

# Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program



Tamworth Mental Health Unit Works Notification – February 2024

## Work starts soon on new mental health unit

Health Infrastructure is preparing to start work on building a new mental health unit at Tamworth Hospital.

### Key dates

**12-14 February:** Fencing will be erected around the construction site (refer to site map at right).

**15-16 February:** Construction of the site compound on vacant land to the east of the hospital campus.

**Monday, 19 February:** The portion of Car Park B shown on the map with a dotted green line will be cordoned off at 6am. A traffic controller will be posted to release any cars within the car park and prevent any cars entering.

Early works last year involved creating extra parking spaces across the campus to more than compensate for the spaces that will be removed to make way for the new building.

**1-15 March:** Three vacant buildings within the construction zone will be demolished.

**March:** Construction is due to start and will be completed in 2025.

*Note: exact timing of construction activities may vary due to circumstances beyond our control, such as the weather.*

### Managing construction activity

We recognise that building new infrastructure can be disruptive to nearby residents, businesses and road users. All construction activities are carried out with the health and safety of the local community as our top priority.

During the construction period, we endeavour to keep noise, dust and vibration to a minimum and will make every effort to minimise impacts.



*This site map shows where temporary fencing will be erected around the construction zone, to the north of the main hospital building, starting with the fence shown in red on 12 February, followed by the fence shown in yellow on 14 February. The fence indicated by a green dotted line will enclose part of Car Park B starting on 19 February.*

We will monitor and manage access points throughout construction and may implement short term traffic control management and speed limit reductions when required. For your safety, please follow the directions of traffic controllers at all times.

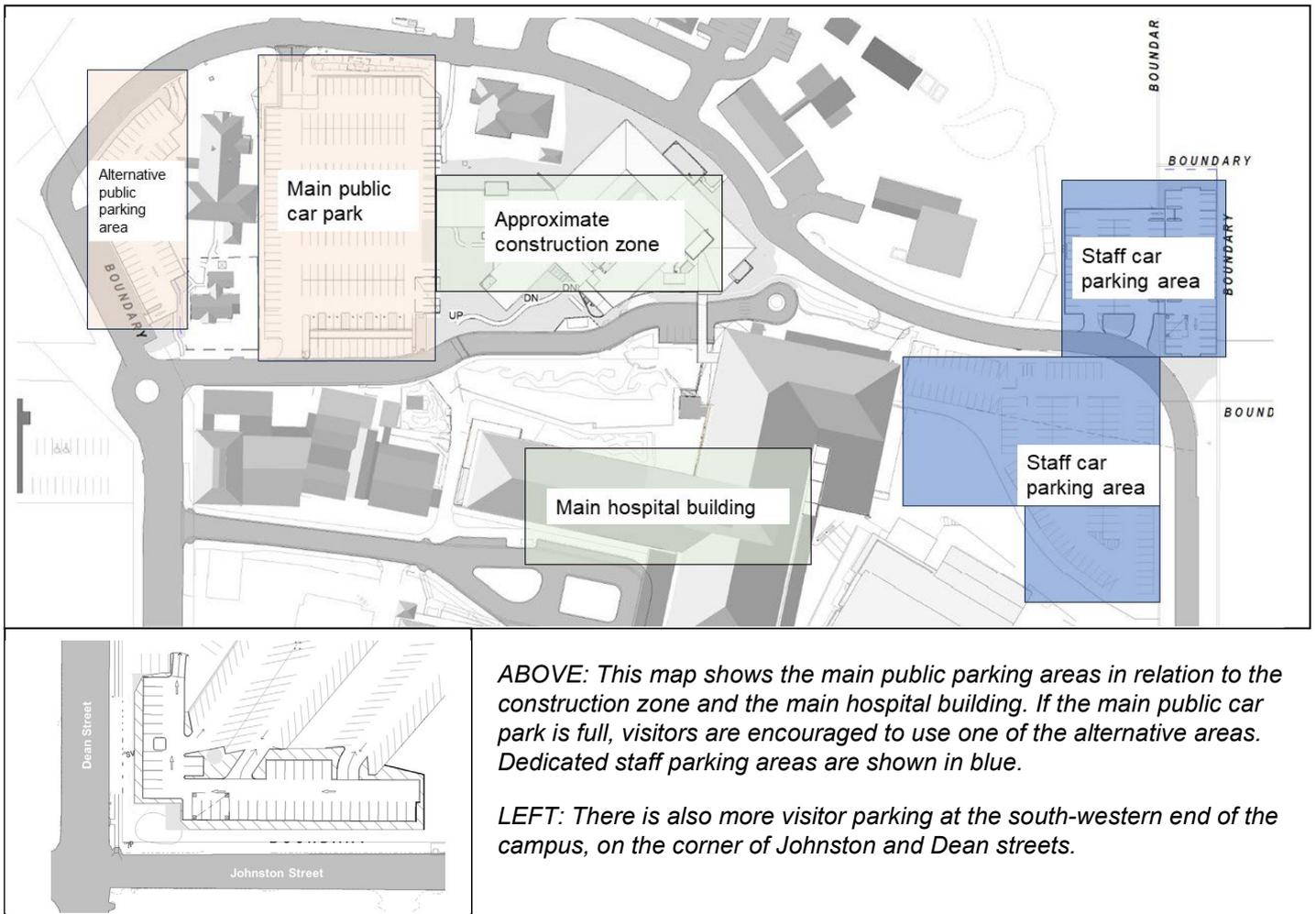
The builder's work times will be Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm, and Saturday between 8am and 1pm. Staff and neighbours will be informed of any changes to these days and times.

Thank you for your patience while we get started on this important health project for the Tamworth community.

### Construction site compound

The construction compound will be temporarily erected on the north-eastern side of the hospital campus, on part of a large parcel of vacant land with an existing temporary fence.

For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact [HI-Banksia@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-Banksia@health.nsw.gov.au).



*ABOVE: This map shows the main public parking areas in relation to the construction zone and the main hospital building. If the main public car park is full, visitors are encouraged to use one of the alternative areas. Dedicated staff parking areas are shown in blue.*

*LEFT: There is also more visitor parking at the south-western end of the campus, on the corner of Johnston and Dean streets.*

## Car parking arrangements

Extra car parking areas were created around the hospital campus last year to compensate for the loss of car park spaces in the construction zone. Overall, there will be 45 extra parking spaces.

If the main car park is full, follow the signs to alternative parking areas, as shown on the map above.

Hospital staff are encouraged not to park in the main public car park as this is reserved for visitors.

New disabled parking spaces will be created at the southern end of the main public car park.

## About the project

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 new facility will provide inpatient mental health services, including new inpatient beds for adolescents.

When the new unit is complete, all services within the old Banksia facility will be relocated to the new mental health unit.

The project team appreciates the valuable feedback from consumers, carers, staff, and the community, including the local Aboriginal community to help inform the design for the new facility.

The development is part of the NSW Government's \$700 million Statewide Mental Health Infrastructure Program.

## Keeping you informed

Regular updates will be issued on the project to staff, community and other stakeholders. The project team can be contacted via email: [HI-Banksia@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-Banksia@health.nsw.gov.au)

General information can be found by visiting our website:

<https://hneinfra.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/tamworth-mental-health-unit>

For questions about construction activities onsite, please contact Facility Planner Connie Matthews on 0410 837 518.