

Centenary Hospital for Women and Children expansion



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Building Health Services Program



As our city continues to grow, so too does demand for women and children's health services. The ACT Health Directorate, together with Canberra Health Services, is working to ensure you have the best health care, when you need it, closer to home.

Since opening in 2012, thousands of babies have been born at Centenary Hospital for Women and Children (CHWC). The planned expansion will increase existing services, such as maternity and neonatology, and create space for new services designed to meet the needs of young people.

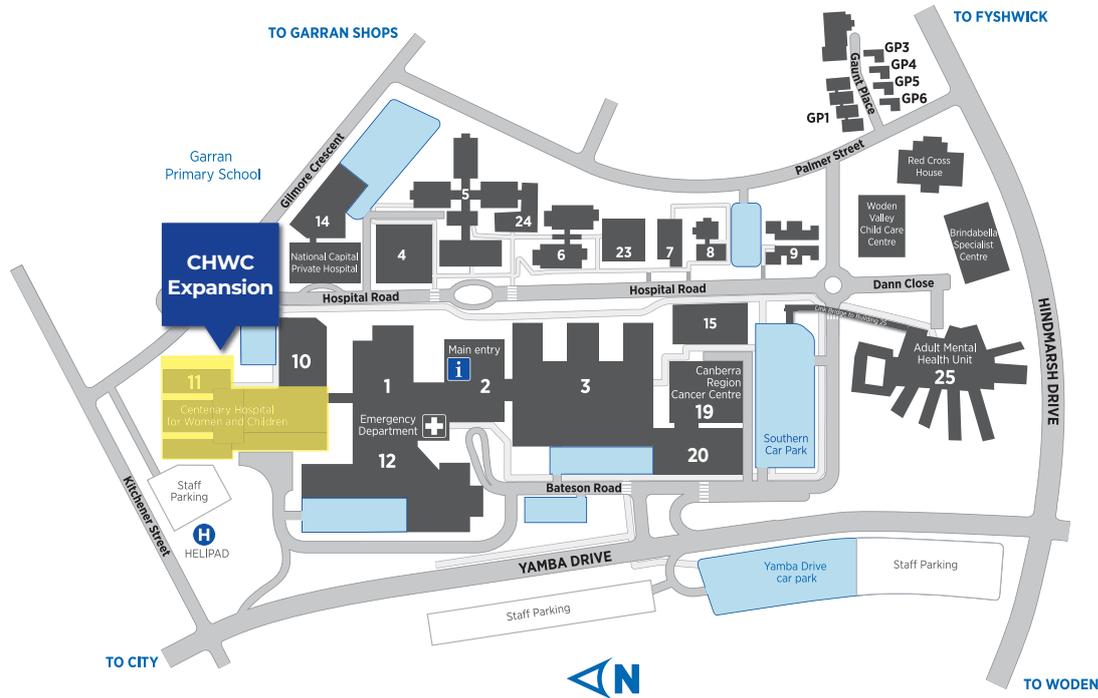
Features

The expansion will enhance CHWC's role as Canberra's primary tertiary facility for neonatal, paediatric, gynaecological and maternity services. New and expanded services will include:

- improved paediatric high care services
- more neonatology services
- new adolescent gynaecology services
- improved integration of maternity assessment services with existing birthing services
- more postnatal services
- new inpatient adolescent mental health services, supported by a new day service
- expanded family support area for parents of ill or premature babies

Location

The expansion of the CHWC will be largely contained within the existing footprint of the hospital, with the addition of an annex at the north eastern side.



Next steps

With the custodial birthing suite already completed, planning for staged expansion works continues. The ACT Health Directorate has commenced engagement with the clinical workforce of CHWC which will continue in 2019 as early design work progresses. The engagement will include: the ongoing oversight of a Steering Committee; the establishment of specialist user groups to oversee the design and planning of construction works; and ongoing communication with staff and healthcare consumers.

The project is anticipated to be completed in 2021/22.

The Building Health Services Program

The Building Health Services Program (BHSP) is ensuring the changing health care needs of our rapidly growing community will continue to be met into the future.

The BHSP is a cluster of inter-related health infrastructure projects across the Territory's healthcare system. BHSP projects include the critical care hub at the Canberra Hospital – the Surgical Procedures, Interventional Radiology and Emergency Centre (SPIRE), the expansion of CHWC, the expansion of Clare Holland House, northside hospital scoping study and completion of the network of five Walk-in Centres across Canberra.

Contacts

Further information on the CHWC expansion and the BHSP is available on the ACT Health website. health.act.gov.au/infrastructure | BuildingHealthServicesProgram@act.gov.au