

The NSW Government is working to deliver the new Tamworth Mental Health Unit as part of the \$700 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program. The new facility will provide the local community with contemporary mental health services, including a direct connection to Tamworth Hospital.

A concrete sign that things are happening

The first concrete pour was completed on 7 August. This is for Level 2 of the new building, which will be the main floor containing all 37 inpatient beds and will have a linkway between the facility and the hospital. Concrete pours for completion of Level 2, as well as for Levels 1 and 3, are proceeding over coming weeks.





Planning starts for the linkway construction

Members of the project team met with key hospital staff recently to discuss the new linkway connection to the ASB.

The priority is to ensure that interruption to clinical services is minimised, and stakeholders will continue to be consulted in the planning phase of this activity.

Stay tuned for more information on what to expect when construction starts on the linkway.

What's in a name?

Thank you to everyone who came up with creative names for our giant crane.

The Name the Crane competition has now closed, after an amazing 945 votes were cast by the community to choose one name for our crane.

The winner and two runners-up will be announced shortly, and the winning name attached to our crane.





Minister Rose Jackson pays us a visit

Mental Health Minister Rose Jackson was at Tamworth Hospital last month to take a first-hand look at progress on constructing a new mental health unit.

She said the new unit would be "a pillar of support for the community, providing wrap-around mental health services in a culturally welcoming and calm environment".

Pictured (from left) are Hansen Yuncken Project Manager Claire Betteridge, Minister Jackson and Health Infrastructure Executive Director Amanda Bock.

Winners of our crane colouring-in competition

Congratulations to the three young children who won our Colour the Crane Competition in their age categories.

Pictured (from left) are Director of Medical Services Dr Anil Nair and Quality Assurance Manager Kate Bowman, with winners Samantha Floyd, Kady and Lily Piper, (front) Zali Herden and Piper Floyd.



For more information about the project, email <u>HI-banksia@health.nsw.gov.au</u> or visit: hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/tamworth-mental-health-unit