

Tamworth Mental Health Unit Project Update – June 2024

Sent to all Tamworth Hospital and HNELHD Mental Health Staff



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The NSW Government is progressing with work to deliver the new Tamworth Mental Health Unit which will provide enhanced mental health services for residents in Tamworth and surrounding communities. The project will deliver a new purpose-built facility with contemporary mental health services, including a direct connection to Tamworth Hospital, which will benefit patients and staff. The Tamworth Mental Health Unit is part of the NSW Government's \$700 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program.

Tower crane marks next stage

You may have noticed that a 31-metre-high crane has arrived to support construction of our new mental health unit.

This is an exciting step forward in delivering a new purpose-built facility for our hospital and Tamworth community.

Significant logistics are involved in transporting and installing a crane to deliver this type of work. The project team achieved this with minimal disruption to staff, patients and partners – and, most importantly, ensuring there was no disruption to emergency services.

The crane was delivered to the construction site in parts over a single day and assembled over the weekend. This activity created an interesting spectacle for onlookers who were able to watch as the crane was built from its tower base.

Standing at just over 31 metres high, the crane tower supports a 60-metre horizontal arm that will be used to lift the heavy components required in the construction of the three-level building.

Concrete pour

Other activity you may have noticed in recent weeks included driving 206 piles into the ground, along with retaining wall footings, in preparation for the concrete columns and slabs that provide the building's foundation.

The first main concrete pour will be happening soon. This will be for Level 2, which will ultimately contain all of the 37 inpatient beds, 12 more than in the current Banksia facility.

Watch out for the Works Notification for details.



Colouring-in competition

To help celebrate the crane's arrival, children up to age 12 are invited to take part in a colouring-in competition, with prizes in three age categories as well as a prize for the primary school that supplies the greatest number of entries.

The colouring-in sheet can be downloaded from the [project website](#). Entries close on Friday 12 July. Entries should go in the box at the Admissions Desk. There are also boxes in Dean House and Ronald McDonald House. The children of hospital campus staff are eligible to enter.

This will be followed by another competition, open to everyone, to name the crane. Keep an eye on the Hunter New England Local Health District's Facebook page for details.

Thanks to builder Hansen Yuncken for sponsoring the prizes.

For more information

If you have a question or would like to know more, email HI-Banksia@health.nsw.gov.au or visit the [project website](#).



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