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## Residents to have their say on hospital redevelopment

Yarra Ranges residents will have an opportunity to shape the \$7.8 million redevelopment of Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health.

As part of a formal community engagement strategy, Eastern Health is providing multiple ways for the community to get involved in the project, including a redevelopment liaison group.

Tanya Hendry, Eastern Health's Manager of Consumer Participation and Patient Experience, said being part of the liaison group would allow people to provide feedback and hear first-hand how the redevelopment is progressing.

"The expansion of Healesville & District Hospital and Yarra Valley Community Health is exciting news for residents of the Yarra Ranges," Ms Hendry said. "We value their feedback and this is a great way for them to ensure their voice is heard."

As the redevelopment gets underway, there will be drop-in sessions at the hospital where residents can find out more about the expansion. There will also be information displays at the hospital and other locations around the community.

Eastern Health will also be undertaking a history project to capture the community's stories, memories and photographs of the hospital. "If you have any stories or photos you would like to share, please contact us," Tanya said.

When completed, the hospital and community health centre will be larger to support new services, with improved facilities and equipment. The interior will be refurbished and modernised while open spaces and parking will also be improved.

Features include:

- A new operating theatre
- A new renal dialysis unit
- A redeveloped community health centre
- Space for a birthing room and ensuite when and if demand for birthing services across the Yarra Ranges increases and Eastern Health is able to provide a safe and sustainable birthing service.

Concepts and designs for the redevelopment will be finalised by the end of this year, with the expansion expected to be completed by early 2016.

If you would like to be involved in the redevelopment liaison group or to share something for the history project, please contact Tanya Hendry on 5969 9951 or email [healesvillefeedback@easternhealth.org.au](mailto:healesvillefeedback@easternhealth.org.au)

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