

IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES

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PROPOSAL TO JOIN SERVICES

The Nathalia, Cobram and Numurkah health services are continuing to work closely through a proposal to join together to improve access to care for local communities. We invite community input for the next steps.

Initial staff and community consultation on the proposal took place from November 2017 to end-March 2018. Feedback was positive. A 'due diligence' analysis of financial, clinical, HR and governance matters, has also been undertaken.

The next stage of consultation is taking place from 16 January to 13 February 2019. We are encouraging further community participation and input on the proposal to join services to confirm priorities and shape the future of health care in the region. We want to know what is important to staff and the community to inform how the new entity will operate.

The three organisations are currently operating as separate entities and the boards of management are governing each health service independently. The proposal aims to combine the management and governance of the three organisations under one entity, pending Ministerial approval.

The existing facilities will remain in place, in their current locations. Current services will be maintained and enhanced to improve access and deliver the best possible health care locally. There will be no reduction in services, staffing or funding in relation to the collaboration initiative.

Information is ongoing through meetings, newsletters, media and the NCN website (www.ncnhealthservices.org.au).

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Attend a community consultation session:

	Session	Date / Time	Location
1	Nathalia Community	Tuesday 5 February 3.00pm-5.00pm	Nathalia District Hospital, 36-44 McDonnell Street, Nathalia.
2	Cobram Community	Tuesday 5 February 6.30pm-8.30pm	Cobram Uniting Church Hall, 4/10 Hay Avenue, Cobram.
3	Numurkah Community	Wednesday 6 February 5.00pm-7.00pm	Numurkah District Health Service, 2 Katamatite-Nathalia Road, Numurkah.

Refreshments will be provided. Please rsvp by email to: ncnhealthservices@humehealth.org.au.

Visit the website www.ncnhealthservices.org.au and fill in a Form or Survey (from 16 January)

Phone:

- Nathalia District Hospital – 5866 9444
- Cobram District Health – 5871 0777
- Numurkah District Health Service – 5862 0555

Email: ncnhealthservices@humehealth.org.au

Write to: NCN Proposal PO Box 252 Cobram 3644 VIC

PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Partnerships between Nathalia, Cobram and Numurkah (NCN) health services have strengthened over the last 12 months, with much work undertaken to enhance services. Partnership initiatives already underway include the urgent care project, new mental health services, respiratory services, enhanced palliative care services, joined education opportunities, community rehabilitation services and integrated planning to prepare for upcoming quality and safety accreditation.

A Memorandum of Understanding and service agreements between Nathalia District Hospital, Cobram District Health and Numurkah District Health Service have been developed.

Since July 2018, a number of appointments have been made to executive roles that work across the three locations: CEO, Director Corporate Services, Director People and Culture and Director Medical Services. The Directors of Clinical Services remain at Cobram and Numurkah and the Director of Nursing remains at Nathalia. Workforce planning and joined training sessions are underway with staff across each organisation. Staff are valued and there will be further opportunities for development.

