



## Construction on track

The site of the \$30m Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment is looking a lot different these days with a new landscape forming the footprint for the new hospital.

Main works started at the end of January and are progressing well with the preparation of the subgrade for the building pad and the continuation of civil works, including the installation of drainage, and water, electricity and comms connections. A retaining wall has also been constructed to support the building pad.

There has been with plenty of activity with trucks on site bringing in fill and carrying out associated earthworks. Once the building pad is complete, the hospital structure will start to be constructed.

The current hospital remains fully operational as the main works progress and we thank staff, patients and visitors for their patience and support as we build your new hospital.







THE OLD WATER TOWER BEING DISMANTLED READY TO BE MOVED TO ITS NEW HOME



## Reusing and recycling

Environmental Sustainability Design (ESD) is a key part of construction of the Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment, with the project team following Health Infrastructure's ESD framework to achieve its sustainability initiatives.

In addition to these initiatives, the redevelopment is demonstrating its commitment to the environment in other ways.

One of these is the donation of the old grey water tower, which was dismantled in January to make way for construction of the new hospital, to a local farmer to repurpose for use on his farm. The community can be reassured that the heritage-listed water tower which sits near the river on an adjacent property will not be demolished and will continue to keep watch over the hospital site for many years to come.





MICHAEL GILBY FACILITATING AN ARTS WORKSHOP AT BURONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL



## Arts collaboration with local schools

The Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment has created a wonderful opportunity for local schools to get involved through a School Arts Workshop Project.

Students from seven schools across the Wentworth region have been invited to participate in creating a large-scale art display for the new hospital over the next two school terms, in a program co-designed with Wentworth Health Service, local schools and Elders.

Up to 100 artworks created by students from the participating schools will be framed and installed along the central corridor of the new Health Service, reflecting stories of health and wellbeing on Country as interpreted by young people.

Health Infrastructure Arts Program Director Brigette Uren said the school arts project will not only create a featured art display, it will also provide an active learning opportunity to promote cultural knowledge.

“The redevelopment has a focus on Connecting with Country and this will be carried through the school arts program, providing an in-school cultural experience for students where information about the local Barkindji and Maraura people will be shared by a cultural facilitator,” she said.

Through the facilitator, students will learn about one or more of the following three themes and interpret the story their way to contribute to a whole installation of creative works that celebrate how we stay healthy together:

- Health and healing practices on Country
- Traditional bush medicine
- People at the hospital – workers, patients and carers

“Creative health and social care contribute to better value health and social care outcomes. These artworks are anything but decorative - engaging young people in the hospital design they will one day inherit is important for all of Wentworth’s social sustainability,” Brigette said.

“This will be one of the largest school projects we’ve ever undertaken at Health Infrastructure and I am excited that Wentworth will be setting a new benchmark through this initiative.”





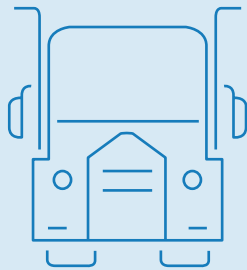
## Fast Fact

# 18,177 tonnes

of imported fill material has been used for the base of the new hospital footprint with approximately

# 532 truckloads

of fill brought in.



## About the Redevelopment

The NSW Government has committed \$30 million to providing comprehensive, accessible, culturally welcoming and consumer friendly health care services to support the needs of the entire Wentworth community.

The new Wentworth Health Service includes:

- A 19-bed Inpatient Unit
- Primary Ambulatory Care (Community Health Services)
- A new Urgent Care Centre
- A palliative care suite, which includes an inpatient room with a private terrace and an adjacent family lounge with views to the river
- A dedicated space for families which opens to a central, shared courtyard
- A gym with access to an outdoor courtyard
- Outdoor spaces and landscaping, including a Yarning Circle and native plants

Health Infrastructure, Far west Local Health District and Wentworth Health Service acknowledges the Traditional Custodians on whose lands the redevelopment project stands and pays respect to the peoples of the Barkindji Nation, the Traditional Owners of this land.

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