

The new Bendigo Hospital

Victoria's largest regional hospital investment



The Victorian Government has committed \$473 million for the development of the new Bendigo Hospital.

The new Bendigo Hospital will be the largest regional hospital development in Victoria's history and one of the largest hospital projects across Australia.

The new hospital will have the capacity to meet projected growth for health services in Bendigo and the greater Loddon Mallee region, treating an extra 10,000 acute patients every year.

This investment builds on the \$55 million that was allocated in last years budget for the first stage of the redevelopment of the Bendigo Hospital. This involved redeveloping existing facilities to ensure that patients would receive world class care while a new hospital is being built, as well as preliminary works to clear the site for the new facility.

A stronger, healthier Bendigo

The integrated facilities of the new Bendigo Hospital will provide better inpatient and ambulatory care as well as additional resources to fight Australia's number one killer, cancer.

The project will build a new acute hospital, a new mental health facility, additional inpatient beds and a refurbished ambulatory care centre.

Features of the new hospital will include:

- 376 acute beds, with an increase of 135 acute beds
- additional Emergency Department capacity, with 34 cubicles

- 8 operating theatres
- a new helipad to provide faster transports for critically ill patients to and from the hospital
- more than triple the number of oncology chairs for chemotherapy patients
- an additional radiotherapy bunker fitted out with a linear accelerator
- a new purpose-built 75 bed mental health facility, which consolidates the current mental health services split across three sites and provides an additional 33 beds
- doubling the renal dialysis chairs to 24
- a new integrated women's and children's facility with six delivery suites, 25 maternity beds, 15 special care nursery cots, 16 child and adolescent beds and six consulting rooms.

Care closer to home

The Victorian Government is committed to treating patients as close to home as possible. The new facility expands Bendigo Health's role in providing health care services and means that people living in country Victoria will have access to hospital and health facilities closer to where they live.

The new Bendigo Hospital is designed to meet the demand and future growth for health services across Bendigo and the Loddon Mallee region.

Next steps

The new development is designed to make best use of the current facilities, including the expansion already underway. Heritage buildings will be maintained as an important link to Bendigo's past.

The existing hospital will remain fully operational throughout construction.

Creating more jobs

The new Bendigo Hospital project will create 735 direct construction jobs.

Enabling works have already commenced and the new hospital is expected to be completed in 2016.

The development will have an environmentally sustainable design, providing a safe and healthy environment for patients, staff and visitors.