Casey Hospital Expansion Project Update  
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Casey Hospital Expansion Project kicks off

Major construction works on the $135 million redevelopment of Casey Hospital are now underway.

In October 2017, Monash Health Chief Executive Andrew Stripp and Board Chair Barbara Yeoh AM were joined by Premier Daniel Andrews, Minister for Health Jill Hennessy and local members Luke Donnellan and Judith Graley to celebrate the project milestone and turn the first sod.

The major expansion will deliver 160 new beds, the hospital’s first intensive care unit, six new operating theatres and a new day surgery unit.

It will see Casey Hospital treat more than 25,000 extra patients, perform an extra 8,000 procedures and support an extra 1,300 births annually, enabling it to meet the soaring demand for health care in Melbourne’s south east.

The emergency department short stay unit will be redeveloped and a new central sterilising supply department will be added. The project will upgrade the pharmacy and back-of-house areas, and refurbish café and retail areas. An additional 333 car parking spaces will also be delivered.

The City of Casey is one of the fastest growing areas in Australia, and the third fastest growing in Victoria. Its population has an average growth of 7,300 per year and is expected to hit 495,000 by 2036. It is also home to the biggest baby boom, with 86 babies born weekly.

Local resident and new mum Bianca said: “I live locally, so to know that there’ll be more services here in Berwick is great. It’s been great to have my baby this close to home.”

“Today we’re digging in and getting on with building a bigger, better Casey Hospital redevelopment for families in the south east, so they can access the high quality care they deserve, close to home,” said Premier Daniel Andrews.

This project is also a big win for the local economy, with 92 jobs created during construction, including 21 apprenticeships. It will be built with 85 per cent locally sourced supply and is on track to be completed by late 2019.

Construction company Watpac are the appointed builders for the expansion project.
Welcome to the latest update on the Casey Hospital Expansion Project.

Expanding Casey Hospital is a great step forward for the local community and for our clinicians at Monash Health. We’re looking forward to the new operating theatres and the 160 new beds which mean more local families will be able to receive healthcare for complex conditions close to home.

The project is on track and officially started when we welcomed the Victorian Premier the Hon Daniel Andrews MP and Victorian Minister for Health and Ambulance Services the Hon Jill Hennessey MP to turn the first sod of soil – a common milestone for construction projects after months of planning, consultation and design.

In this update, you can read more about the project, when it will be completed, and important changes to car parking and visiting the hospital during construction.

For more information about the project, please:

- visit monashhealth.org/caseyhospitalexpansion
- contact caseyexpansion@monashhealth.org
- or vhhsba.vic.gov.au

Andrew Stripp
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### Access to Casey Hospital during redevelopment

During the construction period, there will be changes to public and visitor access, however clinical services will continue to operate as per normal.

While works are completed for the new car park, some parking spaces will be relocated to other areas on the Casey Hospital site to ensure the total number of parking spaces, at any point during construction, are no less than the number of spaces at the start of the project.

The hospital’s main pedestrian entrance has been temporarily relocated to the allied health entrance while works occur to extend the existing entry forecourt, accommodate a new café area at ground level, and begin construction of Monash University’s education hub.

A canopy has been constructed to offer patients and families an undercover drop-off and pick-up zone outside the allied health entrance, and five-minute parking spots are located nearby.

Access is also available through the emergency department corridor for patients requiring drop-off and presentation to emergency. The main entrance will reopen in late July 2018.

The Casey Hospital redevelopment is expected to be open to patients by late 2019.

Map showing access to Casey Hospital during the redevelopment.

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Theatre Suite Nurse Manager Yolandie Whitehead-Bell and Head of Anaesthesia Shashikanth Manikappi are hard at work establishing plans for how the theatre suite will operate when the expansion is completed in 2019.

Staff engagement in the planning process for the operating theatres was extremely important, to ensure the new theatre suite will provide excellent care and patient experience.

“I began consulting on a working group during the early stages of design and planning, advocating for the community and ensuring our staff are involved in the planning process,” Ms Whitehead-Bell said.

“Staff have provided input into the design, workflow, model of care and ongoing review of the proposed plans for the theatre suite.”

Dr Manikappa said the expanded Casey Hospital will be able to manage a higher acuity of patients.

“With the expanded theatre, ICU and day surgery capacity, we’ll be able to manage more severe and complex cases here at Casey,” Dr Manikappa said.

Galvanizing the team at Monash Health around key messages and goals, Monash Health designed a visual presentation to help engage key stakeholders and the community.

Project scope

- **12-bed intensive care unit**
- **136 multiday inpatient beds**
- **6 additional operating theatres**
- **12-bed dedicated day surgery unit**
- **Refurbished paediatric and adult short stay unit**
- **Refurbished back-of-house and support facilities**
- **2 refurbished operating theatres**
- **New Education hub for Monash University**
- **283 additional staff car parks**
- **50 additional public car parks**
- **New café**

In the spotlight: Operating theatres

L-R: Lynda Yee, Sharon Spreckley, Mira lyn De Erio, Fiona Kozub, Yolandie Whitehead-Bell, Paul Piemonte, Jodie Higgins and Lisa Edmead.

Construction timeline

- **September 2017**
  - Construction begins
- **October 2017**
  - Main entrance is temporarily relocated to the allied health entrance
- **March 2018**
  - New staff car park opens
- **Mid 2018**
  - Main front entry, new café and education hub open
- **Early 2019**
  - Expanded pathology and pharmacy open and refurbished support areas complete
- **Early-mid 2019**
  - Additional operating theatres and short stay unit open
- **September 2019**
  - Day surgery unit, intensive care and inpatient units open

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