



The NSW Government is investing \$438 million to redevelop the Shoalhaven Hospital, delivering contemporary and expanded hospital services and integrated health facilities for the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.

The Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment will be the health hub for the region, providing most emergency, critical care, acute, sub-acute, and non-admitted services locally, reducing the need to transfer patients to Wollongong and Sydney.

Read about the latest news and developments in this project update.

What's the latest on the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment?

Construction is well underway for the seven-storey acute clinical services building. Led by our builder John Holland, this project is a significant step towards modernising and expanding our healthcare facilities.

Work is progressing well with site clearing, bulk excavations, piling, and in-ground services largely completed. Two tower cranes measuring 60 and 70 meters have been installed and can be seen from all viewpoints across Nowra.

A major milestone was reached earlier this year with the first concrete pour for the new building which will feature a new emergency department, intensive care unit, state-of-the-art operating theatres, and a new rooftop helipad.

You can keep up to date with all the project news by **subscribing to our mailing list** via our **Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment website**.

We thank you for your patience while we work to deliver a first-class healthcare facility for our community.



JANE THE CRANE

Local students name the cranes

The two tower cranes supporting the delivery of the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment have new names.

They are now officially known as “Larry the Lifter” and “Jane the Crane”, after being named by two local school students.

The ‘Name the Cranes’ competition received more than 100 entries from primary school children across the region, providing our community’s youngest residents the chance to engage in the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment.



COMPETITION WINNER, 12-YEAR-OLD NOWRA ANGLICAN COLLEGE STUDENT HUGH THIRLWALL WITH LIZA BUTLER MP AND RHYS COLLUM FROM JOHN HOLLAND.

12-year-old Nowra Anglican College student Hugh Thirlwall came up with the name ‘Larry the Lifter’ explaining that, “a crane looks a lot like a flipped L and for some reason cranes always remind of the name Larry.”

10-year-old Jack Bartlett from Pleasant Heights Primary School picked the name ‘Jane the Crane.’

“Jane the Crane is here to keep away the pain,” said Jack, explaining the reason for his choice.

Both students were announced as the winners of the ‘Name the Cranes’ competition at a naming ceremony held on site on Monday 29 January 2024.

Flags with the winning names, Jane and Larry, are now flying high on the cranes, which stand at 60 and 70 meters.



COMPETITION WINNER 10-YEAR-OLD JACK BARTLETT FROM PLEASANT HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH LIZA BUTLER MP

Member for South Coast Liza Butler attended the naming ceremony and congratulated Hugh, Jack and the other students who submitted entries.

“It was fantastic to see so many schools embrace the opportunity to help name our new cranes, which will be landmarks in the region as we progress construction of the new hospital,” Ms Butler said.

The winning names, along with several runners up, were selected by staff at Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, Health Infrastructure, representatives from construction contractor John Holland and project managers, Johnstaff.



WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP OF THE ‘NAME THE CRANES’ COMPETITION



Concrete pouring has commenced

The first concrete pour for the new seven-storey acute clinical services building has taken place, marking a major milestone for the project.

The concrete forms part of the slab for the lower ground floor of the new building, which will house the pharmacy, mortuary, kitchen and back of house facilities along with the Shoalhaven Street entry.

Construction of the acute clinical services building commenced in April 2023, following extensive consultation with clinicians, staff, and the wider community.

The redevelopment is already supporting hundreds of local jobs. There has been a commitment to ensure that 50% of the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment workforce locally and this target has to date been consistently exceeded.

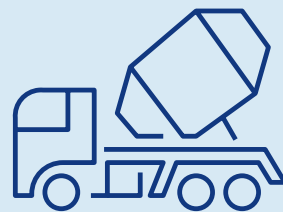
The project is expected to support around 800 direct jobs during construction and thousands of indirect jobs over its life.

Shoalhaven Hospital Fun Fact

Do you know how many cubic meters of concrete will be required for a project the size and scale of the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment? Do you know how much all the reinforcement would weigh or how many door handles will be needed?

We asked our construction team to give us a fun fact about the hospital redevelopment.

Stay tuned for more fun facts in upcoming newsletters.



Concrete

16,693 cubic metres of concrete – more than 2,300 full concrete trucks

Project timeline

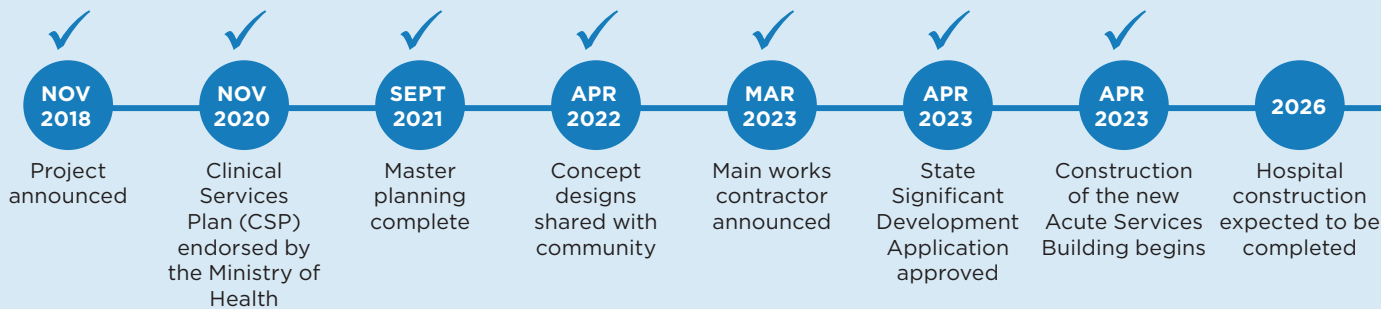


Photo gallery

Check out some more photos from the Name the Cranes event.

