

Balaklava Soldiers' Memorial District Hospital Service Plan

Update for Community

July 2023

In 2021, the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network (YNLHN) launched a five-year service plan for Balaklava Soldiers' Memorial District Hospital. A key group of YNLHN Executive Committee members, staff and community members led the development of the plan with clinicians and community engaged throughout the process.

The Balaklava Soldiers' Memorial District Hospital Service Plan identifies specific service priorities for the Balaklava catchment area.

Achievements to date include:

Emergency

- Three Balaklava Soldiers' Memorial District Hospital staff have undertaken and are now qualified to take X-rays, a further three staff members will be trained later this year. The number X-rays has increased from 115 in 2021 to 135 in 2023 due to the increased staff capacity.
- Relocation of X-ray equipment and appropriate signage is complete. Treatment room works have commenced.
- A computer has been made available in the Emergency Department for ease of access for staff.

Medical Inpatients

- The new boardroom upgrade is complete.



- Connectivity has been improved onsite by increasing internet bandwidth and work has commenced to make Wi-Fi available throughout the entire building.
- Safety buttons were added to nurses' stations to ensure there is a safe space for staff.
- Working towards the implementation of Sunrise in 2024 (a new state-wide electronic medical records system).

Aged Care

- Ira Parker Nursing Home – The redevelopment of four rooms to include ensuites has been escalated and is now at the project development stage.

Workforce

- We have recently been successful in recruiting an Associate Nurse Unit Manager in an on-going capacity.
- Additional Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP) Nursing placement positions made available with the aim of further supporting workforce succession planning.
- School-based traineeship for Aged Care Worker recruitment undertaken.
- Enrolled Nurse cadetship to commence following successful recruitment.

Community & Allied Health

- The upgrade of the community nurse's office has been completed.
- Work continues to improve recruitment, retention and recognition of staff.
- Currently developing an Allied Health Cadetship Model in conjunction with Flinders University/Uni Hub for implementation at the end of 2023 / start of 2024.
- Implementing new orientation and induction programs to support new staff.
- Facilitating local high school student allied health work experience placements to support career making decisions.
- Developing videos to promote allied health careers to high school students.
- Community nursing services have increased for patients with complex care to support early discharge from hospital.
- Implemented a stoma nursing service and have increased access to complex continence services and palliative care services within the local community.



Need More Information?

The local health service will continue to work towards implementing the strategies in the service plan over the next five years and will endeavour to keep the local community up to date periodically.

For more detail about the plan go to <https://bit.ly/YNLHNServicePlanning>