

# Project Update

## Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital project



November 2024

Artist's impression: Clinical Services Building forecourt



# Community and stakeholder engagement summary for concept design release

Building a hospital involves three key phases – planning, design and delivery. The concept design release is part of the design phase.

The concept design for the new Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital project was publicly released in August 2024. It provided a first look at the contemporary health facilities at the Albury Campus.

Feedback highlighted support for the new designs, and the increase in healthcare services and contemporary facilities. There was also support for consolidating complex care on a single site and expanding mental health facilities.

[Read the full stakeholder engagement summary](https://infra.health.nsw.gov.au/awrh)



**More than 800 people** had their say on the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital redevelopment concept design.

The information sessions were attended by **more than 370 community members, almost 400 Albury Wodonga Health staff**, as well as stakeholders.



## It's a wrap! A look back at 2024 Project Community Advisory Group

The Project Community Advisory Group (PCAG) has actively contributed throughout 2024 to ensure the hospital design creates a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

The PCAG met seven times throughout the past 12 months to discuss and understand different aspects of the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital Project. The PCAG was established to provide feedback on the planning and design of the new hospital from a patient, lived experience, and community perspective. The PCAG was made up of community representatives from across the Albury Wodonga Health catchment area and reflected the diversity and unique character of the border communities.

The group provided input into areas such as landscaping, arts, the concept design, and they provided advice on engaging with the community. In early 2025, there will be an Expressions of Interest to recruit the next PCAG members. Previous PCAG members are encouraged to reapply. Register for updates via the project website.

To read the full report on their input visit [hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/awrh](https://hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/awrh)

## Recent community groups meetings

In November, the project team met with the Thurgoona Wirringa Community Action Group and the Corowa Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC). At Thurgoona, we hosted a drop-in information session to share project updates with the community. In Corowa, the LHAC and key members of other local community groups, attended a project briefing to understand key attributes of the project to support conversations with their respective communities.

If your community group is interested in receiving a briefing or organising a drop-in information session, please contact us at [HI-Albury@nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-Albury@nsw.gov.au) or call [\(02\) 9978 5444](tel:0299785444).

## Coming up in 2025

- Construction to start on Northeast Building, pending planning approval
- Schematic design finalisation for Clinical Services Building
- Preparation of statutory planning documents

### What is schematic design?

Schematic design is when detailed plans are made to show where clinical services and departments will go. It builds on the concept design and uses input from user groups.

## Staff contributions through Project User Groups

Project User Groups (PUGs) comprise of Albury Wodonga Health executives, clinical leads, doctors, nurses, administrative staff, and other healthcare personnel who will ultimately use the internal spaces being developed. Each group consists of eight people and is facilitated by the project architect, Hassell, and supported by an external Health Services and Facility Planner. These are run under the direction of Health Infrastructure and Albury Wodonga Health through established governance committees. As the project team engages with each department, they work closely with the specific PUG to refine and enhance the design at every stage of the process.

Over 35 PUG sessions have been held with staff which have been invaluable in shaping the design of the new hospital spaces.

### For more information

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