



# WHPHA REDEVELOPMENT



BULLETIN 1

An update on the redevelopment of health facilities in Western Highlands Province

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## Redevelopment of Mt Hagen Hospital and other facilities

### Introduction

This is the first of a monthly Bulletin that will be issued on redevelopments across the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority's (WHPHA) facilities to keep everyone informed on what is happening, progress and to showcase developments.

There is considerable activity happening across many health facilities that once

completed will greatly enhance the health capabilities and services that the WHPHA provides.

The Project Management Unit has carriage of many of these projects and there are a number of consultants that are assisting the WHPHA to progress the major infrastructure upgrade at the Mount Hagen Hospital.

This is done to help transform it into a

major referral hospital for the highlands region as well as to establish the National Trauma Centre.

These are large and complex projects and will require many of the staff of the WHPHA to be involved in shaping them.

The work that many of you have already done towards the redevelopment exercise is appreciated and we look forward to your continued support.

### Mt Hagen Hospital Redevelopment

The redevelopment of Mt Hagen Hospital has reached another milestone with the completion of the Project Definition Report and an update to the Master Plan for the site.

The Project Definition Report has incorporated the feedback/input from staff members that now form the Design Brief.

This has now been utilised by the Architectural team to locate departments and develop the new hospital across the site. Each room within the re-developed hospital has been described with their requirements noted and added to the design.

The next stage will involve the Architects/Engineers developing the detailed design

for each room and area of the re-developed hospital.

The final design stage will be the development of the construction documentation.

**The drawing below is an artist's impression of how the front entrance to the redeveloped Mt Hagen Hospital will look like.**



## Nurses Accommodation Units

Work on the Nurses Accommodation Units has finally started after problems with the initial contractor, QRC. This contractor had been awarded the contract in 2013 and had mobilised and moved onto site in early 2014 and had done a considerable amount of excavation and earthworks.

However, due to some problems of its own, the contractor could not remain on site to complete the job and had to leave.

In late 2015, a new contractor was then engaged to carry out the job and it had moved onto the site on 5th August 2016.

Since then it has completed the earthworks, repaired the fence and main gate which had been vandalised and has started profiling for actual construction work to commence.



Pictured top - earthworks being carried out while above right, profiling commences and left, one of the many containers with building materials on site.

## Urban clinics nearing completion

Two new urban clinics being constructed by the Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority (WHPHA) are expected to be ready for use in early September.

The clinics at Ogelbeng and Wagbel outside Mt Hagen City in Hagen Central District are being built to bring primary health care services closer to the people.

This is in addition to services already provided by the existing urban clinics at Kagamuga and Rebiamul and the rural facilities in the districts so that people can receive these vital services at their doorsteps.

It will also ease pressure at the adults and children's out-patients departments of Mt Hagen Hospital where hundreds of patients visit each day for treatment.

Steward Construction Consultants who have been contracted to build both clinics have reported that the clinics were expected to be ready by September.

The clinics each have two 3-bedroom staff houses and a clinical building with rooms for out-patients, dispensary, delivery, maternal and child health and family health services.

The clinics are being built at a cost of more than K1 million each.



The Ogelbeng urban clinic taking shape (above) and a staff house almost complete.

