



Burudyara Concord Forensic Mental Health Unit

Forensic mental health consumers will soon receive rehabilitation treatment in a new, purpose-built facility at the Concord Centre for Mental Health, Sydney Local Health District as part of the NSW Government's state-wide investment in mental health.

Located adjacent to Concord Hospital and expanding on its existing forensic mental health services, the new facility will provide low and medium secure mental health beds. A partnership between Health Infrastructure and Sydney Local Health District, the facility will complement the \$341 million redevelopment of Concord Hospital and \$32.4 million multi-storey car park currently under construction.

Forensic mental health is a specialist area of the mental health system that provides assessment, care and treatment to people with mental illness who are, or have been, in contact with the criminal justice system.

It is important that Burudyara provides consumers and staff an environment in which they feel safe so they are able to participate purposefully in therapeutic activities. For this reason, the security of the facility is of utmost importance, and leave or community access will be strictly regulated.

Part of the NSW Government's \$700 million State-wide Mental Health Infrastructure Program (SWMHIP), this investment will meet the needs and improve the capacity of NSW Health's forensic mental health system, treating consumers in a mental health facility with a treatment level that best supports their recovery.

Construction of the facility is expected to start in early 2024 and is due for completion by late 2025.

Planning and design

The new facility will be named 'Burudyara' (BOO-ruh-d-YA-ruh) a local Aboriginal dialect word for butterfly, in line with NSW Health's approach to building a stronger connection between our facilities and the land on which they're built.

Currently in the planning phase, Burudyara is a low and medium secure facility with therapeutic and recovery-oriented practices and procedures, which focus on acknowledging the unique needs of each individual.

Extensive consultation with staff, carers and people with lived experience of mental health issues is at the centre of the planning and design process, to ensure these new services deliver appropriate and contemporary models of care.

Design principles

Once complete, Burudyara will be a secure, modern, and welcoming place for staff, consumers and visitors, where the best quality of care can be provided.

The environment is designed to feel safe and homely, with special domestic features and comforts, while also providing a secure and safe environment for all.

Providing private and social spaces throughout, consumers will have the opportunity to interact or retreat to aid with recovery and rehabilitation.

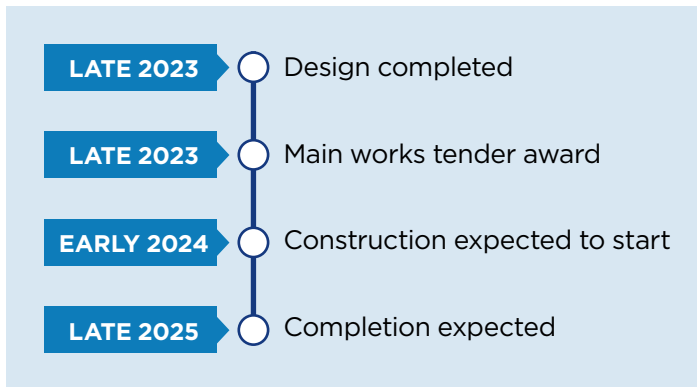
The design aims to maximise natural light in activity spaces and lounge areas for the increased wellbeing of staff and consumers. The grounds around Burudyara will incorporate therapeutic landscaping elements to positively influence health and recovery. Inside, the new facility will feature warm and soothing colours to create a sense of comfort and calm.

Sustainability

Health Infrastructure in partnership with the Sydney Local Health District are committed to sustainable practices and work with contractors who have embedded environmentally-sustainable procedures.

We are dedicated to minimising our ecological and carbon footprint and preference will be given to the selection of materials that are locally manufactured, recyclable and have low embodied energy.

Milestones



Our commitment to engagement

Engaging with consumers, carers, staff and communities means we gain diverse perspectives that help us to co-design projects that improve consumer outcomes.

Burudyara is being co-designed with consumers who have lived experience of mental health facilities, to ensure it meets the needs of the community who will access the service.

We are working closely with staff, consumers and the community to share project information, updates and to ask for feedback. For more information please visit the [Concord Hospital website](#) or email SLHD-ConcordRedevelopment@health.nsw.gov.au

Where to next?

Only after we have conducted our extensive planning and design process will we start building a contemporary, bright and welcoming facility that meets the needs of staff and patients now and for generations to come.

Following the in-depth detailed design phase, the project will move into the third stage, delivery. This stage will see the main works contractors awarded and construction commence. We look forward to keeping you updated, as we progress through this exciting project.



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