

TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL

COMPLETION 2022

Delivering a life-changing healthcare solution for the Tweed-Byron region

Our region is growing and changing, and to keep pace with these changes, healthcare delivery needs to change too.

The 2018-19 State Budget confirmed a \$582 million investment in health for the Tweed-Byron Local Government Areas, which will deliver a brand new, state-of-the-art hospital on a greenfield site, as well as interim upgrades at the existing Tweed Hospital to help meet community needs until services transfer to the new hospital.

The Tweed Valley Hospital project includes:

- » Delivery of a new major referral hospital to provide the health services required to meet the needs of the growing population of the Tweed-Byron region, in conjunction with the other hospitals and community health centres across the region.
- » Master planning for additional health, education, training and research facilities to support these health services, which will be developed with service partners over time. These areas will be used initially for construction site/compound and at-grade car parking.
- » Delivery of the supporting infrastructure required for the new hospital, including greenspace and other amenity spaces, campus roads and car parking, external road upgrades and connections, utilities connections, and other site infrastructure.



Why do we need a new hospital?

There are many reasons why a new hospital is needed for the Tweed-Byron region:

- » The significant forecast population growth in the region, and in particular the increase in the ageing population.
- » The need for the health services in the region to be more self-sufficient, to give residents access to more services locally, without travelling outside the region.
- » The need to implement modern healthcare models, to deliver high quality health services into the future.
- » The constraints of current infrastructure at the existing Tweed Hospital, which is at capacity.
- » The physical limitations of the existing Tweed Hospital site, which has inadequate space to develop new buildings and access is impacted by flooding.

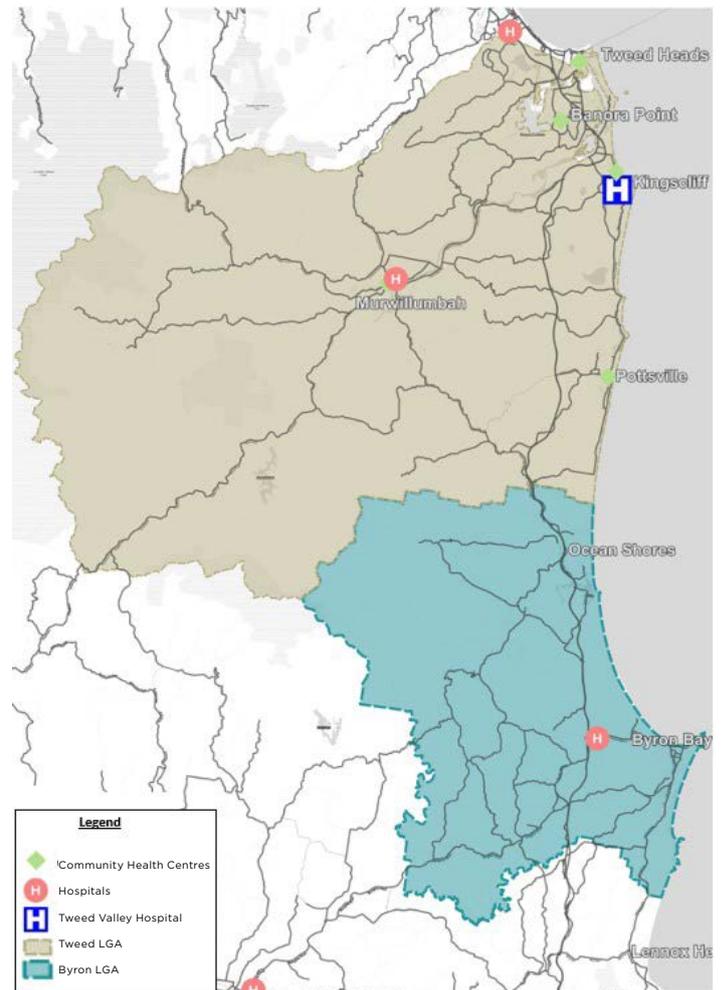
The new Tweed Valley Hospital will provide:

- » more beds
- » expanded emergency department
- » enhanced surgical and medical services
- » enhanced ambulatory services and outpatient clinics
- » cardiac catheterisation laboratory (new service)
- » integrated cancer care service, including radiotherapy (new service).



Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory

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Strengthening the region's network of hospitals

The Tweed Valley Hospital will be a major referral hospital at the heart of the network of hospitals and community health facilities across the Tweed-Byron region. This includes Murwillumbah District Hospital, Byron Central Hospital, community health facilities and other out-of-hospital services. Hospital services will move from the existing Tweed Hospital to the new site in 2023. A range of community health and other out-of-hospital services will continue to be provided at or in close proximity to the existing site and the range of the services will be confirmed through further clinical service planning by the end of 2018.



The community benefits of a new hospital

What benefits will the new Tweed Valley Hospital bring to the Tweed-Byron region?

A new hospital for a new era of healthcare

The new Tweed Valley Hospital will provide a number of benefits for the Tweed-Byron community, including for our patients, staff, carers, visitors and students. Some of the benefits of building a brand new hospital include:

- » Designing a purpose-built major regional referral hospital to meet the healthcare needs of the region's growing and aging population

- » Designing healthcare services around patients, carers and their families, embedding a patient-centred approach within the design of the buildings and delivery of health services
- » Improved technology that enhances patient care and allows for a seamless patient journey through the health system
- » New facilities that support safer and higher quality care

- » Increased capacity for emergency, surgery, sub-acute and outpatient services
- » Designing a tailored health service provision for our Aboriginal community
- » Significant boost to the local economy, including provision of local jobs throughout construction and operation.



More clinical services, closer to home

The new Tweed Valley Hospital will provide an increase in self-sufficiency of health services, which means that patients will be able to access more healthcare services locally.

This includes access to the necessary range of cancer treatments, including radiotherapy, as well as cardiac catheterisation and other life-saving interventional procedures.

In addition to improved access to services on the one campus, the new Tweed Valley Hospital will reduce the need for patients to travel out of the area, or between various hospitals, for their treatment.



An environment to deliver high quality healthcare and education

The new hospital will enable modern healthcare models to be implemented and allow education, training and research to be more closely integrated into the healthcare services provided across the region.

The new state-of-the-art referral hospital will provide a healing environment for patients and a great place to work. This will help attract and retain high quality staff; and create a culture that promotes excellence in clinical practice and education, training and research to support a talented and skilled workforce.

With the potential to develop a broader health and education campus over time, there is also an opportunity to strengthen relationships with tertiary education and vocational training institutions and work together in developing the workforce of the future.



What happens next?

Planning a major hospital is a complex process and it takes time to work through the various stages and arrive at a final design solution.

The Integrated Project Team, including Northern NSW Local Health District and NSW Health Infrastructure, is committed to getting the planning right and will continue to engage with health professionals, consumers and the local community throughout the planning, design, construction and commissioning of the new Tweed Valley Hospital.

A Stage 1 State Significant Development (SSD) application will seek an overall approval for the hospital concept and consent to commence early and enabling works on the site. This planning application is being finalised and will be placed on public exhibition. For more information regarding planning approvals, refer to the Planning Approval Process and associated factsheets.

The Stage 2 State Significant Development application will seek approval for the design, construction and commissioning of the hospital itself.

Outside of the SSD application, a number of immediate tasks to secure the site and ensure appropriate environmental controls are in place will be undertaken upon ownership of the new hospital site. For more information, refer to the Preliminary Works Factsheet.

How can I be a part of the project?

The project's Consumer and Community Reference Panel was established in August 2018 and has a diverse membership that represents a broad spectrum of the local community. Panel members are invited to attend working groups aligned with their experience and areas of interest to help shape the planning and design of the Tweed Valley Hospital.

The Panel is open to all members of the community and the opportunity to join the Panel will remain open throughout the project. Please see the Community Input tab on the project website for further information and application forms.

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