Contract awarded
The contract to build the $50 million Tumut Hospital Redevelopment has been awarded to Richard Crookes Constructions.

Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) Chief Executive Jill Ludford said, “This is a significant and exciting project milestone for the communities of Tumut, Adelong, Batlow and Gundagai.”

“The Redevelopment will allow staff to deliver a range of integrated health services under the one roof including acute and emergency care, community health, outpatient and ambulatory services.

“There will also be a quiet room for families, a cultural room, car parking for staff and service vehicles, and a new helipad.”

An artist impression of the new facility has also been unveiled showing what the new hospital will look like.

Construction of the new hospital is forecast to be completed in late 2021 when the services are transferred and the new facility becomes operational. The final works, including demolition of old hospital buildings, landscaping and car parking, will take place in the first half of 2022.

Project update
- Statutory development approval granted
- Tender for main construction work awarded to Richard Crookes Constructions
- Establishment of construction site in Simpson Street and enabling works commence.
A word from the CE

It is an understatement to say the start of 2020 for Tumut and district was very different from the one I had envisaged. With the $50 million contract to build a new hospital for the town and surrounding communities awarded to the company Richard Crookes Constructions at the end of 2019, I had hoped to see a hive of construction activity in January.

However nature had a different plan. As the NSW Government declared a state of emergency due to multiple bushfire threats, a roof sprinkler system was installed on Tumut Hospital to improve air quality for staff and patients and acute patients were moved to safe sites in the District. The Emergency Department remained opened thanks to the dedication of our staff - some of whom were personally impacted by bushfires.

As part of the emergency, staff from MLHD, including Tumut Hospital Facility Manager and member of the Redevelopment Project Team Katrina Walsh, were called into to the Tumut Emergency Operations Centre as well as continuing with their shifts at the Hospital.

I wish to thank all the staff involved for their dedication and commitment during the extremely tough time for our local communities.

We were very fortunate to see help arrive to staff mobile community health and mental clinics from health clinicians and HealthShare staff from Northern Sydney and Sydney Local Health Districts. While the design of the new Hospital has been ongoing behind the scenes, Richard Crookes Constructions is now moving onto the construction site.

I look forward to this project delivering modern and integrated health care for Tumut and surrounds.

Please stay safe.

Jill Ludford, MLHD Chief Executive

Photo: (clockwise from top left) bushfire smoke over Tumut; MLHD Chief Executive Jill Ludford speaks with staff in Tumut Hospital; Hospital Facility Manager Katrina Walsh with colleague Candice McGrath in Tumut Emergency Operations Centre; and NSW Health staff from Sydney head out to help bushfire affected communities in MLHD.