



FAQs

Bouliá Well-being Centre and Primary Healthcare Centre Replacement Project

Q. What will the new building look like?

A. The new Bouliá Well-being Centre and Primary Healthcare Centre is a three-module, interlinked building designed in an iconic Queenslander style. It features wide verandahs, a roof line that reflects the interlinking design and solar panels to supplement the mains electricity supply.



Above image: design impression

Q. What colour will it be?

A. The three modules will be finished in distinct colours that:

- represent the surrounding natural environment and the Bouliá community's relationship with this important, unifying facility
- add brightness and vibrancy to the streets of Bouliá
- the community will come to know as representing three different service areas
- can be easily identified from a distance



Q. What features will be in the new facility?

A.

1. Well-being Centre

- a. A two-chair self-care dialysis room.
 - Self-care dialysis patients will be issued with swipe cards for secure, convenient access.
- b. A covered, outdoor community area
- c. A meeting room and kitchenette

2. Primary Healthcare Centre

- a. Four consultation rooms
- b. Two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker consultation rooms
- c. Two ambulance bays
- d. A mobile X-ray unit
- e. A resuscitation bay and treatment room
- f. A waiting room, reception and office area

3. Staff Accommodation

- a. A two-bedroom accommodation unit with two ensuites
- b. A shared kitchen, dining and lounge
- c. Covered parking
- d. Secure walkways throughout the facility and staff accommodation

Q. What is the value of this project?

A. \$7.24 million.

Q. How is this project being funded?

A. The project is jointly funded:

- \$6,667,100 Queensland Government
- \$572,900 Commonwealth Department of Drought Communities Programme Grant through Boulia Shire Council.

Q. Who are the builders?

A. The Principal Contractor is St Hilliers Property. St Hilliers has partnered with AUSCO Modular (Townsville) to supply, install and commission the project. Local trade and industry will support construction activities.



Q. What construction activities are underway?

A.

Geotech testing

Further geotechnical testing will be carried out to confirm suitability for steel stump and bored pier footings in line with structural engineering specifications. This work will be completed by St Hilliers.

Temporary relocation of the mortuary

The mortuary will be temporarily relocated within the Primary Healthcare Centre property during construction. The hearse will also be garaged in the existing shed onsite.

Early Works

St Hilliers will be onsite Wednesday 17 April to commence site preparation.

Q. When will the project start and finish?

A. Works will commence in early-April and are expected to take about 10 months to complete, subject to weather and construction conditions.

Q. Will there be any impacts to the health care being provided at the existing Boulia PHC?

A. No. Existing services will not change.

Q. Will there be any traffic or pedestrian impacts during construction?

A. No. The site is over 16 metres away from the current facility and there will be no disruption to traffic or pedestrian access.

Q. Will the construction site be secure?

A. Yes. Temporary security fencing and safety signage will be installed to ensure the safety of workers and community members.

Q. Will there be gardens?

A. Yes. Landscaping will be carried out after the construction is complete.

Q. What will happen to the old Boulia Primary Health Centre?

A. The building will be dismantled and removed and the site will be cleaned and cleared with maintenance to continue as usual. The property remains under the ownership and management of Central West Hospital and Health Service.

Building materials from the existing facility are unsuitable for repurposing due to safety regulations and will be removed from site.



Q. Will there be an opening ceremony?

A. Yes. Information about the opening ceremony will be provided closer to project completion.

Q. How can I find out more about this project?

A. Please contact Karen McLellan, Transition Project Director on 0438 647 954 or Karen.McLellan@health.qld.gov.au