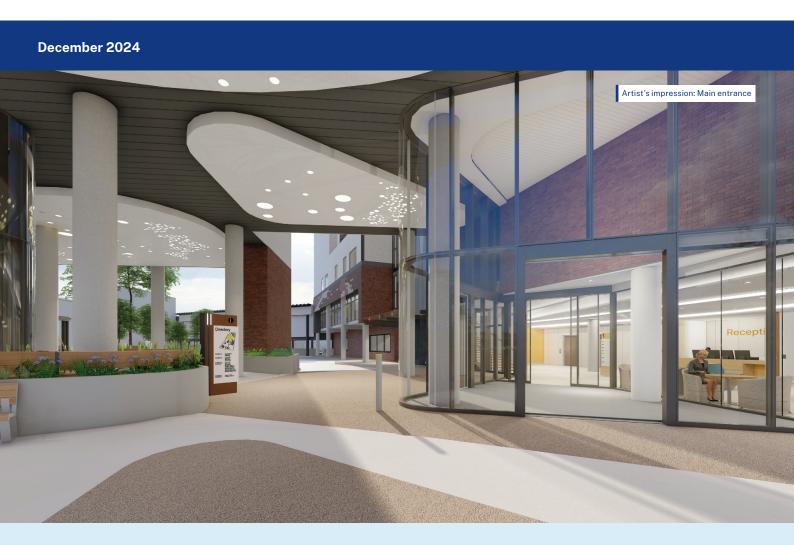


## **Project update** Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment



# A health hub for the region

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 of the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment is progressing well and remains on schedule to deliver enhanced medical services for the local community.

Construction of the northern section of Level 7 and the western section of Level 6 is well-advanced, while the lift core has reached Level 4, on its way to Level 8 to support the future helipad.

The Ambulance Bay and Loading Dock are nearing completion, marking key steps in the project's development.

Internal fit-out works, including the installation of services, wall frames, and some sheeting, are underway. Meanwhile, external cladding is being installed, and brickwork has commenced on the lower levels.

Early works have commenced on the main entrance road, extending from North Street to the site of the new main entry.

The next major milestone is 'topping out', or reaching the highest point of the building, which expected in early 2025.

For more information about the redevelopment visit the project website:

shoalhavenredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au



## **Project timeline**



## Flythrough video brings redevelopment to life

A new flythrough video has been released showcasing the \$438 million Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment, providing the community with a virtual tour of the new 7-storey hospital building and campus.

The virtual tour brings to life the new acute clinical services building, revealing a modern, patient-centred design with spacious waiting areas, comfortable treatment rooms, and a green landscape that promotes healing and wellbeing.

#### To watch the video

Scan the QR code or visit the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment project page: shoalhavenredevelopment. health.nsw.gov.au



### Fun fact

We're making sure staff and patients stay connected as part of the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment.

The new Acute Services Building includes 8,780 power points.

Now that's a truly shocking fact!

Stay tuned for more fun facts in upcoming newsletters.



### Meet Albert Vasquez

### Clinical Infrastructure Manager, Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District



Albert Vasquez is playing a crucial role in the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment project, making sure the clinical needs of the hospital are at the forefront of planning and design. As we head towards the end of 2024, we asked Albert to reflect back on the year and tell us what he's looking forward to in 2025.

# Could you tell us a bit about you and your role on the Shoalhaven Hospital redevelopment?

My background is in intensive care. I moved into hospital management and landed in the world of clinical infrastructure almost 15 years ago. I work with clinicians and hospital staff to deliver fit-for-purpose infrastructure that allows clinicians to meet patient care needs.

# What do you enjoy most about your role on the project?

Working collaboratively with a vast range of team members and stakeholders to deliver the project. One team, one dream! The privilege of being able to see the project delivered and feel a sense of reward that we were part of the journey.

# As we approach the end of 2024, what would you say are the project's biggest achievements this year?

Being able to deal with and resolve all the project challenges thrown our way and remain ready to meet the next challenge.

Certainly, the progress of the new acute services block is a true testament of the builder's hard work, along with all the decisions made by the Shoalhaven Hospital team to get it out of the ground.

#### Did anything surprise you?

Thankfully no, not much surprises me anymore. My team's dedication and hard work and their commitment to getting the job done always makes me feel very proud!

# Looking ahead to 2025, what aspects of the redevelopment are you most excited about?

Next year is all about operational commissioning and getting ready for GO LIVE in 2026!

I'm looking forward to working closely with the Shoalhaven team to deliver the new hospital and make sure it's ready for the community. There's going to be lots of planning, organising, coordinating and collaborating with internal and external stakeholders as well as the wider Illawarra Shoalhaven community. And we're up for the challenge!

# In three words, could you describe the redevelopment and what it will deliver for the people of the Shoalhaven?

Healthcare closer to home.



# Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment Team raises more than \$12,000 for Movember

The Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment team has come together to support men's health this Movember, raising an impressive \$12,136.07.

The fundraising initiative was a collective effort, involving staff from John Holland, Johnstaff, the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District, as well as subcontractors and trade suppliers working on the redevelopment project.

As part of the fundraising initiatives, more than 200 workers and staff came together on 27 November for a BBQ and to participate in a raffle, raising \$3,605 on the day.

Prizes were donated by Johnstaff, John Holland, and many of the subcontractors and suppliers working on the project.

Rhys Collum, Project Manager at John Holland and the driving force behind the campaign, praised the team's commitment to making a meaningful impact.

"It's inspiring to see so many people come together to support such an important cause," Rhys said. "Movember is about more than growing moustaches; it's about starting conversations and raising awareness for men's health issues.

"The support from our team and partners has been incredible."

The funds raised will contribute to Movember's initiatives, including mental health support, suicide prevention, and research into prostate and testicular cancer.



## Happy holidays

On behalf of the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment team, we wish you a safe and happy festive season and thank you for your ongoing support.



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