

Grampians Health

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Horsham staff accommodation

On Wednesday Grampians Health announced a partnership with local developer Elmstone Property Group to deliver healthcare staff accommodation in Horsham.

A shortage in accommodation is one of the biggest barriers to attracting qualified staff to the region, and we have explored numerous solutions to this issue, to ensure we can meet the amalgamation commitment to grow a sustainable healthcare workforce, locally.

The \$8.3 million development will comprise thirty-six serviced units, positioned in a secure complex close to the Wimmera Base Hospital. Elmstone Property Group is currently undertaking due diligence on a potential building site and is expected to commence building the apartments in the next six months.

All apartments will be self-contained with individual bathrooms and private kitchenettes, and four apartments are of accessible design to cater for staff and families with accessibility needs. Each complex can be configured flexibly to meet the needs of singles, couples, and/or small families.

The benefit to the local community extends beyond Grampians Health staffing needs, as it will also free up rental accommodation currently occupied by staff, which will provide much needed options for the broader community.

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At the announcement of the Horsham staff accommodation project - Chris Sounness (Wimmera Development Association), Stuart Benjamin (Elmstone Property Group), Robyn Gulline (Horsham Mayor), Sunil Bhalla (CEO Horsham Rural City Council), and Dale Fraser (Grampians Health CEO).

Community consultation sessions

During May community consultation sessions were held in Stawell, Horsham and Edenhope as an extension of previous consultations on the Grampians Health development.

The sessions were designed to update community members on its strategic planning progress to date, and seek feedback on the direction of the clinical services plan. They took community members through the journey of the strategic plan development and what we've heard in our conversations to date. Discussions were also held on the scope of the clinical services plan and the preliminary analysis of data that has guided its formation.

The sessions were a welcome opportunity to have honest and robust conversations with community members. Open discussions with community members will continue as Grampians Health evolves.

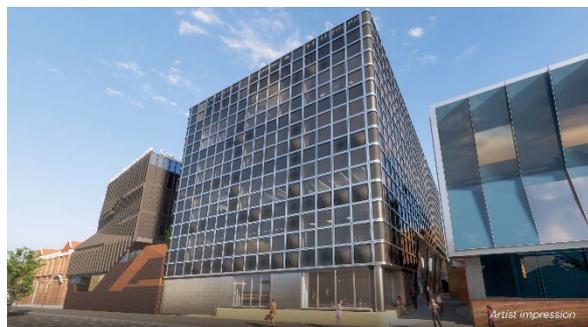
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New Ballarat Base artist impression

State Health Minister Martin Foley recently visited Grampians Health to release a new artist impression of what the first building to be constructed as part of the \$541.6 million Ballarat Base Hospital Redevelopment will look like. The building will house a state-of-the-art pharmacy, pathology and Education and Learning Centre.

Demolition works are currently underway to pave the way for this new building, with construction to commence later this year.

The [Ballarat Base Hospital Redevelopment](#) is on schedule for completion in 2027 and once completed will have the capacity to treat at least 18,000 more emergency patients and an extra 14,500 inpatients.



Artist's impression of the new Ballarat Base Hospital building



Health Minister Martin Foley with Grampians Health CEO Dale Fraser, Board Chair Bill Brown, Chief of Redevelopment and Infrastructure Melanie Robertson and Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison

Other news

- The newly appointed chair of Grampians Health's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is confident that the public will have plenty of input into the provision and implementation of its services. [Read more](#)
- Grampians Health – Edenhope is pleased to welcome Ashleigh Mayberry. Based out of the Health & Wellbeing Hub Ashleigh provides occupational therapy services to the Edenhope community as well as the Hospital, Acute Ward and the Aged Care Facility. [Read more](#)
- On Thursday 2 June, Grampians Health launched a support network for Professionals with Alzheimer's (PALZ) in the Ballarat area. [Read more](#)
- For the dedicated who gather each year at the Anzac Day dawn service, Ray Buckley had always been a familiar presence, enacting ceremonial roles in full military uniform. At the 2021 service, Ray was dressed as General Monash and his role was to light the cauldron and hand the torch to the elder soldier. In 2022, Ray was to play the same role but sadly, he was not well enough to do so ... yet through the dedication of a special medical team, he was able to attend the service. [Read more](#)
- Grampians Health part of Australia-first clinical trial into treatment for preschool wheeze. [Read more](#)
- Grampians Health dentist visits Edenhope kinder. [Read more](#)
- Grampians Health's new Kurrajong Lodge manager is a great example of the importance of staff development. [Read more](#)
- The Ballarat Fundraising team have launched their end-of-financial-year tax appeal, asking the community to 'Give the gift of sound' to raise money for a state-of-the-art newborn hearing diagnostic machine. [Read more](#)
- Aged care residents at Grampians Health's Horsham and Dimboola campuses were given a choice of what items they wanted after a recent donation from Wimmera Health Care Group's Ladies Auxiliary. The auxiliary donated three \$2000 cheques to Dimboola, Kurrajong Lodge and Wimmera Nursing home and the managers chose to survey the residents to see what they most wanted. [Read more](#)

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