

Frequently Asked Questions

Women's and Children's Hospital Upgrade

A major upgrade of the Women's and Children's Hospital is under way so that we can continue to provide the highest quality of care while planning continues for a new hospital

The upgrades are addressing high-priority clinical and infrastructure requirements in a number of areas.

Initial funding of \$50 million has been directed to upgrading our Operating Theatres, our inpatient mental health ward (now known as Mallee Ward), the Paediatric Emergency Department and our Neonatal Nurseries.

Additional funding of \$30.3 million, announced in January 2022, will allow for an upgrade of the Paediatric Emergency Department, an upgrade to the Adolescent Ward, as well as engineering site infrastructure upgrades and replacement of biomedical equipment.

Why is the South Australian Government spending money to upgrade the existing Women's and Children's Hospital when there are plans to build a new hospital?

Part of the State Government's commitment to build the new Women's and Children's Hospital requires the existing ageing hospital to be sustained in a 'fit for purpose' state while planning continues for a new world-class hospital.

The State Government's priority is to maintain safe and quality care for consumers, families and staff during this time.

What do the \$50M and \$30.3M redevelopment works include?

These upgrades include:

- > Operating Theatres refurbishment in their current locations
- > Paediatric Emergency Department redevelopment, with improved triage area, dedicated mental health assessment spaces and three extra treatment areas
- > Child and Adolescent Mental Health Ward relocation and redevelopment to create an outdoor space and a high dependency area
- > Neonatal Nursery redevelopment to expand the treatment space providing better access for families and staff
- > Engineering and ICT infrastructure upgrades
- > Upgrade to infrastructure, including fire, electrical, lift, hydraulic, mechanical and building fabric (roof/ facade)
- > Paediatric Emergency Department upgrade including clinical spaces.
- > Adolescent Ward upgrade to existing facilities to meet consumer presentation needs. Replacement of biomedical equipment including pendants, patient monitoring, surgical tools, pneumatic tube enhancements.



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How were the priority projects selected?

The identification of the priority projects followed extensive consultation with clinical and non-clinical staff throughout the feasibility, concept and design development stages of this project.

What does the new Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Unit include?

The redevelopment of the old Boylan Ward has resulted in the creation of Mallee Ward which includes an outdoor space and a high dependency area.

The new inpatient unit has individual rooms with ensuites, quiet rooms, and a dedicated space for families, a sensory room, and consulting spaces to provide a variety of options for staff to provide patient care.

Patients now have access to larger recreation, lounge and dining spaces and a kitchen in the new unit.

What do the Operating Theatres sustainment works include?

The Operating Theatres refurbishment includes upgrading the heating ventilation and air conditioning systems as well as the ceiling, flooring and wall surfaces to support infection prevention.

The refurbishment also included upgrading the theatre supply room and induction rooms to create a child friendly atmosphere for children undergoing treatment.

What does the Neonatal Nurseries redevelopment include?

The Neonatal Nurseries redevelopment has expanded the treatment space to provide better access for families and staff, dedicated person and family centred spaces and a new parents' lounge and family care unit.

The redevelopment has enabled us to implement new models of care prior to relocating to the new Women's and Children's Hospital.

What does the Paediatric Emergency Department redevelopment include?

The redevelopment of the Paediatric Emergency Department includes an improved triage area, dedicated mental health assessment spaces, larger waiting areas, three additional multi-purpose treatment areas, an additional isolation room, as well as improved clinical support areas and age appropriate spaces. Subsequent works to clinical spaces in our Emergency Department will commence in late 2022.

Have staff been consulted?

Extensive consultation and engagement has occurred with clinical and non-clinical staff throughout the feasibility, concept and design development stages of this project.

Engagement has continued throughout the construction phase to ensure we actively work to minimise disruption to staff, our patients and their families.

How can I provide feedback about the sustainment works?

Questions regarding the sustainment works can be sent to the project team at: health.WCHNCapitalProjects@sa.gov.au.

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