

Tuesday 25 May 2021

Design to be released for Leeton Hospital upgrade

The Leeton Hospital upgrade has reached an important milestone with the release of the concept design during community information sessions to be held next week.

The NSW Government is investing \$2.5 million in the upgrade following funding approval in mid-2020 for the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) to deliver the project for surrounding communities.

MLHD Chief Executive Jill Ludford said, "The release of the latest concept design is welcome progress in the project, and I would encourage local residents to drop into one of the information sessions to find out more about the upgrade to their local Hospital."

The release of the latest design, known as a concept design, follows ongoing planning and consultation held last year and again in 2021 with a user group involving MLHD staff, local council and local community representatives.

The project includes:

- the upgrade, expansion and reconfiguration of the Hospital Emergency Department
- realignment of public and staff access to the Hospital to improve circulation and security to meet new standards
- upgrades to clinical spaces and improvements to public and patient flows in the inpatient unit.

Members of the Project Team will be available:

Tuesday 1 June 2021	11am-1.30pm, outside Jarrah Mall, 74-76 Pine Avenue, Leeton
Tuesday 1 June 2021	5.30pm to 7.30pm, Leeton Soldiers Club, corner of Yanco and Acacia Avenue, Leeton

Work on the upgrade is due to commence mid this year and be completed in 2022.

The 2020-21 budget for MLHD is \$663.9 million, an increase of \$15.9 million (2.45 per cent) on the previous financial year's budget.

Since March 2020, the NSW Government has committed more than \$3 billion to increase the capacity of the health system, including \$458.5 million to fast-track elective surgeries. This boost in funding has helped bring the 2020-21 Health budget to a record \$29.3 billion.

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