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## COMPANY AWARDED FIT-OUT WORK FOR NEW BREASTSCREEN NSW SITE IN MLHD

Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) has named the construction company selected to refurbish the new home for BreastScreen NSW in Wagga Wagga.

A part of the NSW Government's \$431 million investment in the Wagga Wagga Health Service (WWHS) Redevelopment, BreastScreen NSW will move from its current site in Calvary Health Care Riverina campus to central Wagga Wagga.

Richard Crookes Construction Pty Ltd (RCC) will refurbish the Berry Street premises in the city's central business district, with work on the fit-out due to start this year.

BreastScreen NSW Director Debbie Lattimore said the highly visible presence of BreastScreen NSW in Berry Street aims to motivate more women aged 50 to 74 to have a free, potentially lifesaving check-up.

"It's important our breast screening service is easily accessible for women as screening mammograms save lives. Finding breast cancer early means less invasive treatment and a better chance of survival."

"The new premises will also see an extension of its current opening hours to Saturday mornings."

The Development Application for the refurbishment of the Berry Street premises was approved by Wagga Wagga City Council in September.

The new BreastScreen NSW site at 69-71 Berry Street will include:

- Dedicated reception and waiting areas
- Mammography and ultrasound rooms
- Consultation, procedure and interview rooms
- Call centre servicing Murrumbidgee Local Health District and Southern NSW Local Health Districts
- Dedicated rear access disabled parking
- Storage facilities.

Work on the fit-out of the Berry Street site is due to be completed in early 2019.

In 2018-19 the NSW Government, through the Cancer Institute NSW, is investing more than \$4.5 million into BreastScreen Greater Southern's Screening and

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Assessment Service, which covers the Murrumbidgee and Southern NSW Local Health Districts.

Richard Crookes Constructions was awarded the contract for the WWHS Redevelopment Stage 3 site enabling works which were completed earlier in 2018.

**Background notes:**

BreastScreen NSW in Wagga Wagga services both the Murrumbidgee and Southern NSW Local Health Districts. There are also clinics in Albury, Bega and Queanbeyan, with a mobile screening unit visiting smaller towns and communities.

Appointments and enquiries for a free breast screen can be made by calling 13 20 50. If you've received a letter from BreastScreen NSW inviting you to book a breast screening appointment, [click here to book online](#)

The WWHS Redevelopment Stage 3 includes the relocation of BreastScreen NSW and the construction of a multi-storey Ambulatory Care Building on the WWHS campus. Further information about Stage 3 is available through the [Redevelopment website here](#).  
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**Media note:** BreastScreen NSW Director Debbie Lattimore is available for interview. She is in Albury. For interviews, please contact MLHD Public Affairs on 0427 49424 or email [MLHD-News@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MLHD-News@health.nsw.gov.au)