



WHPHA REDEVELOPMENT



Bulletin 2

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

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Update on new projects and redevelopment

Welcome to the latest update on the various redevelopment projects being undertaken by the WHPHA. The purpose of the bulletins is to keep staff abreast of the progress being made or status of the projects so that they are aware of the positive steps being taken to improve the physical facilities that are being constructed to improve the health services provided to the community.

Apart from the main Mt Hagen Hospital Redevelopment, the Project Management Unit (PMU) is overseeing the technical aspects of the work of the various contractors to ensure that they comply with design and contracts. This is a challenging task with such an active construction program on the go and the complex coordination of materials/contractors and timing required.

The new and upgraded projects are scattered throughout the Western Highlands Province to have essential health services provided closer to where the community lives and avoid dislocation and continuing access to family and community support.

New Projects

The new projects are mostly Urban Clinics and Community Health Posts. Community Health Posts are being built at Ogelbeng and Wagbel in the Hagen Central District, Kenembo in Dei District and Bonga in Tambul/Nebilyer District.

The nurses accommodation at the Mt Hagen Hospital Campus has also commenced.

Upgrades

Another facility that is being upgraded is the Togoba Health Centre where a new 24-bed ward is being built to cater for the increasing number of patients from the Nebilyer area.

Mt Hagen Hospital Redevelopment - The Polyclinic

Stage 1 of the redevelopment includes the Polyclinic. This facility is called a polyclinic from 'poly' which is from the Greek word

polus (much) or polloi (many) - thus polyclinic meaning a single building containing many clinics.

The polyclinic will provide a wide range of services to ambulatory clients and patients. Initially it will also accommodate the Accident and Emergency function as the existing A&E building is scheduled for demolition very early on in stage 1 of the redevelopment.

To date all design briefs for the clinic have been finalised, schematic design done and room data sheets completed. Operational policies have also been completed.

To fast track the detailed design process it was planned to have two teams of architects working at the same time – one team on the main hospital redevelopment and one team working on the polyclinic.

Overall the polyclinic will be approximately 2,500m² so if it were housed in a building with the same footprint as the Stage 2 building, it would be a full five storeys high.

Nurses Accommodation Units

This project which recently commenced work has been placed on hold whilst the Executive arrangements at WHPHA are resolved. The accommodation units comprise of a double-storey building with six units on the top floor and six on the ground floor.

When completed the 12 units will be used to accommodate nurses who do night shifts so that they are not exposed to risks when travelling home at night.



Pictured above - an artist's impression of the entrance to the polyclinic and below, work on the pouring of the concrete slab for the nurses accommodation units taking shape.

The project has in the past encountered delays due to problems with the original contractor which were resolved and work commenced in early August 2016 with earthworks and profiling for actual construction work to begin.

All materials for the pouring of the concrete slab have arrived and the contractor is to place the pipes for the plumbing work. Seventy-five percent of all building material has arrived on site and work should be progressing well now if it had not been placed on hold.



HEALTH CENTRES UPGRADED TO DISTRICT HOSPITALS

Kotna, Tinsely and Tambul Health Centres have now been upgraded to district hospitals. Pictured below and right are developments taking place at two of the health centres - Kotna in Dei District and Tinsely in Baiyer River in Mul/Baiyer/Lumusa District. Kotna Health Centre is run by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG while Tinsely is operated by the Baptist Union of Papua New Guinea.



Picture above right shows the development stage at Kotna and the other two are of developments taking place at Tinsely District Hospital.

COMMUNITY HEALTH POSTS NEARING COMPLETION

Two community health posts (CHPs) which have recently been built are gradually taking shape and should be completed before the end of this year.

The CHPs are Kenembo in the Dei District and Bonga in the Tambul/Nebilyer District of Western Highlands Province.

Both these CHPs are located in some densely-populated areas with the nearest health facilities like Kotna and Tambul Health Centres many kilometers away from them.

Like all other health facilities, these

Community Health Posts are aimed at bringing essential health services closer to where the community lives.

These 3 pictures show the various construction stages of the two facilities.



Pictured above is one of the staff houses at the Kenembo CHP while pictured below left is the clinic and right, the staff house at the Bonga Community Health Post.

