

# New Bundaberg Hospital

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Artist impression

## Latest artist impressions unveiled for your new Bundaberg Hospital

New artist impressions have been unveiled giving locals a glimpse into what their new Bundaberg Hospital may look like.

Project architects have drawn inspiration from the surrounding natural environment to provide a welcoming atmosphere for patients, their families and carers and staff.

The design concept, 'Stories of the Land,' emphasises connections

to the natural environment and heritage, and centres around three themes: Water, Geology, and Land.

The Burnett River, creeks, and the Great Barrier Reef's southern tip symbolise life, renewal, and the connection between water and health.

The grounding textures of the local geology, characterised by its volcanic coastlines and productive agricultural soil, form the bedrock

of the new health precinct. This evokes a sense of solidity and fosters a connection to Country.

The region's agricultural patchwork, 'tastiest food bowl' status, and diverse flora and fauna are woven into the architectural narrative, honouring the land's evolving tapestry and integrating modern agriculture with Indigenous landscapes.

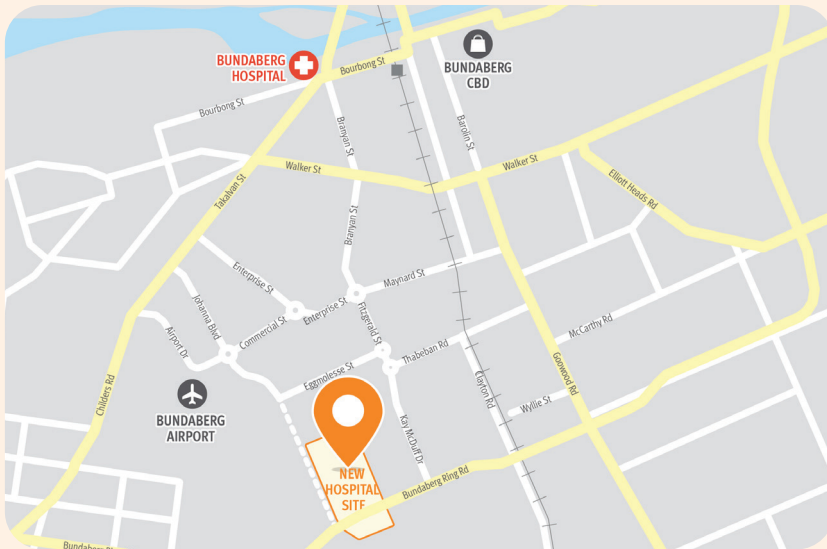


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## Where is the new hospital site?



The Queensland Government announced the location for the new Bundaberg Hospital in 2020.

For those who have just relocated to our wonderful region or are unfamiliar with the new site, your new hospital will be located on a large block of land adjacent to the Bundaberg Ring Road, west of Kay McDuff Drive (pictured).

The site was selected for several reasons. It's easy to access, on high ground and only about five kilometres from the central business district. Emergency services, the airport and an aeromedical base are nearby. The natural setting will also help patients heal and recover. There's also enough room to expand the hospital in the future, when needed.

## Health and Education Precinct

Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) is leading the development of a concept masterplan for a future health and education precinct, for the land surrounding the new Bundaberg Hospital. This collaborative effort involves key partners including Department of State Development and Infrastructure, Queensland Health (Department of Health and Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service), and Bundaberg Regional Council.

The goals for this masterplan include the following:

- ▶ To harness economic growth from the new Bundaberg Hospital through the identification and planning of

complementary infrastructure and future development within the Health and Education Precinct

- ▶ To create a vibrant destination for the new Bundaberg Hospital with an engaging entry point for staff, patients, visitors, and the broader region
- ▶ To identify and plan out future enabling infrastructure and development in a coordinated manner.

EDQ is committed to engaging with key stakeholders throughout the masterplan's preparation to ensure it reflects the collective vision and needs of the community.



## Early works construction update

Early construction works on the new Bundaberg Hospital project are progressing well, with clearing activities almost complete and bulk earthworks expected to start in the coming weeks in preparation of building platforms.

This will require 50,000 cubic metres of fill being brought onto site to establish the platforms up to the level of the building ground floor. In addition to bulk earthworks, some sewer main works will occur to provide connection to the site. Piling activities are due to commence later this year.

As part of the species management process, a number of animals were relocated to new habitats prior to clearing activities occurring.

The project team has also been stockpiling logs, which will be repurposed for use within the new hospital landscape design, for the construction of nesting boxes and for other purposes.

Cultural Heritage field officers are also continuing to work collaboratively with the project team to ensure the preservation of any potential Cultural Heritage artifacts or items of significance.

CPB Contractors is also delivering the design of the new hospital, which is on track to be finished in the coming months.



## Delivering a culturally welcome and safe facility

We recently held a cultural considerations information session for our First Nations community to learn more about the project.

It's important that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who use the new hospital feel culturally welcome, safe and able to access compassionate and equitable care.

It was a great opportunity for the project team, Elders and community members to share information about artwork, landscaping, signage and language, design, storytelling, construction and future employment opportunities for the new hospital. We'd like to thank everyone who took time out of their day to share their stories and ideas, which the design team found to be really valuable.

You can read more about how we're working to deliver a culturally safe and welcoming facility for all [here](#).

We're looking forward to holding more information sessions for the broader community later this year.



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## CPB Contractors toolbox talk

The new Bundaberg Hospital early works team is getting up close and personal with the site's fauna and flora each morning, discussing local Indigenous and scientific names as part of their daily 'Toolbox Talk', prior to the day's construction activities.

CPB Contractors' Senior Supervisor Andrew Drummond said the team chose a daily animal or plant of the day to talk about during the daily 'Toolbox Talks', which encourages team bonding and education of local flora and fauna, as well as the sharing of knowledge of Indigenous culture and languages relating to species found in the area.

"We were also recently introduced to native bees and looked at 'bush tools', with the Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust team looking at various timbers from around site used to make items

like boomerangs, didgeridoos and clapsticks," he said.

Andrew said some of the fauna and flora recognised to date on site of the new Bundaberg Hospital included echidna, wedgetail eagle, grass tree, scar tree, brush tail possum, barn owl and yabby.

Here are just a few examples of the team's learnings (recognising spelling can differ between different local traditional owner groups including Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda and neighbouring groups across the region):

**Echidna** = Gehge (Gooreng Gooreng), Tachyglossidae (Science)

**Wedgetail Eagle** = Goolar (Gooreng Gooreng), Aquila audax (Science)

**Scar tree** = Coolamon (Gooreng Gooreng)

**Brush tail possum** = Dilal (Gooreng Gooreng)



**Barn owl** = Nyarla (Gooreng Gooreng)

**Yabby** = Boogli (Gooreng Gooreng).

Thanks to the local Elders for their help in providing some of these names as well!

## Building and attracting new pipelines of talent

We recognise the increased competition for health workers, evolving skill requirements and the complexities in regional healthcare delivery, which is why we're actively working to ensure we have the right people, with the right skills in the right place at the right time when your new hospital opens.

Below are just a few of the initiatives we've underway to help us futureproof our workforce:

- ▶ We have our established award-winning Regional Medical Pathway – a medical education and training pathway pioneered by CQUniversity, The University of Queensland, and the Central Queensland and Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services – enabling students to complete their entire medical studies locally. We've designed this program to increase our medical workforce in rural and remote areas.
- ▶ We have representation on the Bundaberg Regional Jobs Committee, locally known as Jobs Bundaberg, which aims to support the growth and development of a strong, capable and skilled workforce across industry sectors.

- ▶ We continue to have a strong presence at local career expos, the Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo, Brisbane Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo and Sunshine Coast Career Expo (pictured), promoting existing and future workforce opportunities at Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service, and the fantastic lifestyle our region offers.
- ▶ We regularly visit local schools to promote the benefits of a career in healthcare and the opportunities to study health-related courses locally (pictured).

We're always looking for talented people to join our team and help provide high quality health care to the Wide Bay community.

Whether you're a high school student, school leaver, early career, under-graduate, graduate, or career changer wishing to enter the health workforce, you'll find information about career opportunities [here](#).



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## Multi-disciplinary hospital project team embraces 'one team' approach

Designing and constructing a new hospital is an incredibly complex and detailed process and requires us to draw on the expertise of a wide range of fields.

With such a diverse project team, made up of project directors and managers, builders, architects, interior designers, engineers, clinical and information technology experts, health planners and many wonderful support professionals – each working to deliver their individual priorities – collaboration is key to delivering a successful project.

As a team building exercise, our WBHHS clinical service planning lead, Lorraine, generously hosted a 'Mexican fiesta' earlier this year, taking advantage of the project team being in Bundaberg for design workshops.

The informal fiesta (and delicious food!) was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with many commenting on how wonderfully the team is working together to deliver such a vital piece of infrastructure for the region.



For more information about the project and to sign up to get the latest news, announcements and project updates delivered straight to your inbox, visit:

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