

BENDIGO HOSPITAL PROJECT

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Seated: Premier Denis Napthine, Stephen McDonough Chairman Exemplar Health. Back row: Tony Lubofsky Project Director Department of Health, Dr Michael Langdon Bendigo Health Board Chair, Pradeep Philip Department of Health Secretary, David Walker Bendigo Health Executive Director Bendigo Hospital Project, Health Minister David Davis and John Mulder Bendigo Health Chief Executive Officer.

The \$630 million Bendigo Hospital Project received the green light for construction after the Victorian Government and Exemplar Health consortium signed contracts in May.

This significant milestone in the project marks the commencement of an exciting 25-year relationship between the State Government, Bendigo Health and Exemplar Health.

The new hospital is the largest regional infrastructure development in Victoria's history and will create more than 770 jobs during construction, as well as provide significant flow on effects for Bendigo's economy.

The new hospital will have 372 inpatient beds, 72 same day beds, 10 operating theatres, an integrated cancer centre, a mental health unit, a wellness centre and a helipad connected by bridge link to the main hospital.

The project will also deliver a range of supporting commercial facilities and services including a 128-room hotel, a 180-seat conference facility, retail and cafe spaces, enhanced landscaping, and refurbished heritage buildings.

The development comprises a whole of precinct solution - 'one precinct, one hospital'. A bridge across Arnold Street will integrate the facilities into one site.

HERITAGE WORKS ON THE BARNARD STREET SITE



The approvals for the project require a range of mandatory heritage works to be undertaken across the Anne Caudle Centre campus.

The areas included in this scope of works include West Wing, Concert Hall, Administration Buildings and the Hope Street Wall.

The first stage of this project has already commenced on the West Wing building with the demolition of the amenity wings, which were added in the 1970s and the covered walkways linking Staff Amenities, Administration, Concert Hall and the GE Mayne Lecture Theatre.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The first sod has been turned and hoardings have been erected, clearly establishing the construction site, allowing site preparations to rapidly progress.

Within the hoarding the excavation and site preparation for the new hospital has commenced.

When completed, the excavation will be around nine meters deep at the Hope Street end of the site and 50 cm at the Mercy Street end. All up around 75,000 m³ of soil will be removed. This will occur over a 2-3 month period with approximately 100 truck movements per day which works out at about 15 truck movements per hour.

As the excavation gets underway, piling will commence in early October.

The majority of the workforce engaged in the project are currently involved in the development of the design as hundreds of decisions, informed by Bendigo Health staff and hospital users, and are being made about the internal layout and specifications of the new hospital.

The workforce on the ground will gradually increase to around 100 in December.

On the corner of Lucan and Bayne streets some hoardings have also been erected within the hospital site to allow for the construction of the hotel.

NEW HOSPITAL ENTRANCE WORKS TO SOON COMMENCE

Road works will begin in Barnard Street in mid-October as another phase in the project takes shape: the construction of a new entrance to the existing hospital.

Works are expected to begin on 7 October along Barnard and Mercy streets, where left hand turning lanes and traffic lights will be installed.

These works are expected to last six weeks, before contractors' attention turns to installing left hand turning lanes in Barnard and Arnold streets in December.

The traffic lights and turning lanes will provide safer access to the new hospital precinct and aid traffic flow along Barnard and Arnold streets.

The works may cause delays during peak traffic times as heavy plant equipment will be in use, and traffic management personnel and signage will be in place during this period to assist road users.

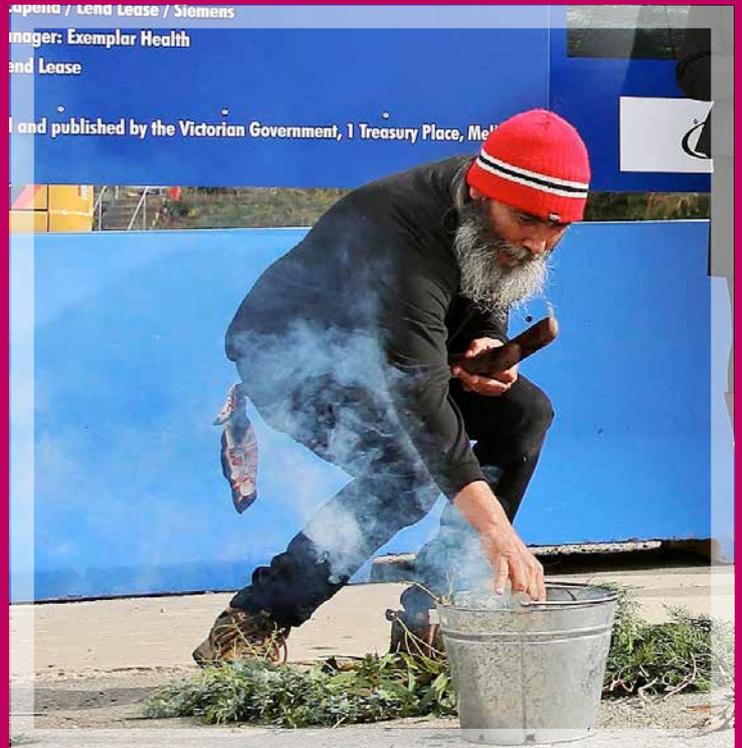
All works will be carried out by VicRoads accredited contractors between 7am-5pm, Monday to Friday.



Premier Dr Denis Napthine paid tribute to the many Bendigo Health staff who have been working with design consultants since June developing the new hospital's layouts and specifications, while also performing their normal duties.



The Bendigo Chinese Association wowed the crowd with their performance.



Mr Rodney Carter performed a 'Welcome to Country' and Mr Ricky Nelson performed a traditional smoking ceremony.

A MAJOR MILESTONE FOR THE BENDIGO HOSPITAL PROJECT

A major milestone in the construction of the Bendigo Hospital Project took place on 26 August, when the Premier, Dr Denis Naphine took control of an excavator to turn the first sod of soil for our new hospital.

Joined by the Health Minister David Davis and Mental Health Minister Mary Wooldridge, Dr Naphine described the event as the most important project in Bendigo since the Gold Rush.

One of the largest regional healthcare developments in Australia, the Bendigo Hospital Project is moving to the next stage, following extensive site preparation in readiness for excavation works and construction.

Site preparation has been underway since the Victorian Government gave the green light for the Exemplar Health consortium to build the new hospital on 31 May 2013.

The project will provide an outstanding hospital facility offering the highest quality healthcare for people in Bendigo and is on schedule to be delivered in late 2016.

The new hospital will make Bendigo Health a leading integrated health service in regional Australia, attracting the very best medical and health professionals to live and work in Bendigo.



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CONSTRUCTION TIMES

Construction activity on the site is restricted by the project's planning permits and will generally occur between 7.00am – 3.30pm Monday to Saturday. Work is permitted to occur up until 7.00 pm weekdays and until 5.00 pm on Saturdays.

The site will generally be closed on Sundays and public holidays.

OUR NEW HOSPITAL



Internal courtyard



Drought St entrance



External spaces



Dedicated Indigenous space



Mercy St entrance (main entrance)



Main atrium



A bridge link over Arnold Street



Aerial view

PROJECT Q & As

Will old buildings continue to be used?

Buildings that continue to have an ongoing useful purpose will be refurbished and maintained where appropriate. Heritage buildings will be honoured as an important link to our past.

We are working closely with Heritage Victoria regarding buildings of significant heritage importance.

What are the timelines for construction of the new facilities?

Project builders are on site and project completion is set for late 2016.

Who is building the new facilities?

The Exemplar Health consortium is responsible for designing, building and then maintaining the new facility for 25 years. Exemplar Health is a consortium including Capella Capital, Siemens, Lend Lease and Spotless.

What services will be provided at the new hospital?

All services currently at Bendigo Hospital will be provided in the new hospital with expanded capacity to meet future demand.

All psychiatric inpatient services will be consolidated in the new hospital.

The new hospital will house a regional integrated cancer centre with four radiotherapy bunkers and the capacity to expand to six.

Will the new hospital have car parking?

The new hospital will have more than 1,300 car parks including a new multi-story car park on the Lucan Street site.

Where is the helipad?

The helipad will be located on top of the multi-deck car park. Patients will be transported to the hospital via the bridge over Arnold Street.

Will there be traffic lights at Mercy Street?

Works to be undertaken at the corner of Mercy and Barnard streets to make way for the new hospital entrance include the construction of a left turn lane and installation of traffic lights.

Will there be traffic lights at the Arnold/Drought Street intersection?

The traffic management study indicated that no traffic lights were required for this intersection.

HOW TO CONTACT THE PROJECT

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