

Frequently Asked Questions

New Women's and Children's Hospital

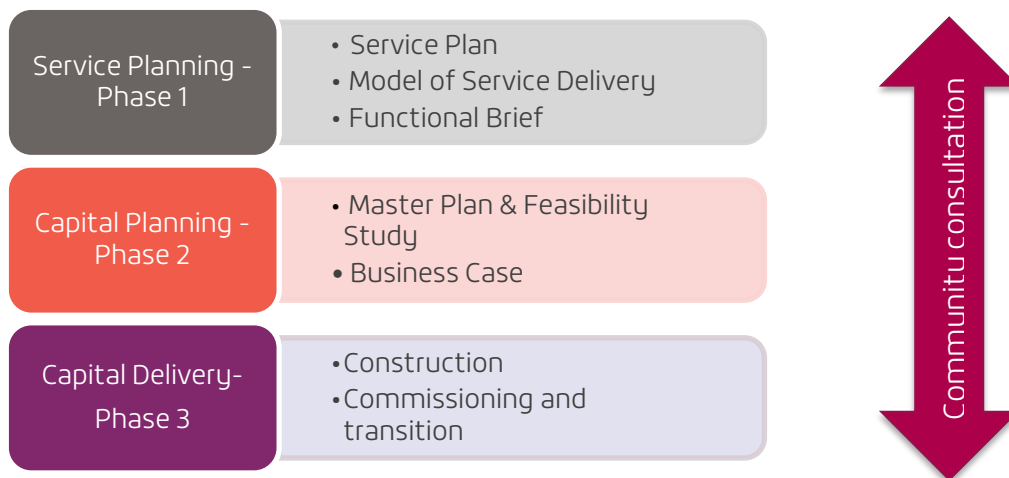
Background

Barwon Health is working to deliver on the Victorian Government commitment to provide a new Women's and Children's Hospital in Geelong.

The "Barwon Women's and Children's" (BWC) project is currently being managed in partnership by the Department of Health (DH), the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) and Barwon Health.

What are the planning phases?

The BWC project is currently in the capital planning phase. There are three planning phases: Service Planning, Capital Planning and Capital Delivery



What happens during the Capital Planning phase (phase 2)?

During this phase the feasibility study is completed. The feasibility study identifies the preferred option to build the new facilities, based on the agreed service plan, model of care and functional brief. The service plan identifies what is needed in terms of increased capacity to meet future need; the model of care is focused on how services should best be delivered; and the functional brief provides the detailed service specifications for the new facility.

A business case is also developed during this stage to put forward the case for Government investment in the new facilities.

Where will Barwon Women's and Children's be located?

Initial campus planning in 2019 identified that the new BWC will be located on the University Hospital Geelong (UHG) site, integrating with the existing UHG buildings and providing direct access to facilities such as Intensive Care Unit, operating theatres, emergency department and the helipad.

Barwon Women's and Children's will not be a stand-alone building, but will integrate with existing UHG services as part of a precinct model, similar to other world-class facilities operating in Melbourne, interstate and internationally.

Will there be a kids' emergency department in the Barwon Women's and Children's?

A separate project is currently in the design phase to construct a dedicated Paediatric hub in the Emergency Department (ED) at University Hospital Geelong. While the physical location of the Kids' ED will sit separately to BWC, the design will ensure easy access from the ED to BWC as part of the integrated hospital precinct.

Will there be more parking at the new Barwon Women's and Children's?

While additional car parking is not part of this project, we are looking at a future expansion of car parking around the UHG precinct.

How much will Barwon Women's and Children's cost?

The cost of the new BWC will be determined in the capital planning phase.

How long will it take to build Barwon Women's and Children's?

The Victorian Government will determine the construction timing once the planning phase is complete.

Who do I speak to if I have any questions or concerns?

Barwon Health staff should direct any questions or concerns to the Barwon Health project team in the first instance.

How can I ask further questions or get involved?

Once the planning phase is complete, you can start to have your say. Register for our future community newsletter by emailing us on the link below.

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