

Moranbah Hospital Redevelopment

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Concept design - subject to change

The Moranbah Hospital Redevelopment project has reached an important milestone with the arrival of staff accommodation modules to site.

Trucks delivered six modular accommodation units from the Hutchinson Builders' construction yard in Yatala, Brisbane on 22 May.

Project lead Josh Sondergeld said the accommodation delivery was an exciting day.

"Seeing the new hospital accommodation buildings arrive on site prompted much enthusiasm and anticipation for the development of the project and what is to come with the main hospital building," he said.

"The buildings are welcome additions to our existing staff accommodation to help with staff

retention and in turn, symbolising growth in our health care services in Moranbah."

The new Moranbah Hospital is a modular design and part of the Queensland Government's Building Rural and Remote Health Program.

Josh said more than 100 modules will make up the entire project build.

"With civil works now well underway, we are looking forward to the main hospital modules arriving on site this month (June)," he said.

"Trucks will again deliver the modules from Hutchies' yard in Yatala to Moranbah. These deliveries will occur throughout June and early July."

Josh, along with other members of the project team, visited the

construction yard at Yatala in April to inspect progress on the hospital's modular build.

The new facility will replace the existing hospital and provide the Moranbah community with increased emergency department spaces and equipment, a CT scanner in an expanded imaging department and a helipad.

Allied health, child health, antenatal and postnatal care and mental health services will be integrated in the hospital improving patient flow and the amenity for staff and patients.

There will be 12 inpatient beds, an ambulatory care area, rehabilitation gymnasium and an enhanced outpatient department.

The hospital is forecast for completion by the end of 2024.

Photos of the recent staff accommodation delivery and installation



Meet the Moranbah Hospital Redevelopment project lead



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At the forefront of Moranbah Hospital's redevelopment is Josh Sondergeld.

Josh has lived in Moranbah for five years working in the hospital as a registered nurse and nurse

unit manager before taking on the redevelopment's local project lead role earlier this year.

"This is a very exciting time for the community and staff of Moranbah Hospital," he said.

"I see it as a privilege to be working on the hospital redevelopment as it will deliver enhanced, contemporary models of care for the people of Moranbah.

"Collaborating and working with teams throughout the project - from contractors to assets to infection prevention - has been a real highlight for me."

Josh said he is looking forward to the expanded emergency department and medical imaging services.

"We will have a new piece of equipment that can examine eye injuries and the addition of a CT scanner will mean more people being treated in their local hospital rather than being transferred to Mackay," he said.

"It's all about receiving care closer to home."

The site is currently being prepared for the arrival of the main hospital infrastructure.

"We've just had the delivery of new staff accommodation and those will start to be fixed in place," Josh said.

"Visiting the Hutchies' build yard in Yatala in April provided a good preview of what is to come and it will be great to finally see buildings on site in Moranbah."

What is included in the Moranbah Hospital Redevelopment

- Increased Emergency Department capacity
- A better designed Emergency Department for staff and patients
- Modern resuscitation bay with new equipment
- CT scanner in an expanded medical imaging department
- Helipad and improved ambulance access
- 12 inpatient beds in a contemporary purpose-built facility
- Child health, antenatal and postnatal care, allied health and mental health services all under one roof
- Covered entry for all-weather access
- 22 car parks and turn-around drop off area
- Simulation room for clinical training
- Rehabilitation gym for patients recovering from injury and illness
- Large conference space that can be used by the community.

A modern digital hospital

The new Moranbah Hospital will become part of the digital hospital network that replaces paper-based clinical charts and records.

This ensures clinical staff at any treating hospital can see the same medical records.

The digital system shares information in real time to allow the best clinical decisions to be made.

For Moranbah patients transferred to other facilities this means clinicians at the receiving hospital have access to their medical records prior to arrival.

Rose garden and family room

The new hospital and grounds will retain two features loved by staff, patients and visitors.

The prize-winning rose garden will be relocated and incorporated into the landscape design.

The transplant work will be done by a local horticulture expert.

The family room, funded through community donations, will be replicated to provide a comforting space for patients and loved ones outside the ward.