

South West communities welcome new Busselton Health Campus

Thirteen Community groups in Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret River have been given a first-hand insight into the planning and development process behind the \$120.4 million Busselton Health Campus.

Piece by piece, the local community has witnessed the construction of the new building which, when complete, will rival any modern city hospital.

WA Country Health Service - South West Operations Manager Coastal Hospitals, Jeremy Higgins has been visiting community groups across the region and giving them an update on the massive project which is part of the largest public hospital building program ever seen in the southern hemisphere.

Mr Higgins said the atmosphere at the meetings had been overwhelmingly positive with a sense of excited anticipation at seeing the completed building, as well as some good questions.

“While most people see the bricks and mortar, which are obviously a significant part of the development, it is often the behind the scenes details which can be the most complex and require a significant amount of lead in time to plan and execute,” he said.

“I am delighted to have been able to talk with so many people first-hand about the new integrated health campus and our objective of a safe and smooth transition once the building is complete.

“The state-of-the-art campus will include expanded health services in a purpose built facility, allowing for more people to be treated closer to home. It will offer the latest in cutting edge technology and equipment, all designed with patient and visitor care and comfort in mind,” said Mr Higgins.

Mr Higgins said there were few things more difficult or complex to build than a new hospital and he praised the “impressive team of people” he worked with.

“I am extremely fortunate to be working with such a high-calibre team of people who between them have more than 200 years of clinical, technical and administration experience and are collectively responsible for the overall safe delivery of the fully commissioned hospital,” he said.

The new health campus will provide services to the region’s community and its visitors. It will also provide valuable support to smaller local hospitals along the coast such as Margaret River and Augusta, ultimately enabling more people in the south west to receive medical care closer to home.

Some patients requiring higher levels of care will continue to be supported by visiting specialists and the Bunbury Hospital, which has the State’s first regional Intensive Care Unit.

The Busselton Health Campus is part of the State Government’s bigger picture in health. To find out more visit <http://getthebiggerpicture.health.wa.gov.au>

Between 2008 and 2018, WA Health is investing more than \$7 billion in building new hospitals and improving existing health facilities, with support from the Commonwealth Government and other partners.

These projects will boost and strengthen healthcare closer to where people live, now and into the future.

For more information on the Busselton Health Campus development please email busseltonhealthcampus@health.wa.gov.au