

**TO:** All Murrumbidgee Media

**DATE:** Tuesday 21 April 2020

**SUBJECT:** Work continues on MLHD building projects

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***Please attribute to Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) Chief Executive Jill Ludford:***

Health Infrastructure is continuing redevelopment works totalling more than \$700 million across the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD). This infrastructure will meet local health needs and make an important contribution to local economies.

Continuing construction works on our major health redevelopments across MLHD has never been more important. We are building world class health facilities that are designed to meet the community's needs now and into the future.

These major projects are also keeping people in jobs and making an important contribution to the sustainability of the building industry, which in turn has positive flow-on effects for local economies across the District.

The value of hospitals to our communities extends far beyond healthcare. Redevelopments underway across the District include the:

- \$431 million Wagga Wagga Health Service Redevelopment (including \$55.1 million from the Commonwealth Government for stages 1 and 2)
- \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment
- \$50 million Tumut Hospital Redevelopment
- redevelopments at Tumbarumba, Murrumburrah-Harden and Hay being delivered as part of the Government's \$304 million Multipurpose Service (MPS) program.

These redevelopments all provide positive economic and social flow-on effects in our communities.

The Regional Australia Institute (RAI) partnered with Health Infrastructure to conduct research into the direct and indirect economic benefits of health capital investment in regional NSW.

The [study](#) provided evidence of the positive impact that these significant investments had on the regional community and its surrounding areas beyond just the project itself.

MLHD and Health Infrastructure acknowledge this is an uncertain time as the COVID-19 pandemic and public advice evolves. All redevelopment workplaces and project sites are open with work continuing in line with NSW Government advice.

Worksites are implementing the social distancing rules and we are encouraging people to teleconference and videoconference where possible, to minimise non-essential gatherings.

Contractors are also practising good hygiene among their workforce and following the District's workplace policies and procedures when working or transiting outside project site boundaries.

Health Infrastructure is closely monitoring and assessing the COVID-19 situation and will make changes to operations where required as the NSW Government advice changes.

You can find information about MLHD building projects [here](#).

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