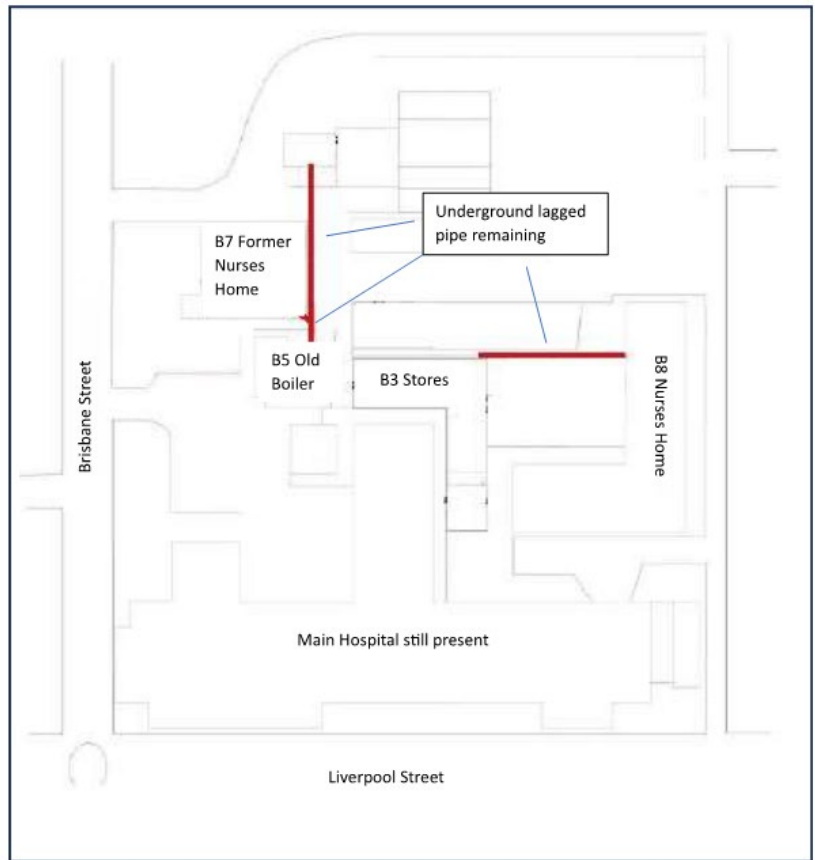
Mitigation and control measures

All major construction projects, like the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment, must comply with strict environmental and planning controls. The following measures will be in place for the removal of hazardous material.

- Sediment control
- Air monitoring on perimeter fence and at the work face
- Dust suppression misters
- Decontamination unit
- Negative pressure air units
- Hygienist supervision of asbestos removal
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Sealing and encapsulating asbestos in accordance with legislative requirements

We have included a plan of the site to show you where the hazmat removal of inground pipe lagging will take place, behind exclusion zones.

For more information about the safe removal and management of asbestos on the Cowra Hospital Redevelopment site, please read the **Fact Sheet on the project website**.



Site plan showing locations of underground pipe lagging marked in red.

How will the work affect you?

The works times will be between 7.00am and 6.00pm from Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday with no work on Sunday or Public Holidays. We will let you know in advance of any changes to these days and times.

Holiday period site closure

The Cowra Hospital Redevelopment site will be closed for the holiday period from 22 December 2023 – 3 January 2024. During this time no work will be undertaken. Security patrols will be in place to maintain the site closure.

Keeping you informed

We will continue to keep you informed through the project website, www.cowrahospitalredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au and project updates. If you would like to speak with a member of the project team please call on 9978 5432 or email HI-Cowra@health.nsw.gov.au. For any urgent enquiries or media between 22 December – 7 January 2024 please contact 0459 872 007. All other enquiries will be answered once the project team returns on 8 January 2024.

If there are any questions regarding the site please contact Sam Frauenfelder, Site Manager, Richard Crookes Constructions on 0438 267 162 or frauenfelders@richardcrookes.com.au
